



Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record

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Site Name: Chyverton, Carlidnack Lane, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, Cornwall

Grid ref (10-fig): SW 78234 29184

OS Map No:

Parish: Mawnan Smith

Site Type: Proposed housing development (Planning application no.: PA12/04466)

Period: Post-medieval and Modern

Form: Archaeological monitoring & recording

Description:

Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Treve Hosken of Hosken Parks (The Agent) on behalf of Una Byrne (the Client), prior to the construction of a tractor store on land at Chyverton, Carlidnack Road, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall (Figures 1-2). An earlier phase of monitoring had been undertaken by Archaeological Consultancy Ltd (AC) during the excavation of the footings for the new house. The results from this phase of monitoring are included within this report. Neither phase of excavations revealed any archaeological features or significant remains.

The SWARCH monitoring was undertaken by E. Wapshott on 3rd July 2014 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) drawn up in consultation with Phil Markham of Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service. The AC monitoring was undertaken by Hayley Goacher in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) drawn up in consultation with Phil Markham.

The proposed development lies in the grounds of property off Carlidnack Road, Carlidnack, at a height of approximately 50m AOD. It is situated less than 100m from the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Carlidnack Round from which 1st and 2nd century AD pottery has been recovered.

AC monitored an area encompassing the footprint of the new house and driveway (c.32m by 25m). This was excavated by a tracked 360° mechanical digger using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision and in accordance with the WSI. The area included the footings of the previous building on the site, and these were grubbed up using a toothed bucket. The area was stripped of a thin layer of topsoil c.0.15m thick directly onto the natural subsoil. The area had been severely truncated during the construction of the earlier building and its associated landscaping.

SWARCH monitored an area encompassing the footprint of the proposed tractor store building (c.9m by 4m) was excavated by a tracked 360° mechanical digger using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision and in accordance with the WSI (Figures 1.1, 1.2, and 3). The area was reduced by 0.1m onto the natural subsoil and the footing trenches excavated cutting into this natural.

The Topsoil (100) consisted of turf and a very thin dark grey-brown, friable sandy-silt with occasional sub-angular and sub-rounded stones (at most 0.15m in depth). This overlaid Natural, (101); a grey-yellow, friable sandy-silt with occasional small sub-angular stones (0.50m+ in depth) (Figures 3-4).

The excavation revealed no archaeological features or significant remains. The soil was typically shallow and possible modern disturbance from garden landscaping would have fully truncated any archaeological features that may once have been present.

No finds were recovered during the excavations.

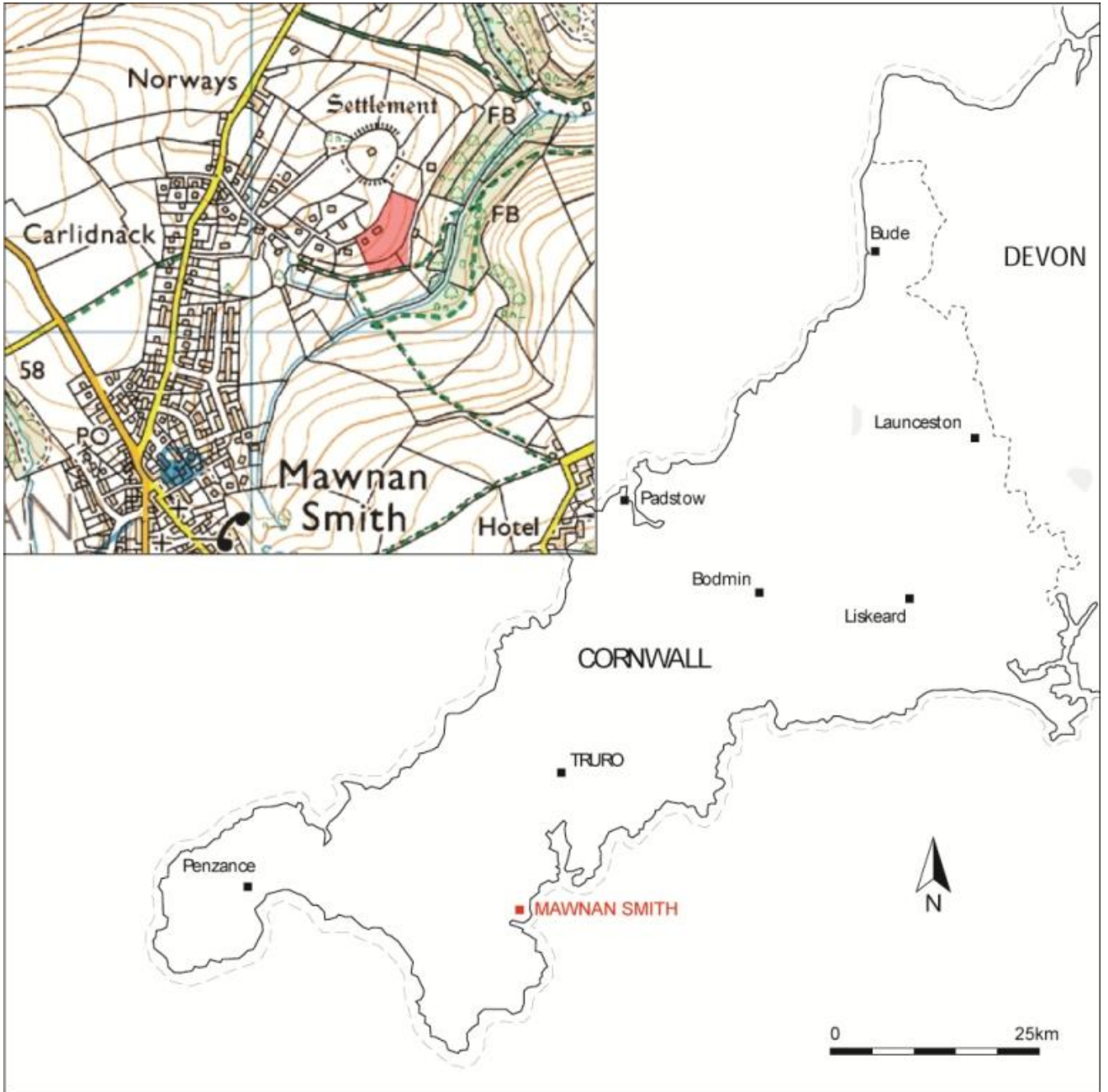


Figure 1: Site location.

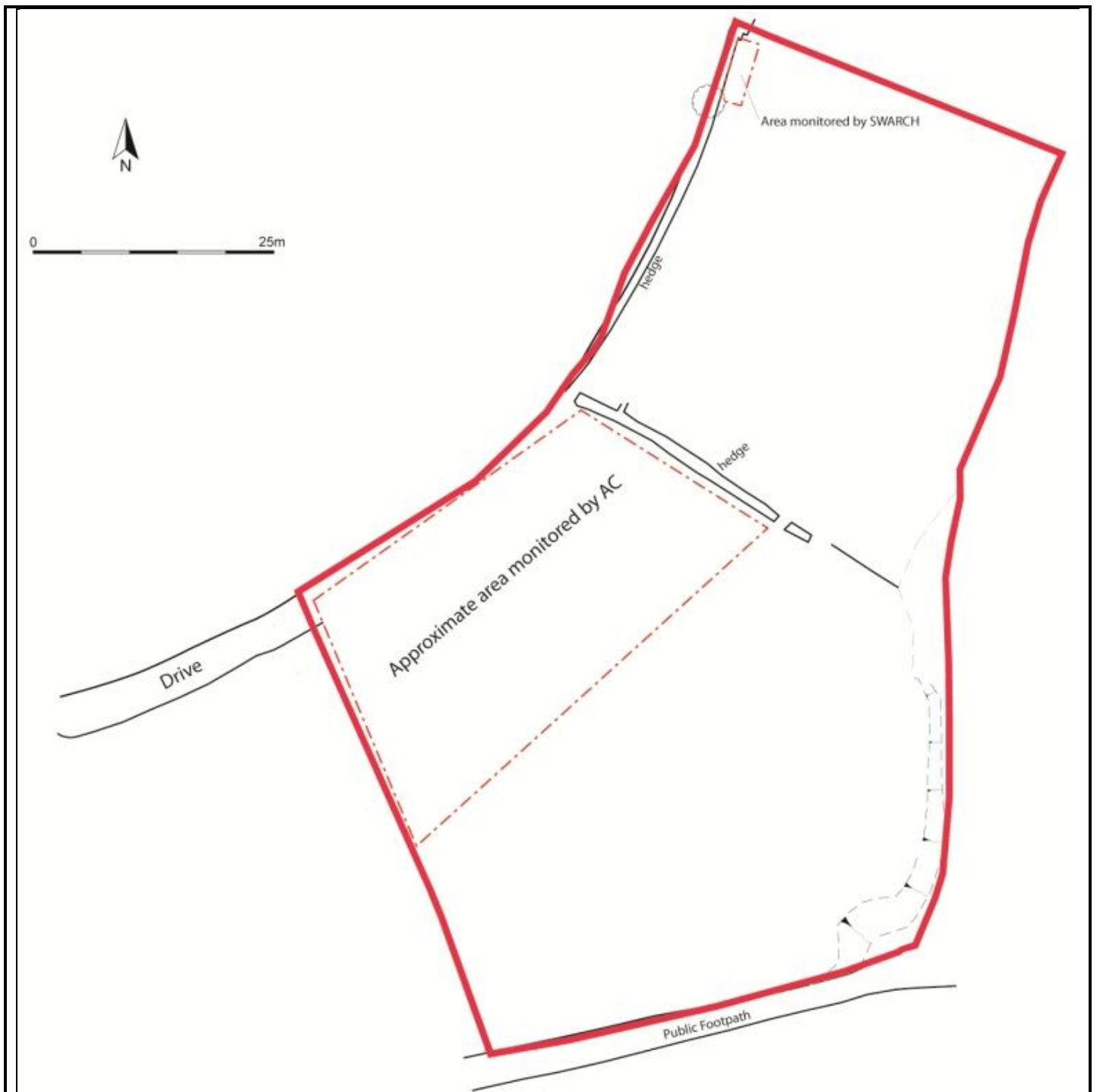


Figure 2: Plan of the monitored areas.



Figure 3: Excavated area for Tractor Store, from the south (scale: 2m)



Figure 4: Representative section of building footings, from the east (no scale).

Land Use (Area): Residential

Land Use (Site): Gardens

Date of Site Visit: 03/07/14

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