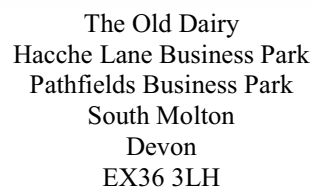


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Summary

South West Archaeology Ltd. were asked by Louise Parkinson of Chichester Homes Ltd. to undertake a desk-based assessment on land off Old Torrington Road, Tawstock, Devon. The cartographic research indicates that the two fields of the proposed development area were at the time of the tithe (1842) survey divided into four fields belonging to the adjacent Roundswell Farm, subsequently known as Innisfree and more recently as Brynhyfryd. This farm was part of the Down St. Mary Estate in Tawstock, sold in 1918. The field pattern and field-names are suggestive of post-medieval enclosure, although one of the fields within the development area was in 1842 known as Burgess Plot. However, this is likely to be derived from a personal name rather than hinting at early enclosure.

During the development of an adjacent site in 2010, archaeological monitoring and recording undertaken by SWARCH recovered a relatively sizable (2.12kg) assemblage of pottery from the topsoil; a significant proportion of the assemblage (31 sherds, 258g) was of 13th/14th Century date. This would suggest that, contrary to the available cartographic and documentary evidence, Roundswell Farm was a medieval settlement, and it should be considered a distinct possibility that medieval activity occurred on or close to the proposed development area.

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1.0 Introduction

Location: Land off Old Torrington Road, Roundswell
Parish: Tawstock
District: North Devon
County: Devon

1.1 Project Background

South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) were commissioned by Louise Parkinson of Chichester Homes Ltd. (the Client) to conduct an archaeological desk-based assessment on land off Old Torrington Road, Tawstock, Devon, prior to any proposed development on the site (see Figure 1).

1.2 Historical Background

The site lies close to the western edge of the parish of Tawstock, just north of the A39, and 2km south-west of Barnstaple. Tawstock is located in Fremington Hundred and the Deanery of Barnstaple. The parish is largely rural and is bounded on the north by the parishes of Barnstaple and Barnstaple Holy Trinity, on the east by Bishops Tawton, on the south by Yarnscome and Atherington, and on the west by Fremington and Newton Tracey.

At the time of the Domesday survey Tawstock was a royal manor. Henry I granted Tawstock to Judhael of Totnes, who donated the tithes to the priory of St Mary Magdalene in Barnstaple. At a later date Tawstock was divided, with one third (Hele Manor) going to Buckland Priory in Somerset and subsequently the Sturt Family, and the rest being successively held by the Brewer, Tracey, Martyn, Audley, Fitzwarren, Hankford, Bouchier and Wrey families (Thorn and Thorn 1985; Lysons and Lysons 1822).

The place-name evidence would suggest that Bishops Tawton and Tawstock were originally a single estate, although in 1086 Bishops Tawton was held by the Bishop of Exeter. Roundswell itself is first mentioned in 1675 as Roundshill (Gover *et al.* 1931, 122).

1.3 Archaeological Background

A circular cropmark west of Old Torrington Road and measuring 58×55m (HER 4484) is visible on the 1946 RAF aerial photograph. This was tentatively interpreted as a possible Prehistoric settlement enclosure, although the archaeological monitoring carried out by SWARCH during development works on the *San Mar* site (HER 80882/80883), and evaluation trenches in the field adjacent (Walls 2012), revealed no physical or artefactual trace of Prehistoric activity. It now seems likely the ‘cropmark’ was in fact a watermark on the photographic negative. These investigations did, however, reveal a surprising volume of unstratified medieval and post-medieval pottery, indicating the presence of a medieval settlement nearby; the amount of pottery recovered diminished further to the west (see Walls 2012). There are known medieval settlements to the south at Upcott (HER 40191) and Brynsworthy (HER 71185); while the parish boundary (HER 23369) is located a short distance to the west of the site (see Appendix 2 for details).

The Devon Historic Landscape Characterisation classifies much of this area as enclosures of post-medieval date (Devon HLC 2013).

1.4 Topographical and Geological Background

The site is located on an area of level ground at about 37m AOD on the eastern side of Old Torrington Road; the A39 is located a short distance to the south (see Figures 1 and 2). The site is comprised of two sub-rectangular fields and covers an area of approximately 3.75 acres.

The soils of this area are the slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged soils of the Hallsworth 2 Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the mudstones and shales of the Crackington Formation (BGS 2012).

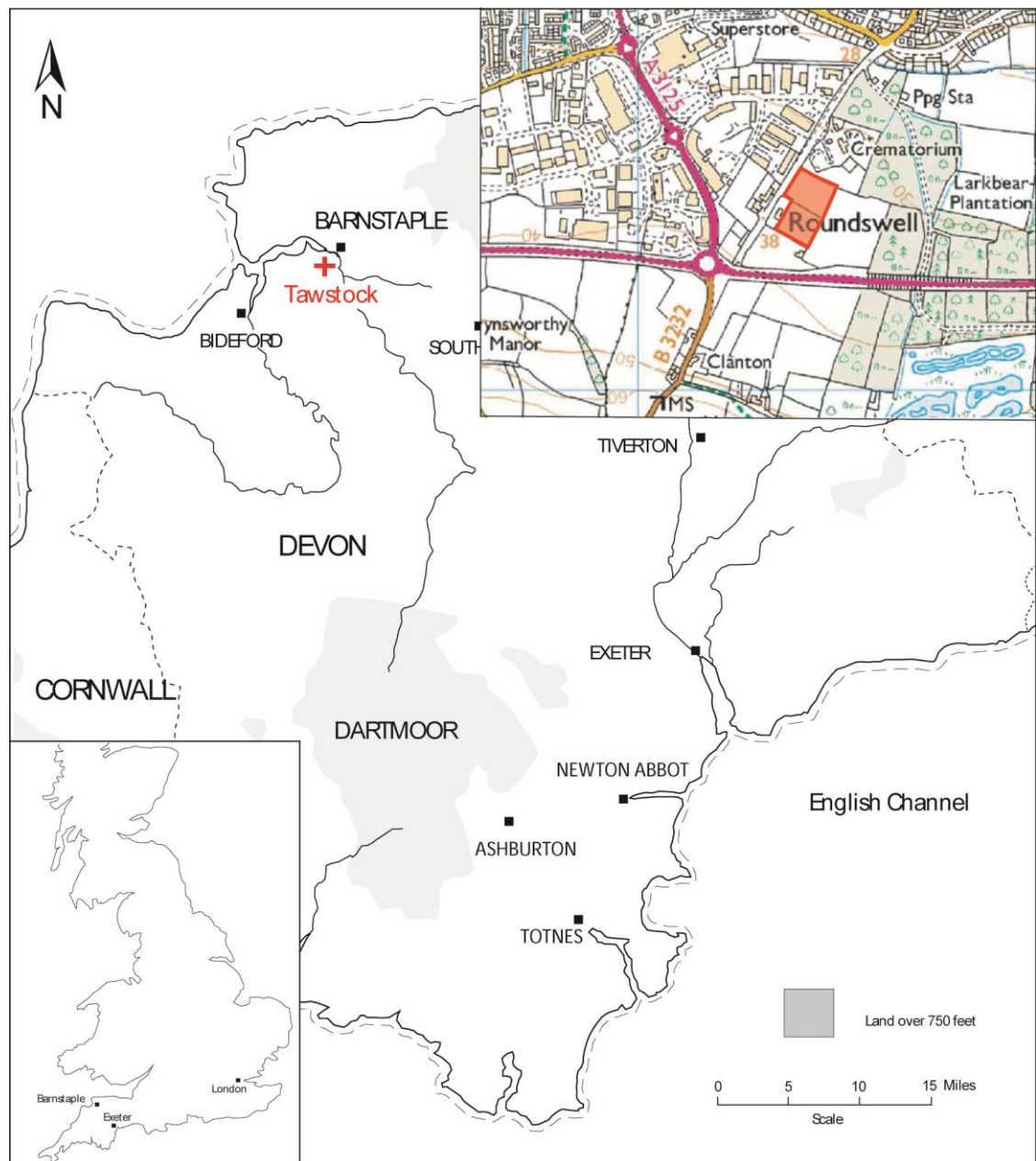


Figure 1: Site location (the site is indicated).

1.5 Methodology

This report follows the recommendations set out by the Institute for Archaeologists in *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-Based Assessments* and utilises existing information in order to establish as far as possible the archaeological potential of the site. This information can then be used in an attempt to make informed decisions regarding the potential impact any proposed development may have on the archaeological resource. Mitigation strategies can then begin to be formulated which will reduce this impact.

It should be noted that this form of non-intrusive appraisal cannot be seen to be a definitive statement on the presence or absence of archaeological remains within any area, but rather as an indicator of the area's potential based on existing information. Further intrusive investigations such as machine-excavated trial trenching are usually needed to conclusively define the presence/absence, character and quality of any archaeological remains in a given area.

In drawing up this assessment report, cartographic and documentary sources held by the Devon Heritage Centre were consulted, as well as the Historic Environment Record maintained by Devon County Council. Relevant online sources were also utilised, and appropriate Internet databases investigated. These included: the English Heritage Listed Buildings online database, The Defence of Britain Project, and The English Heritage NMR Excavation Index and National Inventory.

2.0 Results of the Desk-Based Assessment

The Historic Landscape Characterisation (Devon County Council 2012) suggests that the two fields in which the proposed development sits are post-medieval in date. The morphology of the local fields (see Figures 2 and 4) certainly appears to suggest that these fields are late enclosures, most probably laid out in relation to Old Torrington Road. In contrast, the shape and layout of the fields to the west – most notably around the manor of Brynsworthy to the south-west – are suggestive of older enclosures with medieval origins, based on strip field cultivation.

The prosaic field names in the 1842 tithe apportionment, which frequently include the use of the place-name element ‘Moor’ (see Appendix 1), would support the interpretation that this was formerly an area of open grazing/rough ground.

2.1 Ordnance Survey Surveyor’s Draft and Old Series Map

The earliest detailed available cartographic source for the site is the Ordnance Survey Surveyor’s Draft of 1804/5, which depicts the field and settlement pattern relatively clearly (see Figure 2). The settlements at Roundswell, Higher Roundswell, Brinsworthy, Hele and Lake are depicted, as are several additional buildings that are not named. At the approximate location of the proposed development buildings are shown on either side of the main road. The Ordnance Survey Old Series map of 1809 also shows these buildings and labels them as *Roundswell*, but includes no further details (see Figure 3).



Figure 2: Extract from the Ordnance Survey Surveyor’s Draft, surveyed 1804/5 (the approximate location of the site is indicated) (WCSL).

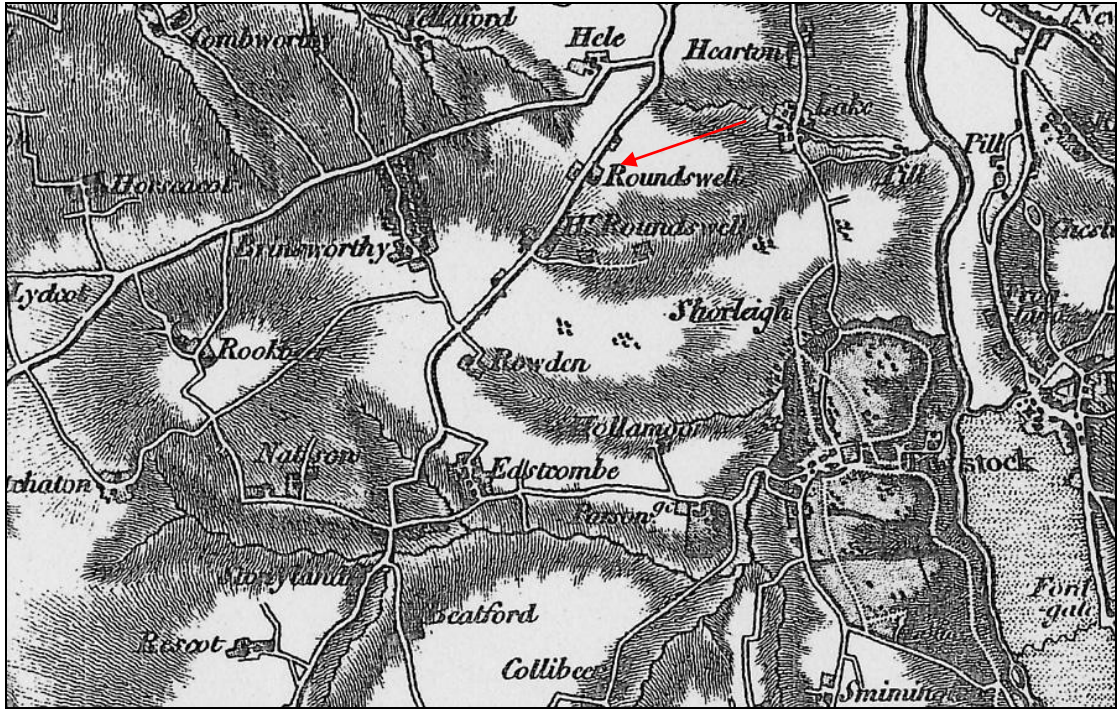


Figure 3: Extract from the Ordnance Survey “Old Series” map at a scale of one inch to the mile, published 1809 (the approximate location of the site is indicated) (WCSL).

2.2 The 1842 Tithe map

The 1842 tithe map of Tawstock shows the development site in much more detail (Figure 4). Roundswell Farm is shown as being bisected by the Old Torrington Road, with the building on the western side of the road described as being a barn and mowhay. Roundswell is listed in the accompanying tithe apportionment as being owned by Henry Charles Strut, leased to Sir Bouchier Palk Wrey and tenanted by a James Bowden (see Appendix 1). Thus it seems likely to have formed one part of the manor granted to Buckland Abbey.

The area of the proposed development is located immediately to the east and north of Roundswell Farm and at this time was comprised of four fields, although the southern two fields only have a single number (2687), and are shown joined by a ligature. There is a lane running north-east to south-west across the development area, which in the tithe apportionment is part of the Upcott and Larimores estate tenanted by a Thomas Fisher; this gave access to their fields to the east of the proposed development.

Field(s) 2687 is named as *Orchard* in 1842, although it – along with the other two fields – are described as being under arable cultivation (see Appendix 1). Field 2686 is known as *Garden Park*, and, most interestingly, the field that faced onto Old Torrington Road is listed as *Burgess Plot* (Field 2685). However, it seems unlikely the use of *Burgess* at this location relates to medieval or earlier urban activity, and it probably refers to a personal name, a theory lent credence the nearby *Jeffery’s Garden* (Field 2682).



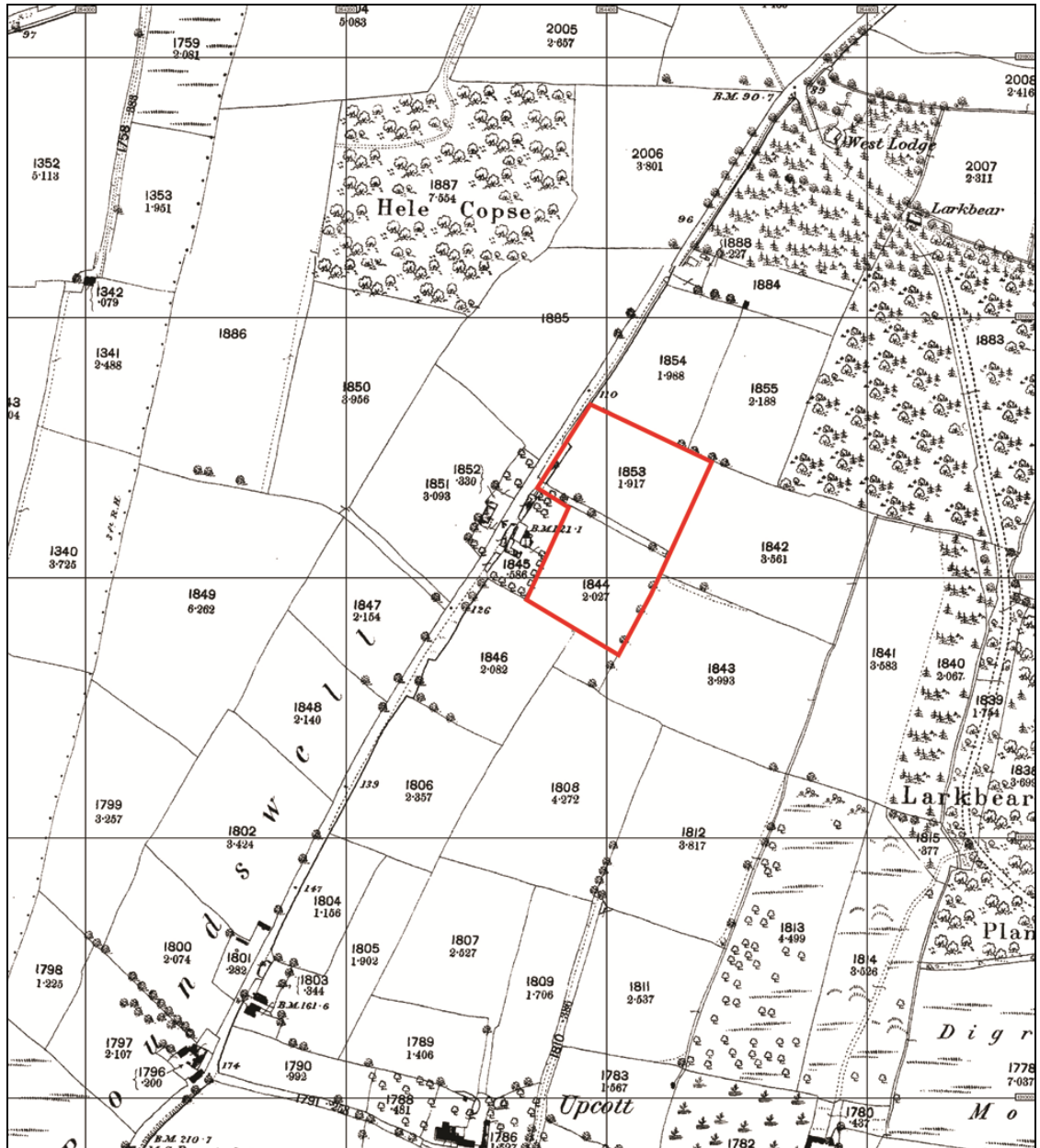


Figure 5: Extract from the Ordnance Survey 1st Edition Map of 1888, 1:2500 (the site is indicated).

2.4 Later 20th Century Changes

The rural nature of this area changed irrevocably in the later 20th century, when the North Devon Crematorium was constructed to the north of the development area in 1966 and the A39 to the south in c.1987. The houses to the west of the site were constructed by Chichester Homes Ltd. in 2010. The house (now Brynhyfryd) appears to have been demolished and rebuilt in the last 20 years.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Summary

This desk-based assessment suggests that, although there are no known historical or archaeological sites within the area of the proposed development, it is likely that Roundswell Farm (subsequently known as *Innisfree* and now *Brynhyfryd*) and the adjoining fields are of medieval rather than post-medieval date, and thus archaeological features and artefacts of medieval date need not be unexpected.

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Ordnance Survey Old Series Map, 1809
Ordnance Survey 1st Edition Map

Appendix 1

Details from the 1842 Tithe Apportionment for Tawstock

Number	Field-name	Land-use	Occupier	Owner
Part of Upcott and Larimores				
2638	Outer Moor	Arable	Thomas Fisher	Henry Charles Sturt Leased to Thomas Fisher
2639a	Lane	-	“	“
Rounswell Estate				
2662	Near Garden	Garden	James Bowden	Henry Charles Sturt Leased to Sir Bouchier Palk Wrey
2663	Middle Garden	“	“	“
2664	Over Garden	“	“	“
2665	Lane	-	“	“
2666	Near Way	Arable	“	“
2667	Higher Moor	Pasture	“	“
2668	Lower Moor	“	“	“
2669	Yonder Long Close	“	“	“
2670	Near Long Close	“	“	“
2671	Higher Field	Arable	“	“
2672	Cottage and Garden	-	“	“
2673	Higher Meadow	Meadow	“	“
2674	Square Close	Arable	“	“
2675	Middle Garden	Garden	“	“
2676	Butchers Close	Arable	“	“
2677	Lane	-	“	“
2678	<i>Higher Little Meadow</i>	Meadow	“	“
2679	<i>Barn Close</i>	Arable	“	“
2680	<i>Barn and Mowplot</i>	Barn	“	“
2681	<i>Little Orchard</i>	Orchard	“	“
2682	<i>Jeffrey's Garden</i>	Garden	“	“
2683	<i>Lower Meadow</i>	Arable	“	“
2684	<i>Lower Field</i>	“	“	“
2685	Burgess Plot	“	“	“
2686	Garden Park	“	“	“
2687	Orchard	“	“	“
2688	<i>House and Garden</i>	<i>House & Garden</i>	“	“
2689	<i>House and Garden</i>	<i>House & Garden</i>	“	“

Note: the entries in red correspond to the area of the development.

Appendix 2

Relevant HER Entries

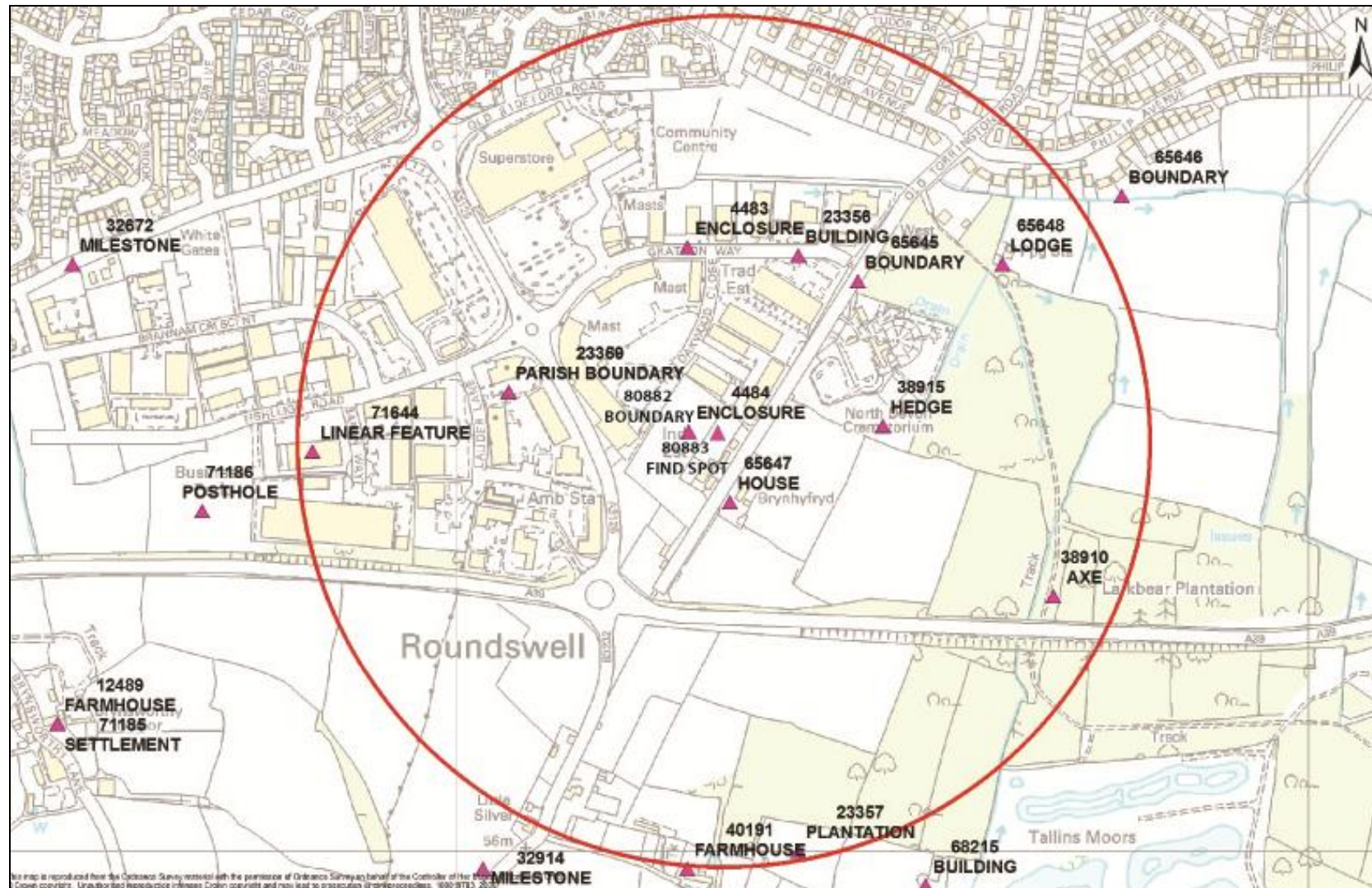


Figure 6: Map of the relevant HER entries (listed below).

HER Number: 65647

Name:

Summary: Site of a house shown on the 1840 tawstock tithe map + on the os (1887) map. The site appears to have been absorbed into the enlarged garden of its neighbour. Both houses appear to have been tied cottages of 'roundswell farm' opposite. An earthen mound was observed at this location during fieldwork (ea).

Grid Reference: SS 543 314

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/142

Monument Type(s) and Dates: HOUSE (Modern - 1751 AD to 2009 AD (Between))

Full description: Site of a house shown on the 1840 tawstock tithe map + on the os (1887) map. The site appears to have been absorbed into the enlarged garden of its neighbour. Both houses appear to have been tied cottages of 'roundswell farm' opposite. An earthen mound was observed at this location during fieldwork (ea).
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Sources / Further Reading: Migrated Record:

Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 4484

Name: Enclosure at Roundswell, Tawstock

Summary: Possible enclosure site showing as a cropmark on aerial photograph.

Grid Reference: SS 542 314

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/18

Monument Type(s) and Dates: ENCLOSURE (Unknown date)

Full description: Royal Air Force, 1946, 106G/UK 142 (Aerial Photograph) Sub circular crop mark shown on Royal Air Force aerial photograph. Possible entrance outworks on southeast side. Enclosure measures circa 55 metres east-west by circa 58 metres north-south.

Bluesky, 2006 - 2007, *Bluesky aerial photographs* (Aerial Photograph) Site lies under pasture and surrounded by Roundswell Industrial estate and housing.

Walls, S., 2010, *Archaeological Watching Brief in Advance of the Construction of 14 Dwellings Together with Associated Works* (Report - Watching Brief) No evidence was exposed for an entrance to the possible enclosure during a watching brief prior to the construction of dwellings at Sanmar, Old Torrington Road.

Griffiths, D. M., 27/06/1984, *Enclosures at Roundswell* (Personal Comment) Area under growing grass and not walked. No obvious sign of feature.

Unknown, Unknown, *DVP 43* (Aerial Photograph) Two of the three aerial photographs of Roundswell in Barnstaple show this area without any identifiable features. One photograph is labelled 'Roundswell/Barnstaple DVP 43'.

Miles, S. + Timms, S., Unknown, *Enclosures at Roundswell* (Worksheet) Possible enclosure site showing as a regular dark circle. Not very convincing.

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events

- EDV1686 - Leaderflush and Shapland Site, Barnstaple: Archaeological Assessment
- EDV1687 - Archaeological Assessment of a Proposed Development Area at Larkbear Near Barnstaple
- EDV5303 - Archaeological Watching Brief

HER Number: 23359

Name: Fremington-Tawstock Parish Boundary at Roundswell

Summary: The line of the Fremington-Tawstock parish boundary at what is now Lauder Lane formerly coincided with a field boundary comprising an earthen bank about 0.6 metres high and 0.9 metres wide.

Grid Reference: SS 540 314

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Fremington

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: FREMINGTON

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/40

Monument Type(s) and Dates: PARISH BOUNDARY (Unknown date)

Full description:

Ordnance Survey, 1880 - 1899, *First Edition Ordnance Survey 25 inch map* (Cartographic) Parish boundary shown.

Ordnance Survey, 1904 - 1906, *Second Edition Ordnance Survey 25 inch map* (Cartographic) The line of the Tawstock-Fremington parish boundary to the west of Roundswell Farm coincides with field boundaries. Map object based on this source.

Google, 2012, *Google Streetview* (Website) The line of the parish boundary at Roundswell to the north of the A39 now crosses an area of industrial development. However, a large hedge is still visible running north-south from the southern end of Lauder Lane which appears to be the relict of a former field boundary which coincided with the parish boundary. The line is picked up in an extant field boundary to the south of the A39.

Griffiths, D. M., 28/06/1984, *Fremington/Tawstock Parish Boundary* (Personal Comment) Site visit 28th June 1984. Earthen bank circa 0.6 metres high and 0.9 metres wide on the line of the Fremington-Tawstock parish boundary (at SS54063154). There is a possible ditch, 1.0 metres wide on the west side although it has probably been recently recut.

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 80883

Name: Finds Recovered from Topsoil at Roundswell Farm

Summary: Finds recovered from the topsoil during a watching brief at San Mar included a sizeable proportion of 13th to 14th century pottery, indicating activity in the vicinity of the former Roundswell Farm in the Medieval period.

Grid Reference: SS 543 314

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: none recorded

Monument Type(s) and Dates: FINDSPOT (XIII to XIX - 1201 AD to 1900 AD (Between))

Full description: The finds from the topsoil at San Mar included 3 clay pipe fragments, 2 oyster shells, 4 pieces of 19th century glass (including 2 complete bottles), a roof slate, a single piece of chert and 2 possible fragments of kiln furniture. A large assemblage of pottery was recovered, comprised in the main of 17th to 19th century material. North Devon wares also included a sizeable proportion of 13th to 14th century pottery, suggesting that medieval activity was occurring close to the site at that time. This would imply that Roundswell Farm was of medieval foundation rather than a post-medieval farmstead.

Sources / Further Reading

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: EDV5303 - Archaeological Watching Brief

HER Number: 80882

Name: Field Boundary at Roundswell Farm

Summary: Former field boundary shown on late 19th and early 20th century Ordnance survey maps. The remains of a bank and ditch were exposed during topsoil removal prior to development.

Grid Reference: SS 543 314

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: none recorded

Monument Type(s) and Dates: FIELD BOUNDARY (XVIII to XIX - 1701 AD to 1900 AD (Between))

Full description: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken prior to construction of dwellings within and adjacent to the curtilage of a small farmstead formerly known as 'Roundswell Farm', and shown on late 19th century Ordnance Survey maps. The main feature of note was the remains of a bank and ditch from a field boundary that ran north-east to south-west across the length of the development plot. This feature is also shown on late 19th century Ordnance Survey maps. It was 2 metres wide at maximum, 0.35 metres deep and at least 57 metres in length, curving slightly towards the south at its south-western end. A number of finds were recovered from the fill, mainly late 18th to 19th century but including 3 residual sherds of 13th to 14th century North Devon ware.

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: EDV5303 - Archaeological Watching Brief

HER Number: 32672

Name: Milestone on Old Bideford Road, Bickington

Summary: Worn and damaged milestone, inscribed '2 BARUM'.

Grid Reference: SS 535 316

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Fremington

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: FREMINGTON

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/67

Monument Type(s) and Dates: MILESTONE (Modern - 1751 AD to 2009 AD (Between))

Full description: Site visit 20th October 2006. Milestone, inscribed '2 BARUM' located about 50 metres west of turn to Meadowbrook Housing Estate on pebbled area above north side of road. Stone worn and damaged. OS benchmark on face. This road is the earliest route between Barnstaple and Bideford and is studded with small squat milestones characteristic of the Barnstaple Turnpike and inscribed with distances to Barnstaple which is identified by the

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 23356

Name: Paved area in field on site of Gratton Court, Barnstaple

Summary: A 'paved area' was found in the former field on this site. The nature of the paved area is uncertain but it could be related to a building or roadway.

Grid Reference: SS 544 317

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/37

Monument Type(s) and Dates: BUILDING (Unknown date)

Full description: A farmer recalls having discovered a 'paved area' when this field was ploughed 'a few years ago'. No earthworks are visible in the cut grass. Two sherds of pottery (post medieval North Devon Ware) were picked up from the area. The nature of the paved area is uncertain. It could be related to a building or a road. A cropmark has been recorded in the field immediately to the west. Map object based on this source.

Sources / Further Reading

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Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 40191

Name: Upcott farmhouse.

Grid Reference: SS 542 309

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/107 and Old Listed Building Ref (II)

Monument Type(s) and Dates: FARMHOUSE (XI to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1750 AD (Between))

Full description: Upcott farmhouse. Farmhouse. Probably mid c16, remodelled in early c17 and extended c 1700 with c20 alterations. Rendered cob and stone. Thatch roof with gable ends. Slate roof to rear service wing. Rear lateral hall stack with tall rendered shaft and rendered stack at left end. Multiphase plan development. Former open hall house, originally 3 room and through-passage plan, the lower end demolished in early c20 and a partition introduced across the through-passage to create a lobby entry, the rear doorway being blocked. There is a second entrance into the inner room which appears to have been abandoned as the parlour c 1700 when another was added at its left end and a gable ended 2 storeyed service wing to its rear. 2 storeys. 4 window range. C20 fenestration, mainly 2 light casements, 6 panes per light. C20 doric porch to inner room entrance and c20 door to former through-passage at right end. Interior chamfered surround to 4 centred arched doorway between hall/through-passage, a plank and muntin screen continuing to its right having been removed, a

concealed section to the left uncovered at time of survey. Chamfered cross beam to hall and hollow step-stopped fireplace lintel. Boxed in beam to former inner room. 4 panelled doors from this room to hall and added parlour which has a section of moulded plasterwork cornice surviving to the gable end wall. Old ledged 3 plank door between kitchen/dairy to rear service wing. Interesting roof structure. 2 probably c18 trusses with roughly hewn principals and side-pegged collars to over added parlour end. Over the hall and inner room are two c16 raised cruck trusses with 2 tiers of trenched purlins and ridge purlin and morticed and tenoned cranked collars. The truss over the hall, including the purlins, battens and underside of the thatch is thoroughly smoke-blackened; the cob partition rising to the apex of the roof between the hall and inner room is smoke-blackened on the hall side only, and the truss and roof members over the inner room are clean. This suggests the farmhouse was built in a transitional period with the hall still open to the roof, but the inner room ceiled from the beginning. Probably in the c17 the hall itself was floored over; at the same time the ridge was raised when the front wall was built out about a metre from the original line (doe).

Sources / Further Reading

- Migrated Record: Department of Environment.
- Migrated Record:

Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 38910

Name:

Summary: At larkbeare plantation a stray find, possibly a stone axe head, was located on the line of the link road. Recorded by nddc rau in 1987 (nddc rau).

Grid Reference: SS 547 313

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/104

Monument Type(s) and Dates: FINDSPOT (Prehistoric - 698000 BC to 42 AD (Between))

Full description: North Devon District Council Rescue Archaeology Unit, *Untitled Source* (Migrated Record)
 At larkbeare plantation a stray find, possibly a stone axe head, was located on the line of the link road. Recorded by nddc rau in 1987 (nddc rau).

Sources / Further Reading: Migrated Record: North Devon District Council Rescue Archaeology Unit.

Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: FDV4099 - AXE HEAD (Lower Palaeolithic to Unknown - 698000 BC)

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 65645

Name:

Summary: The 1840 tawstock tithe survey records the boundary between the 'wrey' + 'sturt' family lands which probably follows the manorial boundary established in the c13 when the sub-manor of 'hele' was granted to buckland priory. This stretch runs from the above ngr to ss54553129 (ea).

Grid Reference: SS 544 316

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/141

Monument Type(s) and Dates: BOUNDARY (XI to XIX - 1066 AD to 1900 AD (Between))

Full description: The 1840 tawstock tithe survey records the boundary between the 'wrey' + 'sturt' family lands which probably follows the manorial boundary established in the c13 when the sub-manor of 'hele' was granted to buckland priory. This stretch runs from the above ngr to ss54553129 (ea).

Sources / Further Reading: Exeter archaeology/archaeological assessment of a proposed development at larkbear near barnstaple/(december 2000)4/ea report 00.83

Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 65648
Name:
Summary: This house was shown as 'torrington lodge' on the 1840 tawstock tithe map but by the time of the os (1887) map it had been renamed 'larkbear'. The lodge may have been replaced by 'west lodge' closer to the road (ea).
Grid Reference: SS 546 316
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area Devon
Civil Parish Tawstock
District North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish TAWSTOCK
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/143
Monument Type(s) and Dates: LODGE (Modern - 1751 AD to 2009 AD (Between))
Full description: This house was shown as 'torrington lodge' on the 1840 tawstock tithe map but by the time of the os (1887) map it had been renamed 'larkbear'. The lodge may have been replaced by 'west lodge' closer to the road (ea).
Sources / Further Reading: Exeter archaeology/archaeological assessment of a proposed development at larkbear near barnstaple/(december 2000)4/ea report 00.83.
Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 38915
Name: Hedge at Crematorium, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Summary: Removal of hedge at crematorium recorded in 1986.
Grid Reference: SS 545 315
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area Devon
Civil Parish Tawstock
District North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish BARNSTAPLE
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SE/488
Monument Type(s) and Dates: HEDGE (Unknown date)
Full description: Removal of hedge recorded at crematorium in 1986.
Sources / Further Reading

- Report - non-specific: North Devon District Council Rescue Archaeology Unit. Pre 1990. Site 88. North Devon District Council Rescue Archaeology Unit Report. Unknown.
- Report - Assessment: Exeter Archaeology. 2000. Archaeological Assessment of a Proposed Development Area at Larkbear Near Barnstaple. Exeter Archaeology Report. 00.83. Unknown. 7,11.

Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 23357
Name:
Summary: Either ridge + furrow or features associated with tree planting.
Grid Reference: SS 544 310
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area Devon
Civil Parish Tawstock
District North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish TAWSTOCK
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/38
Monument Type(s) and Dates: PLANTATION (Unknown date)
Full description: Vis=4/7/1984 (griffiths). Features similar to ss53se/286, ie ridges running across field in approx nne-ssw direction. Either ridge + furrow or features associated with tree planting. There were temp tithe map, and are today plantations adjacent. On line of barnstaple bypass.
Sources / Further Reading: Migrated Record:
Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 71644
Name:
Summary: Two areas of archaeological potential identified by geophysical survey in 2004
Grid Reference: SS 538 314
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area: Devon
Civil Parish: Fremington
District: North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish: BARNSTAPLE
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: none recorded
Monument Type(s) and Dates: LINEAR FEATURE (Unknown date)
Full description: A geophysical survey was undertaken in 2004 at Commercial Park West, Roundswell, Barnstaple. The survey identified two areas of archaeological potential. One may represent ditches to the north & south of the northern field bank & the other consisting of a group of curvilinear anomalies. These may represent a large curvilinear feature, possibly a disrupted ditch or the base of an earthen bank.
Sources / Further Reading: Report - Geophysical Survey: Substrata Ltd. 2005. Geophysical Survey at fishleigh Road, Roundswell Commercaill Park West. Substrata Report. R-GCR04-100305.
Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: EDV2201 - Geophysical Survey at fishleigh Road, Roundswell Commercaill Park West

HER Number: 71186
Name:
Summary: Series of post holes of unknown function & date were excavated in 2004 prior to development
Grid Reference: SS 537 314
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area: Devon
Civil Parish: Fremington
District: North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish: FREMINGTON
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: none recorded
Monument Type(s) and Dates: POST HOLE (Unknown date)
Full description: An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Southwest Archaeology in 2004 prior to development to the south of Fishleigh Road at Roundswell. A geophysical survey revealed several magnetic anomalies some of which were confirmed as hedge banks during excavation. Several small pits were excavated in the centre of the field & interpreted as post holes representing former human activity. No dating evidence for these features was obtained.
Sources / Further Reading: Report - Evaluation: Southwest Archaeology. 2004. Golden Coast site, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell. Southwest Archaeology Report. 050110. 3.0-5.0, Figs 1-12.
Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded
Associated Events: EDV858 - Golden Coast site, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell

HER Number: 65646
Name:
Summary: Section of the medieval manorial boundary established in the c13 from ngr to ss54893186.
Grid Reference: SS 547 317
Map Sheet: SS53SW
Admin Area: Devon
Civil Parish: Tawstock
District: North Devon
Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK
Protected Status: none recorded
Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/141/1
Monument Type(s) and Dates: BOUNDARY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD (Between))
Full description: Section of the medieval manorial boundary established in the c13 from the above ngr to ss54893186 (ea).
Sources / Further Reading: Exeter archaeology/archaeological assessment of a proposed development at larkbear near barnstaple/(december 2000)4/ea report 00.83.
Associated Monuments: none recorded
Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 68215

Name:

Summary: not yet available

Grid Reference: SS 545 309

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Tawstock

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: TAWSTOCK

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: Old DCC SMR Ref: SS53SW/153

Monument Type(s) and Dates: BUILDING (Modern - 1751 AD to 2009 AD (Between))

Full description: Site of a long narrow I-shaped building shown on OS 25" (1880s) map to the east of 'upcott' farmstead (os).

Sources / Further Reading: Migrated Record:

Associated Monuments: none recorded

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: none recorded

HER Number: 71185

Name: Brynsworthy

Summary: Settlement at Brynsworthy mentioned in 1195 & still existing as an extensive group of buildings on both sides of the road

Grid Reference: SS 535 311

Map Sheet: SS53SW

Admin Area: Devon

Civil Parish: Fremington

District: North Devon

Ecclesiastical Parish: FREMINGTON

Protected Status: none recorded

Other References/Statuses: none recorded

Monument Type(s) and Dates: SETTLEMENT (XII - 1101 AD to 1200 AD (Between))

Full description: Ordnance Survey, 1880s, *Untitled Source* (Cartographic) 'Brynsworthy Remains of a Barton' is shown on OS 25" (1880s) map as an extensive group of buildings to the west & east of the road with woodland to the north & orchards to the west, south & east. Many of the buildings shown are still present on modern maps.

Gover, J. E. B. + Mawer, A. + Stenton, F. M., 1931, *Untitled Source* (Monograph) The settlement at Brynsworthy is mentioned as 'Brendelwrd' in 1195.

Southwest Archaeology, 2004, *Golden Coast site, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell* (Report - Evaluation) Brynsworthy is shown as 'Brimsworthy' on Donn's map of 1765 & as 'Brinsworthy' on the 1804/5 OS Surveyor's Draft. It seems to have originated as an extension into open moor in medieval times. In 1840 the fields to the north consisted of long narrow strips suggesting a medieval open field system which respected the curving boundary to the east of Brynsworthy.

Sources / Further Reading

- Monograph: Gover, J. E. B. + Mawer, A. + Stenton, F. M.. 1931. The Place-Names of Devon: Part One. VIII. A5 Hardback. 114.
- Report - Evaluation: Southwest Archaeology. 2004. Golden Coast site, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell. Southwest Archaeology Report. 050110. 2.0, Figs 3-7.
- Cartographic: Ordnance Survey. 1880s. 25".

Associated Monuments

MDV12489 Related to: Brynsworthy Manor Farm (Monument)

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MDV12489 Related to: Brynsworthy Manor Farm (Monument)

MDV12489 Related to: Brynsworthy Manor Farm (Monument)

Associated Finds: none recorded

Associated Events: EDV857 - Golden Coast site, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell



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