

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Rackenford, North Devon	National Grid Reference 298498.113628	Number:
Subject: Hilroy, Rackenford, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8EH Erection of extension to agricultural building to house machinery		Photo attached? YES
Planning Application no: Pre-Planning	Recipient museum: Museum of Barnstable & North Devon	
OASIS ID: southwes1-117939	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: RAH12	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 20 th January 2012	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Derick Barthram (The Client), prior to the erection of extension of an agricultural building to house machinery at Hilroy, Rose Ash, Rackenford, Tiverton, Devon (Figure 1). This work was undertaken by Dr S. Walls on the morning of 20th January 2012 in accordance with a Project Design drawn up with reference to a brief supplied by S. Reed (Devon County Historic Environment Service).</p> <p>The proposed development lies in an area of archaeological potential and to the east of a row of prehistoric funerary monuments, to the south of an isolated funerary monument and in an area where prehistoric artefacts have been found. Groundworks for the construction of this extension have the potential to expose and destroy archaeological and artefactual material associated with the known prehistoric activity in the area.</p> <p>Eleven small evaluation trenches (measuring 0.6mx1m) were opened in the positions of the proposed locations for the building footings (see Figures 2 & 3); in accordance with the WSI. The topsoil was stripped by a mechanical excavator using a 0.6m wide toothless grading bucket under strict archaeological supervision. The upper layer of topsoil was a soft and clean mid-brown silt-clay containing occasional sub-angular stones (50-80mm). This upper topsoil was 0.2-0.3m thick, being deepest within the central area (Trenches 6 and 7). Below this upper topsoil was a lower 0.05-0.1m thick band of light brown/tan silt-clay with common sub-angular stones (50-100mm). This overlay the natural subsoil, a greyish-yellow clay with frequent sub-angular stones (60-100mm).</p> <p>No finds were recovered from the excavated areas.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
Recorder: S. Walls		Date sent to HER: 20.01.11

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Figure 1: Site location.

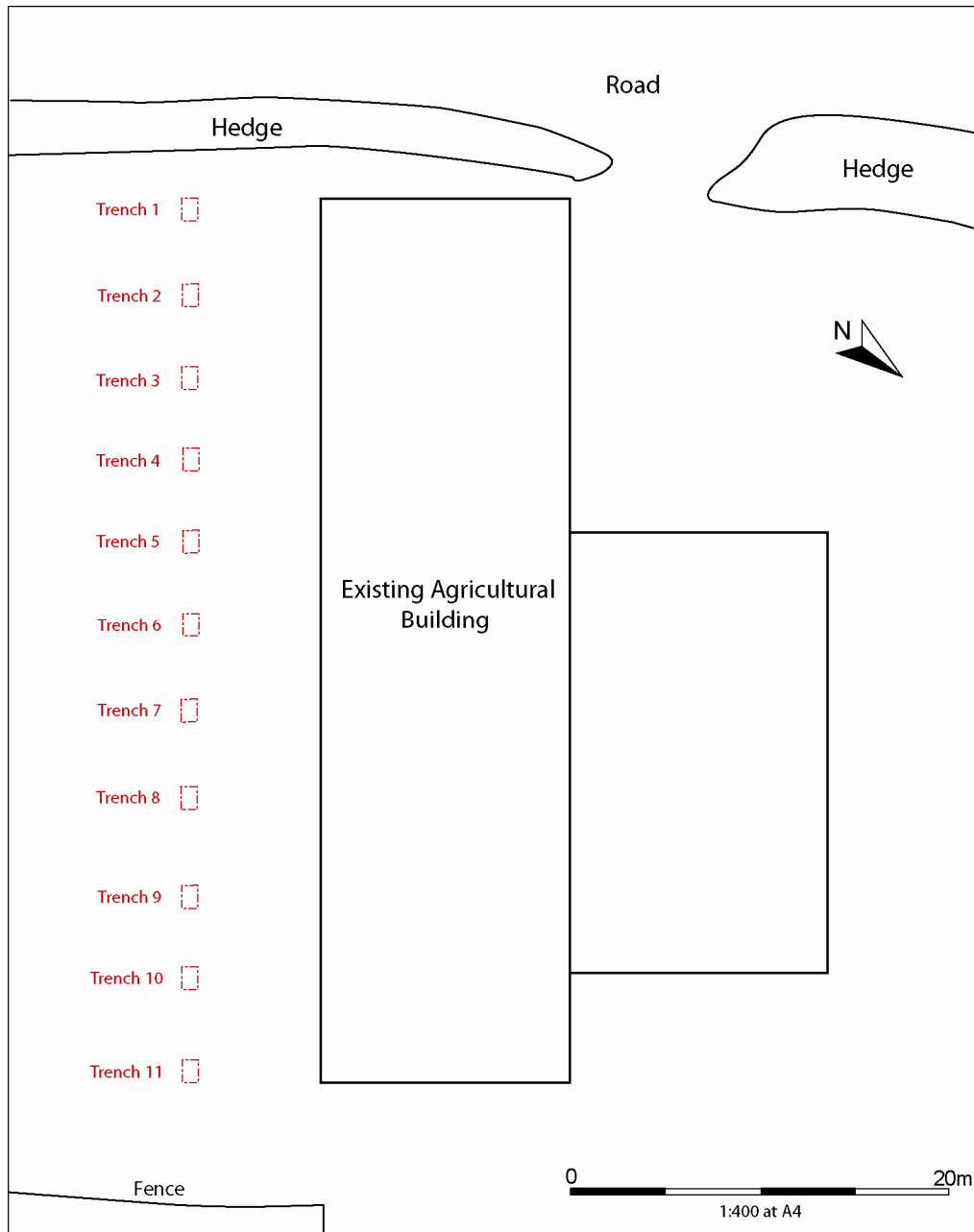


Figure 2: Plan of the excavated areas.



Figure 3: Trench 5, viewed from the southeast (0.5m and 1m scales).