



Site Name: Budock Vean Hotel, Mawnen Smith	
Grid ref (10-fig): 76063 27562	OS Map No: SW760275
Parish: Mawnan	
Site Type: Recreational	
Period: Modern	Form: Archaeological monitoring
<p>Description: Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) on land at Budock Vean Hotel, Helford Passage, Falmouth, Cornwall (Figure 1) at the request of John Darbyshire of RTP Surveyors (the Agent) on behalf of Martin Barlow of Budock Vean Developments (the Client). The work was undertaken during groundworks associated with the construction of 4 holiday homes adjacent to the pool house (PA13/01397). This work was carried out by B. Morris and S. Walls in March 2014 in accordance with a WSI drawn up in consultation with Phil Markham of Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service(CCHES).</p> <p>Settlement at Budock Vean is first recorded in 1327 when it is spelt <i>Sanctus Budocus</i>. The name is taken from that of a Cornish saint with the later addition of the element <i>byghan</i> meaning 'small' or 'little', in contrast to the parish of Budock to the north. However, earlier occupation activity is suggested in close proximity to the hotel, the field named <i>Park an Geor</i>, suggesting the site of an Iron Age/Romano-British round at Budock Vean, though no extant remains have been recorded. The hotel also sits within area with known Medieval field systems, and to the south of a Post-Medieval quay.</p> <p>An area measuring c.30m×15m was stripped of topsoil by tracked excavator with flat bladed grading bucket under archaeological supervision. A subsequent trial trench being excavated to an increased depth of 0.65m to examine a layer of redeposited material.</p> <p>The excavations demonstrated a stratigraphic sequence of loose-friable grey-brown silt topsoil (001) c.0.15m thick overlying re-deposited brown-grey clay-silts with frequent stone and fragments of salt-glazed sewer pipe inclusions (002) c.0.40m thick. These deposits overlay a buried grey-brown silt (003) soil and the natural bedrock.</p> <p>No features were identified during the groundworks, the spread of re-deposited material likely to be related to the construction of the pool-house buildings to the immediate north-east of the development area; this modern disturbance having removed evidence of archaeological remains in this area of the development site.</p>	
Land Use (Area): Residential	Land Use (Site): Recreation
Date of Site Visit: March 2014	
Recorder's name, address and phone number: P. Webb, South West Archaeology Ltd, The Old Dairy, Hacche Lane Business Park, Pathfields Business Park, South Molton Devon, EX36 3HL; 01769 573555	

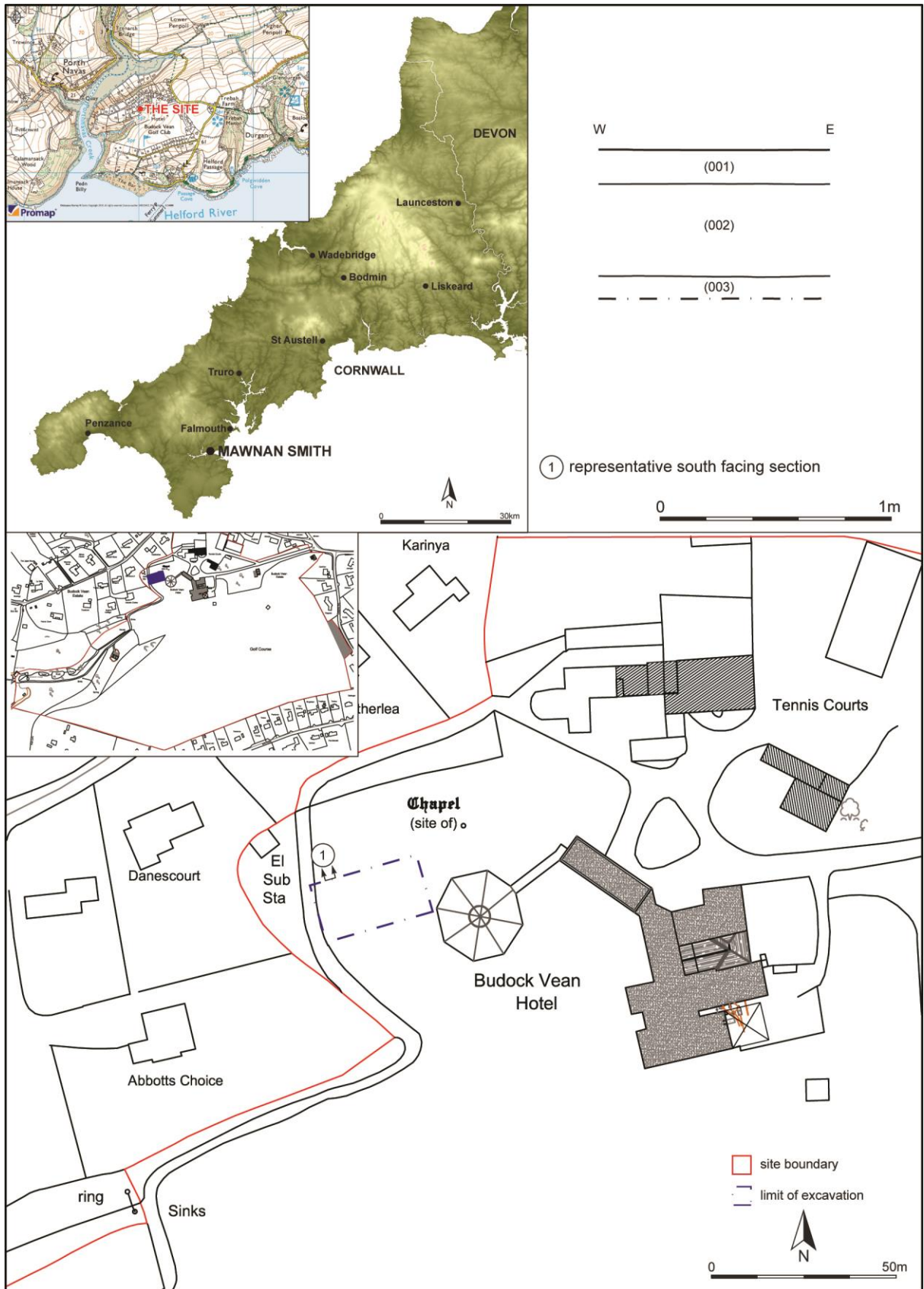


Figure 1: Site location, plans and sections.

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Figure 2: The excavation area; viewed from the south-west (2m scale).



Figure 3: South facing section of trial trench; viewed from the south-west (2m scale).

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