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Summary

South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) was asked to undertake a desk-based assessment and walkover survey on land on Daglands Road, Fowey, Cornwall. The proposed site lies in a plot which is now used as car park between two buildings. The site lies within the conservation area of Fowey and there are a number of historic buildings and structures in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed development site is located on the steep hillside overlooking the harbour, and has been terraced into the natural bedrock. There is evidence of prehistoric activity in the vicinity, though it was during the medieval period that Fowey came to prominence with significant development of the harbour and associated improvements to the town.

Daglands Road itself has little evidence for any activity until the post-medieval period, with the site possibly forming part of a plot of land at the rear of a building evident on the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1888. By the time of the 1908 second edition there is evidence for a structure being present on the site, which has subsequently been demolished in the intervening period prior to the walkover survey. Whether the structural remains on the site represent this, or a later demolished building, however, is unclear.

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1.0 Introduction

Location: Land off Daglands Road

Parish: Fowey
County: Cornwall

1.1 Background

South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) was commissioned by Paul Elms of Pearn and Procter (the Agent) on behalf of Mr. E. K. Richardson (the Client) to undertake desk-based research and a walkover survey on land at Daglands Road, Fowey Cornwall, (see Figure 1) prior to an application for planning consent to develop the site. The proposed site falls within the conservation area of Fowey which stretches across the whole of the harbour front and roughly two streets back into the rest of the town. Note this is *not* a visual impact assessment, and no attempt has been made to quantify the effect of any proposed development on the setting of nearby or adjacent heritage assets.

1.2 Historical Background

Documentary evidence pertaining to the existence of Fowey goes back to the medieval period, when it is spelt *Fawi* and, according to Gover, the place name of Fowey is first recorded as "Vila de Fawi" in 1200. The place name evidence supports a medieval origin, Fowey being named from the River Fowey which is old Cornish and can be translated as *'Beech Tree River'* (Padel 1985). An early-medieval Christian significance may also be suggested for Fowey due to the probable presence of a Lann, for which the exact location is unknown but a site close to the present day church is hypothesised partially on the place-name of 'Langorthou'. The present parish church is of medieval origin; the first institution to the vicarage being recorded in 1262, and the church rebuilt in the 14th century. The town developed and flourished throughout the 14th and 15th centuries due to the large natural harbour allowing trade with Europe, and ships from Fowey were given licence to attack and seize French vessels in the Hundred Year War. Fowey's importance as a trading port diminished in the succeeding centuries due to its inability to compete with other larger ports such as Falmouth and Plymouth.

1.3 Archaeological Background

Fowey lies in an area of extensive prehistoric activity, and it is littered with findspots, including the chance find of a Bronze Age cist cremation in the mid-19th century near Place in the centre of the town, and a Neolithic stone axe head at Lombard Farm (MCO10068). There are also earthworks noted on the first and second edition OS maps of Fowey on St Catherine's Point, the promontory defending the mouth of the estuary, which may suggest an Iron Age hillfort at the site (MCO52793). See Appendix 1 for more details.

1.4 Topographical and Geological Background

The site lies in an area now occupied by a car park, less than 100m from the harbour front. The medieval part of the town extends along the harbour front from Passage Street to the north and Lostwithiel Street to the south. The proposed site location is just outside of the core of the medieval town, laying approximately 250m to the south west of the bottom of Lostwithiel Street.

The bedrock beneath the site belongs to the Meadfoot Group and is comprised of slate, siltstone and sandstone (BGS 2014). This is overlain by the well drained fine loamy soils of the Denbigh 1 association (Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983).

1.5 Methodology

The desk-based assessment was carried out by V. Hosegood and was undertaken with reference to the IfA guidelines on the preparation of archaeological assessments (IfA 2008). The necessary research was conducted at the Cornwall Studies Library and using relevant online sources. The walkover survey was carried out on 18th July 2014 by Peter Webb.



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

2.0 Results of the Desk-Based Cartographic Assessment

2.1 Early Maps

The earliest cartographic source available to this study was a c.1540 chart of the Fowey estuary (Figure 2) which is thought to be related to Henry VIII's coastal defence programme. Despite it being inaccurate and illustrative it does show the extent of the town at this time. There is a thin ribbon of development along the water front which appears to be mainly comprised of the medieval church of St. Nicholas and Place House. The buildings to the south of the church and Place house are likely associated with a market place which would have incorporated the important communal and administrative parts of the town, buildings including the Town Hall, market house, a chapel dedicated to St Mary, the customs house and the Havenor's Hall. In relation to the proposed development evidence from extant medieval buildings suggests that this market place would have likely been situated on the North East side of Lostwithiel Street which lies at the north-eastern end of Dagland Street, approximately 300-350m from the site.

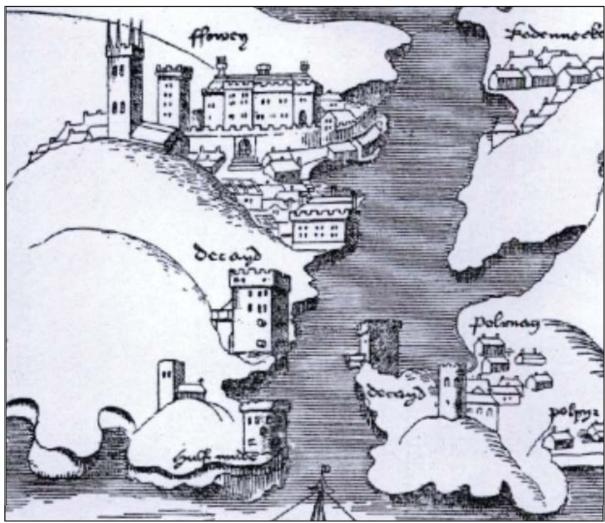


Figure 2: extract from the c.1540 estuary chart

John Nordens Map which dates to c.1610 shows much the same information as the c.1540 chart (see Figure 3). Again it is inaccurate and illustrative but it does show the settlement of Fowey in

minimal detail, including the church and the small scatter of buildings surrounding it. It is interesting to note the different spelling of Fowey on this map, there are a number of differing spellings apparent for the settlement including *Foye*, *Fawi*, *Fawy*, *Fawe* and *Foy* have all been used in various documentary sources.



Figure 3: Extract from Norden's Map of Cornwall c.1610.

Robert Dawson's Ordnance Survey drawing of 1805 is the first detailed and vaguely accurate map of the town available (see Figure 4). It clearly shows the extent of the development of the town by this date, with development spreading westwards from the medieval hub of the town, towards the area occupied by the site. The map depicts a road running west-south-west from the bottom of Lostwithiel Street along the same approximate route as Daglands Street now runs.

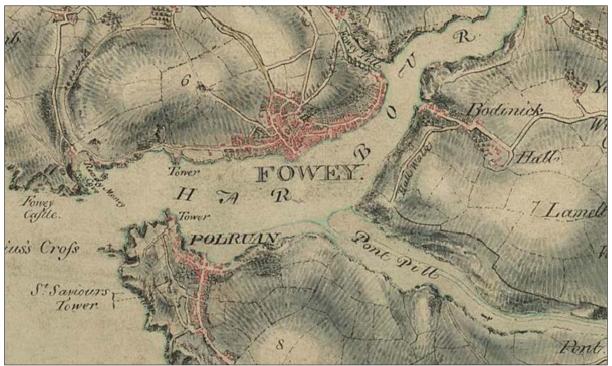


Figure 4: Extract from Robert Dawson's 1805 map (British Library Online).

2.2 Tithe Map

The Tithe map of 1839 (Figure 5) and the associated 1838 apportionment (see Table 1) shows that much of the land surrounding the proposed development site was either owned or occupied by members of the Treffery family, the lords of the manor who resided at Place House. The history of this family in relation to the house and town can be traced back to the 13th and 14th centuries, and to the Boniface family of Pyworthy, Devon, whose heiress married Thomas Treffry, Esq., of Treffry, in Lanhidrock, either grandfather or great-grandfather of Sir John Treffry, who distinguished himself while fighting under the black prince at the battle of Crécey in 1346.

William Rashleigh, another name noted on the apportionment (see Table 1), is likely to have occupied one of the buildings below Place house. The present Ship Inn is a 15th century house which was renovated in the 16th century, and was formerly the Rashleigh family residence, a family who owned a number of properties in Fowey and founded the almshouses. The Reverend John Kempe who is also listed in the apportionment was the vicar of Fowey. The development which extends along the seafront to the south west (figure 6) appears at this point, to be a single road with a line of houses and gardens.

The likely area of the proposed development, around field numbers 108 and 109, remained undeveloped at this point. The land is in the ownership of Thomas Goode and leased to a William Ivey, but is described as Town Land, which may simply reflect its location adjacent to the town, but can be tentatively suggested to relate to this being formerly open and un-enclosed land.

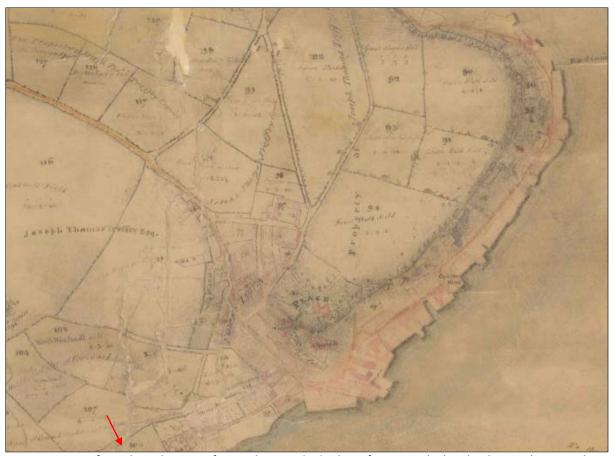


Figure 5: Extract from the Tithe map of 1839 showing the harbour front, parish church, Place and surrounding farmland, the approximate location of the proposed development is in the bottom left-hand corner.



Figure 6: Detailed extract of the 1839 tithe map showing the spread of development from the medieval hub of the town toward the south-west.

No.	Landowner	Occupier	Field Name	Cultivation	
8		John Collirer	Higher rose park	Arable	
12	37		Cottage and Garden	Pasture & garden	
37			Road from 41	-	
43	William Rashleigh		Lower ground in Little Lowhire	Arable	
24		Joseph Parsons	Tregayre Park Arable		
38		Bruce Rundle	Morris's meadow	Arable	
48	Suzanne Anne	Jamas Thamas	Whitehouse and Meadow	Meadow	
49	Austen & James	James Thomas Treffery	Whitehouse and Meadow	Meadow	
106	Thomas Treffery	Пенегу	Castle Parks	Meadow	
102		Dugger Land Glebe		Meadow	
103	Rev. John Kempe	Himself	North Windmill Field Glebe	Meadow	
104			South Windmill Field Glebe	Meadow	
105	Goorgo Lucy	Joseph Thomas Close Late Rashleigh		Meadow	
107	George Lucy Treffery		Close Late Rashleigh	Meadow	
108	Town Land by		Town Land Meadow	Meadow	
109	Edward Goode	William Ivey	Town Land Meadow Meadow		
110	10 Esquire		Town Land Meadow	Meadow	

Table 1: Extracts from the tithe apportionment of 1839, showing who owned, occupied, the state of cultivation and the names of the field surrounding the proposed site, the likely field in which the development would sit is highlighted in red.

The first and second edition OS maps of 1888 and 1908 show the first real signs of development along the road that extends out of the settlement towards the south-west. On the first edition Daglands Road is clearly depicted adjoining rope walk (now St. Finnabarrus Road) at the point which the road turns downhill towards the sea. The proposed development site lies between the Rope Walk and road, but at this date there are no buildings depicted along the road, with the only buildings depicted along Daglands Road at this time being the Grammar School and Florence Villa

(now the site of the Fowey Hotel; built in 1882, E. K. Richardson, pers. comment). Garden plots are shown extending back from the Esplanade to meet Daglands Road, but there is little else of note.

By the time of the Ordnance Survey second edition map the development along Daglands Road had intensified further with the construction of Hanson Drive, and housing flanking the Rope Walk (which is no longer labelled). The location of the site is seemingly flanked to either side by buildings, but remained undeveloped. The hachures which are just visible on the northern edge of the plot suggest that the plot had not been fully terraced into the hill at this date.

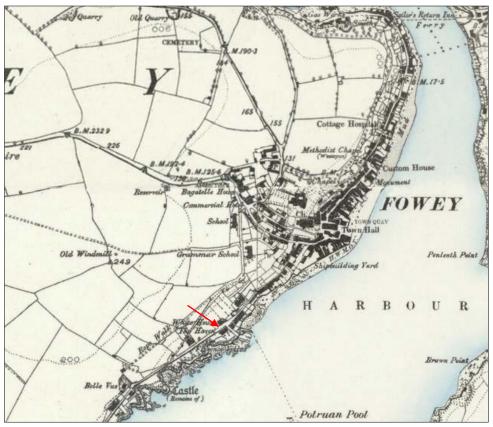


Figure 7: First edition OS Map 1888, approximate site location indicated in red

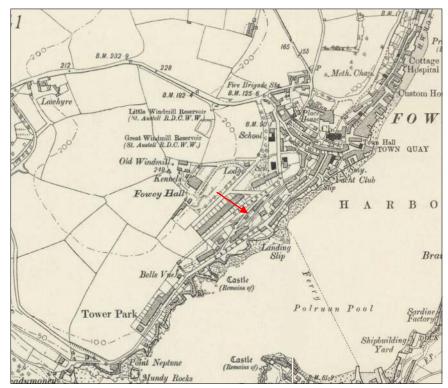


Figure 8: Second edition Ordnance Survey Map 1908, the site location is indicated.

2.3 20th Century developments

The first cartographic source available to this study to depict a building within the proposal site was the 1970 Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Map (see Figure 9). The 1962 Ordnance Survey 1:10560 Map still depicted an empty plot, suggesting that the building was constructed during the 1960s. The 1970 map depicts a large rectangular building filling the entire plot. This large building abuts a small building to the south-west which is depicted on the 2nd Edition map. There is seemingly a slight gap however between the structure and that to the north-east. The building was subsequently demolished and the level plot utilised for parking.

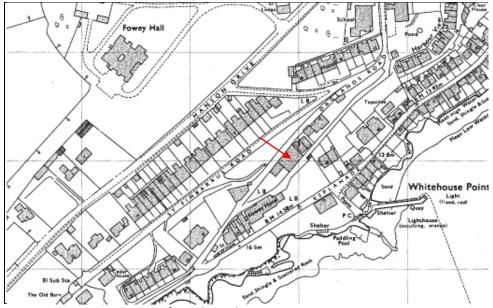


Figure 9: Extract from the Ordnance Survey Map 1970, 1:2500.

3.0 The Walkover Survey

The site comprises a roughly rectangular area c.18m×14m of concrete hardstanding currently used as the car park for the Fowey Hotel (Figures 10-11). It is situated between two 20th century buildings and is terraced into the hillside. Daglands Road runs along the northern boundary of the site, whilst an un-named track runs along the southern boundary.



Figure 10: Current layout of site seen from Daglands Road; viewed from the north-west Figure 11: Current layout of site seen from un-named road; viewed from the south (1m and 2m scales)

The site has been terraced into the natural bedrock (Figure 12) of the hillside to create a level platform on which the buildings along the lane have been constructed. The western site boundary wall (Figure 14) was constructed directly on top of the natural bedrock of coarsely faced angular slate blocks bonded by a concreted lime mortar. In places there is evidence of this wall being covered with a concrete render.



Figure 12: Detail of natural bedrock into which the site has been terraced; viewed from the east Figure 13: View of the western site boundary; viewed from the west (2m scale)

Several phases of construction are evident in the northern boundary with the main stone built wall fronted by a partially rendered large stone block lower portion, topped by a smaller stone built wall (Figure 15), extending to a height above the ground surface of Daglands Road. The western end of this boundary is partially fronted by a red brick and mortar facetted stone wall (Figure 14, which in turn is abutted by a modern breeze block retaining buttress (see Figure 16) which also abuts a return/former buttress of the western boundary wall (Figure 17). Evidence of a demolished former structure on the site can be seen in the form of a cut line in the northern site boundary wall, taking

the form of the outline of a pitched roof with metal supporting struts and possible slate tiling still partially protruding from the wall (see Figures 14 and 19).



Figure 14: View of the northern boundary showing partially rendered lower part; from the south (2m scale) Figure 15: View along northern site boundary; viewed from the east (2m scale)



Figure 16: View of the buttress at the western end of northern boundary; viewed from the south (2m scale) Figure 17: Detail of the north-western corner of the site, with modern retaining wall abutting earlier return of western boundary; viewed from the south-east



Figure 18: Detail of roof line cut into northern site boundary; viewed from the south Figure 19: View of the eastern site boundary; viewed from the west (2m scale)

The eastern site boundary can be seen to be constructed in a similar fashion to that of the western boundary, with a partially rendered coarse stone wall, with apparent repair or rebuild of the upper

portion and southern end (Figure 19). The lower part of the eastern boundary appears to be a return of the northern boundary, forming the eastern wall of a former structure. Set on top of this is an iron gutter, leading to an iron drain-pipe set mid-way along the eastern wall (Figure 20). This structural wall abuts a return of the main plot northern boundary. Visible behind both of these is the current red brick wall forming the western boundary of the adjacent property (Figure 21). At the southern end of this is a blocked doorway with single stone lintel (Figure 22) which may have formed a side entrance to the former building.



Figure 20: Detail of guttering of former structure, running along eastern wall; viewed from the south-west Figure 21: View of eastern boundary wall showing adjacent property boundary; viewed from the west

The site frontage currently opens on to a single track road at the southern boundary of the site, and is demarcated by a metal runner (Figure 22) leading to an upright timber post in the south-eastern corner, suggestive of a former gated entrance. The south-western corner of the site frontage is composed of a red brick wall (Figure 23) with pebble-dashed render on its southern elevation (Figure 24).







Figure 22: View of blocked doorway, and metal runner along site frontage; viewed from the west (2m scale)
Figure 23: View of red brick wall in south-western corner of site frontage; viewed from the north (2m scale)
Figure 24: View of western adjacent property boundary wall and pebble-dash rendering of site frontage; viewed from the south-east

A series of drainage channels are visible at the bases of both the northern (visible in Figure 15) and eastern (Figure 25) site boundaries, and are likely to run into the modern drains visible in the concrete surface of the site (visible in Figures 10 and 22).

The frontage along the un-named road to the west of the site comprises a wall of red brick (Figure 27), whilst to the east the wall has been constructed from stone (Figure 28). Distant viewing of the other buildings along the street suggest that none can be seen to show any real age, and it is likely that they all represent late 19th century or later construction and extension.



Figure 25: View of drainage channel along eastern site boundary; viewed from the west (1m scale) Figure 26: View along street frontage to west of site; viewed from the east.



Figure 27: View along street frontage to east of site; viewed from the south-east (2m scale)

The Daglands Road site forms a vacant plot of land, currently in use as a car park, but which is likely to have originally been terraced into the hillside as part of a series of streets and roads situated above the harbour and as part of the westward expansion of Fowey in the late 19th and early 20th century. The current condition of the site makes it difficult to ascertain the original date of this terracing, but it will have occurred prior to the construction of buildings present on the 1970 Ordnance Survey map. It is likely that the traces of building structure evident in the roof line and blocked doorway represent the remains of the same building, though it is possible that they form the remains of a subsequent replacement building.

4.0 Summary of Archaeological Potential

The proposed development site at Daglands Road lies within the medieval town of Fowey, approximately 100m north of the 14th and 15th century harbour with its medieval and post-medieval buildings. There are also known prehistoric findspots in the vicinity, and as such there is the potential for archaeological activity dating back to these periods to be present on the site.

The mapping evidence suggests that there may have been limited activity in the area surrounding the site before the late 19th century, and if the terracing of the hillside for the current street occurred in relation to the construction of the buildings shown on the 1908 OS map, it is likely that any previous archaeological remains will have been destroyed by this process. As a result the visible building remains are likely to represent this same phase of activity, or a later one. The cartographic sources suggest that this terracing occurred post-1907 and it is unlikely that the site will overlie earlier features or deposits.

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5.0 Conclusions

The proposed development site is located on the steep hillside overlooking the harbour of the town of Fowey, and has been terraced into the natural bedrock. There is evidence of prehistoric activity in the vicinity, though it was during the medieval period that Fowey came to prominence with significant development of the harbour and associated improvements to the town.

Daglands Road itself has little evidence for activity until the post-medieval period, when by the 1888 OS map the road had formerly been laid out. By the time of the 1907 OS 2nd edition map there is evidence for structures being present along Daglands Road, but not on the proposed development site. A building was constructed on the site c.1962-70 and subsequently demolished. Whether the structural remains on the site represent this building, or a later demolished structure, however, remains unclear.

It is important to note that this is not a visual impact assessment, and makes no attempt to quantify the potential effect of any proposed development on the setting of nearby and adjacent heritage assets.

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Appendix 1

HER Entries



Figure 28: Map plotting all the nearby heritage assets

Mon. ID	Site Name	Record	Notes
MCO40745	Fowey – modern pillbox	Extant structure	A pillbox to the west of the entrance of river
MCO40436	Fowey – modern pillbox	Extant structure	Site of WWII pillbox
MCO26715	Fowey- medieval blockhouse	Extant structure	A blockhouse on the bank of Fowey harbour
MCO42508	Fowey- modern gun emplacement	Demolished structure	This is the site of one of two six pounder gun emplacements on the western side of river
MCO46512	Fowey – post medieval summer house, modern observation point	Extant structure	A ruined summerhouse was also as a WWII observation point
MCO46511	Fowey – medieval landing point, post medieval landing point, modern promenade	Extant structure	A landing place with associated rock cut steps on the foreshore
MCO26711	Whitehouse Point – post medieval battery	Documentary evidence	The site of an eight gun battery of 1770 overlooking Whitehouse point
MCO46509	Fowey – modern swimming pool	Extant structure	A swimming pool/bathing seawater pool between the slipway and the town foreshore
MCO40437	Fowey – modern blockhouse, modern pillbox	Extant structure	A WWII pillbox is sited close to Polruan ferry landing slip on the Fowey River

MCO46507	Fowey – medieval slipway, post medieval slipway	Extant structure	A rock cut slipway with associated steps, can be found at this location. The slipway was modified in the C19th/C20th and is now eroded
MCO40437	Fowey – modern blockhouse	Extant structure	A WWII pillbox is sited close to the Polruan Ferry landing slip
MCO46505	Fowey – Post Medieval quay	Extant structure	A quay complex probably dating from the late C19 th or early C20th
MCO46504	Fowey – post medieval sea defences	Extant structure	Possible C19th sea wall survives along the waterfront
MCO26698	Polruan – medieval ferry terminal	Demolished structure	A ferry passage between Fowey and Polruan
MCO26708	Fowey – post medieval windmill	Extant structure	A windmill stands in the grounds of Fowey Hall
MCO40393	Windmill Camp- Modern military camp	Demolished structure	Site of Windmill US forces camp
MCO40394	Fowey- early medieval field boundary	Extant structure	Two parallel field boundaries of medieval or later origin are visible as low earthworks on AP
MCO40395	Fowey – early medieval extractive pit	Extant structure	Six large rectilinear hollows of uncertain date and function, possibly extractive pits are visible as low earthworks on aerial photographs
MCO53129	Fowey – post medieval school	Extant structure	Board school with schoolmasters house to the north, built in 1876-7
MCO53128	Fowey –post medieval school	Demolished structure	Site of a re-endowed Fowey Grammar school built in 1876. Transferred to county in 1920
MCO53130	Fowey – post medieval school	Extant structure	Board school for boys built 1898
MCO54329	Fowey – modern fire station	Extant structure	Fire Station, 2 place road, still survives but no longer in use as a fire station
MCO56988	Fowey, Cobbs Well – post medieval well	Extant structure	A well survives in good condition in the Cobbs Well area of Fowey
MCO26709	Fowey – Post medieval almshouse	Extant structure	C17 almshouses in Cob Lane
MCO56947	Fowey – medieval/ post medieval walls	Extant structure	The walls at Place House in Fowey are of C15 and C16 dater with C19 remodelling
MCO608	Fowey – Romano British findspot	Findspot	A Roman coin of Trajan was found near Place
MCO32983	Fowey – post medieval nonconformist chapel	Extant structure	United Methodist chapel
MCO46501	Fowey – post medieval slipway	Extant structure	C19th slipway and steps currently serving the Royal Fowey Yacht Club
MCO46502	Fowey – post medieval slipway	Extant structure	A slipway and rock cut steps
MCO46503	Fowey – medieval landing point	Extant structure	A rock ledge, possibly cut is sited here and used as a landing place for small craft
MCO55853	Fowey – modern armoury	Documentary evidence	The HQ's to the No. 2 works company, Cornwall (Fortress) R.E., THE Armoury was transferred from Polruan to Fowey
MCO14457	Fowey – medieval settlement	Documentary evidence	Fowey is first recorded as Fawi
MCO26706	Fowey – medieval / post medieval country house	Extant structure	Place is the Treffery family seat in Fowey, the first house was built on the site in 1260 by the stewards of the priory of Tywardreath
MCO6316	Fowey – medieval church	Extant structure	Fowey parish church is dedicated to St. Fimbarrus and the first institution to the vicarage is recorded in 1262
MCO15266	Fowey – medieval lann	Documentary evidence	Fowey church may be in the site of a Lann
MCO55851	Fowey – Modern war memorial	Extant structure	A granite war memorial, unveiled on April 17 th 1921
MCO10795	Fowey – medieval house/post medieval house	Extant structure	The ship inn formerly the residence of the Rashleigh family C15th house renovated in C16
MCO10796	Fowey – medieval house	Extant structure	No. 9 south street C15 building. C15 sherds, floor tiles and other objects found in a garderobe shaft in the building
MCO9941	Fowey – medieval chapel, medieval hall house, medieval guildhall, post medieval lock up	Extant structure	First floor hall, possibly originally a merchants house, later used as a guildhall, with cells to the basement undercroft, C15 or C16 with later

			remodelling
MCO54306	Fowey – post medieval market house, post medieval town hall	Extant structure	Town hall 1787 date stone
MCO4788	Fowey – post medieval quay	Extant structure	Fowey town quay was in use in 1892 as a
			loading point for china clay
MCO46514	Fowey – medieval quay, post medieval quay	Extant structure	Between the town quay and the Galleon is a
			built waterfront with possible medieval origins
MCO54407	Fowey – post medieval mechanics institute	Extant structure	Working men's club, town quay built in c1877
MCO46515	Fowey – medieval quay – post medieval quay	Extant structure	A built waterfront extends between the Gallion
			and the Old Quay House Hotel
MCO46517	Fowey – medieval quay – post medieval quay	Extant structure	A built waterfront extends between Old House
			Hotel to Fowey Harbour Office
MCO48533	Fowey – modern bank (financial)	Extant structure	A rendered building with neo classical detailing
			designed by Silvanus Trevail
MCO56990	Fowey Fore Street – C16 well	Extant structure	A well house has been recessed into the wall of
			a courtyard behind a house in Fowey the house
			has been dated to the late C16
MCO55852	Fowey – post medieval obelisk	Documentary	The site of a granite obelisk to commemorate
		evidence	the visit of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in
			1846
MCO46518	Fowey – medieval quay, post medieval quay	Extant structure	A built waterfront extends between Albert
			quay and the old customs house
MCO55850	Fowey – modern post office	Extant structure	The old house, now the post office which has
			been made famous by Sir Arthur Quiller Crouch
			in his novel 'The Mayor of Troy
MCO32984	Fowey – post medieval nonconformist chapel	Extant structure	Wesleyan chapel plus attached Sunday school,
			now converted to a house

Table 2: Table of nearby heritage assets



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