



Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record

Site Recording form



Site Name: Former Lidgeys Garage, Tregony Hill, Tregony, Cornwall	
Grid ref (10-fig): 19241 04484	OS Map No: OSGB36
Parish: Tregony	
Site Type: Groundworks in advance of residential development	
Period: Modern	Form: Monitoring and Recording event
<p>Description: Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Andrew Trendell of AJT Construction (the Client) during groundworks associated with the residential development of land formerly part of the Lidgeys Garage, Tregony Hill, Tregony, Cornwall. The work was carried out by P. Webb on 5th December 2016 in accordance with a WSI (Boyd 2016) drawn up in consultation with Charles Johns, Senior Development Officer (Historic Environment) (SDOHE), Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Tregony, 10km east of Truro, is a historic village on the east bank of the River Fal. The development site is located in the centre of the village, on the south side of Tregony Hill near its junction with Well and Fore Streets, and comprises a single plot formerly part of the Lidgeys coach garage, at a height of c.37m OD (see Figure 1). Much of the site was cleared and developed at the end of the 20th century, though the existing garage structure that occupies the plot was retained. The soils of this area are the well drained fine loamy and fine silty soils of the Denbigh 1 Association bordering the well drained fine loamy soils of the Denbigh 2 Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the sandstone and argillaceous rocks of the Portscatho Formation (BGS 2016). The site lies within a broad zone designated under the Cornwall Historic Landscape Characterisation as Settlement: older core; being the medieval core of the village (first recorded in 1049). No archaeological work has been undertaken on the site itself, but limited watching-briefs have been carried out in the surrounding area.</p> <p>The monitoring took place subsequent to the demolition of the garage building and comprised an initial site strip of a rectangular area measuring 11m x 5m. This was followed by the deeper excavation of four linear foundation footing trenches measuring 5m-11m long and 0.9m-1.2m wide, around the edges of the plot. Excavation was carried out by mechanical excavator using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision to an initial depth of c.0.40m, this being the depth of formation. The foundation trenches were excavated a further c.0.50m. The stratigraphy of the site was heavily disturbed by the construction of the 20th century garage structure {001}, though the external stratigraphy comprises buried soil (006), mid-dark brown-grey soft-friable clay silt 0.05-0.21m thick; overlying subsoil (007), light grey-brown soft-friable silt-clay 0.10m thick; and the natural (008), brown-yellow silt-stone within yellow-brown soft-friable clay-silt. Differing areas of concrete surfacing (004) and (009) were identified to the west and east of the garage structure respectively, overlying these deposits.</p> <p>No significant archaeological features were identified on the site, the only remains relating to the construction of 20th century structures on the site, including the former concrete block-built garage structure {001} and {003} and its associated block-built inspection pit {002}. No finds were retained from the site, all those recovered comprising modern waste including plastic, metal and glass.</p> <p>Bibliography Boyd, N. 2016: <i>Former Lidgeys Garage, Tregony Hill, Tregony, Cornwall: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH Report No. THL16WSIv1. British Geological Survey 2016: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html [accessed 06.12.2016]. Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>	
Land Use (Area): Settlement	Land Use (Site): Domestic Property
Date of Site Visit: 06/12/16	
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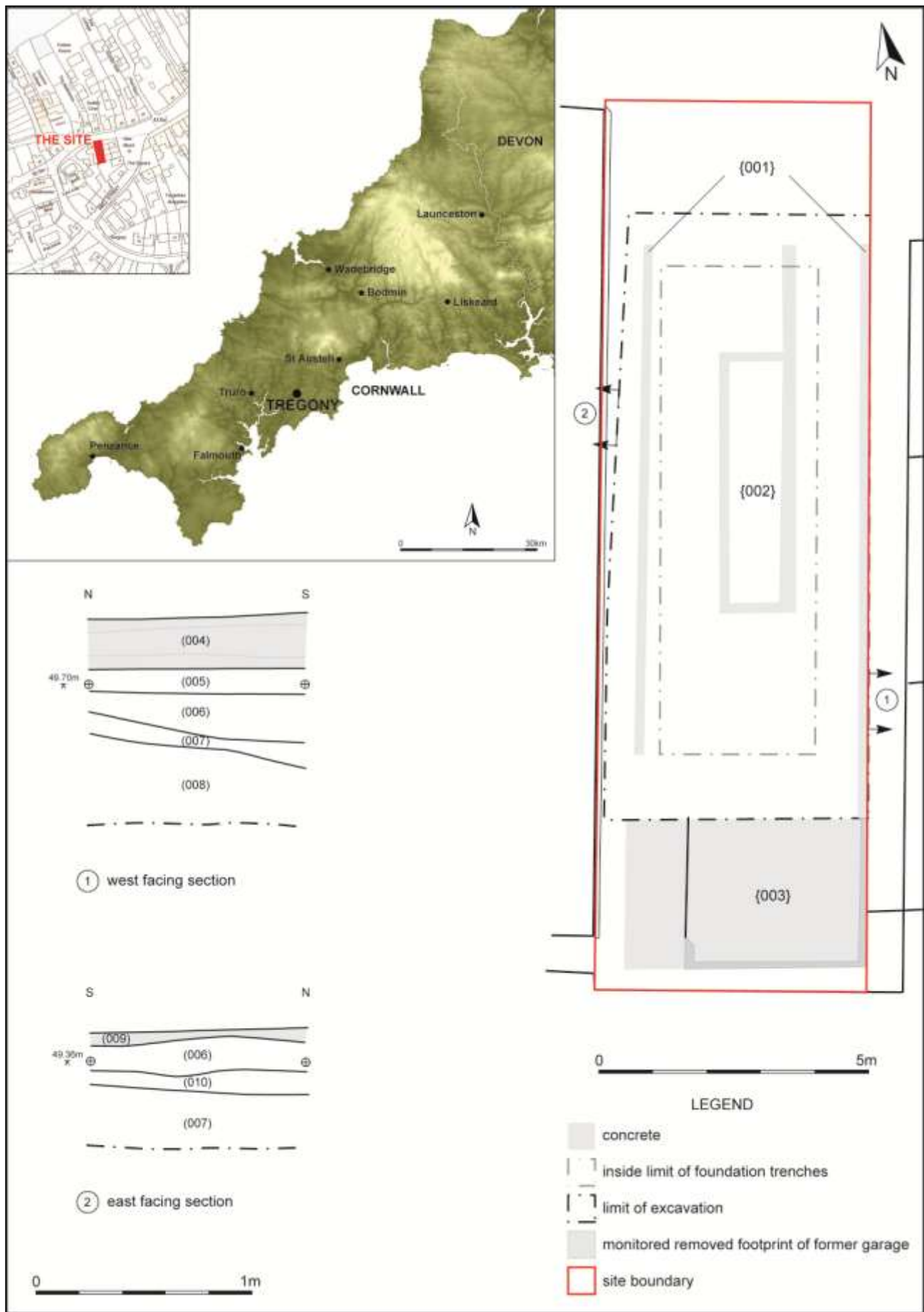


Figure 1: Site location and plan. Heights based on an arbitrary bench mark of 50m AOD.



Figure 2: The site, post initial strip; viewed from the south (1m & 2m scales).



Figure 3: West facing section of west foundation trench, oblique; viewed from the north-east (2m scale).