



# Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record

## Site Recording form



Site Name: Falmouth Golf Course, Falmouth, Cornwall	
Grid ref (10-fig): 17966 03108	OS Map No: OSGB36
Parish: Falmouth	OASIS No. Southwes1-264023
Site Type: Evaluation Trenching in advance of building construction	
Period: Modern	Form: Archaeological Evaluation
<p>Description: Archaeological evaluation trenching was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Mr Russell Dodge of Business Location Services Ltd. (the Agent) on behalf of D.C. Hughes (Falmouth) Ltd. (the Client) prior to the development of land formerly part of Falmouth Golf Course, Swanpool Road, Falmouth, Cornwall. The work was carried out in accordance with a WSI drawn up in consultation with Dan Ratcliffe (HEPAO as was), Cornwall Council. This is the final phase of work associated with the redevelopment of land associated with the golf course (see SWARCH Report No. 131007) Planning Application Number C1/EA02/0075/09/M.</p> <p>The site lies on the south edge of Falmouth at Falmouth Golf Club, along Swanpool Road, at a height of c.45m AOD and c.620m from the coast. Previous archaeological assessments of the site include one in 2008 by Cornwall County Councils Historic Environment Service (HEP2008:R123) and monitoring and recording conducted by SWARCH in 2013 (SWARCH Report No.: 131007). These earlier reports inform us that the surrounding area includes medieval farmsteads and field systems and the golf course includes World War II defences including the footings of a barrage balloon. A small amount of Bronze Age pottery was recovered from the topsoil elsewhere on the Golf Course. The soils of this area are the well drained fine loamy soils of the Denbigh 2 Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the sandstone and argillaceous rocks of the Portscatho Formation (BGS 2017). The site lies in an area of medieval farmsteads to the north of <i>Pennance</i>; a Cornish place-name meaning 'head of the valley'. See afore mentioned previous reports for further historical/archaeological background. No significant archaeological features were identified on the site.</p> <p>The Evaluation took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. It was carried out by mechanical excavator using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision to the depth of <i>in situ</i> weathered natural. Five trenches, each 1.50m wide and totalling 180m in length were excavated (Figure 1). Three linear ditches were identified; one undated ditch and two ditches associated with an historic Cornish hedgebank that could still be seen as an earthwork during the evaluation. Services for water and drainage were also encountered and two trenches were not excavated due to being part of the active golf course.</p> <p>The stratigraphy of the site, from top to bottom, was comprised of; Topsoil, a mid brown-grey, friable clay-silt loam with occasional grit and small stones (0.23-0.30m thick); Subsoil, a mid brown-yellow, friable clay-silt (0.10-0.26m thick); in Trench 2, Colluvium, a mid-grey-brown, soft-firm silt-clay, which filled a slight coombe (&lt;0.33m thick); and Natural, a pinkish- brown and yellow, compact clay and shillet with occasional gravels (Figure 2).</p> <p>Ditch [103] (Figures 1, 2 and 3), linear aligned north-east by south-west, moderately sloping sides with a sharp concave break of slope to a flat base (0.94m wide and 0.20m deep) with a single fill; (104), a mid-dark yellow-grey, friable clay-silt with very occasional small shillet fragments. Although undated Ditch [103] would have aligned with a boundary immediately south of <i>Trelegra</i> farmstead to the west of the site and it is probably an earlier removed part of the extant field system.</p> <p>Ditches [204] and [206] (Figures 1, 2 and 4), linears aligned north-east by south-west with gentle-moderately sloping sides, sharp concave break of slope and a flat base (2.34m wide and 0.20m deep; and 1.40m wide and 0.14m deep respectively) with single fills; (205) and (207), light-mid yellow-brown, friable clay-silt with occasional charcoal flecks and shillet stones. The ditches flanked a demolished stone lined bank of which some remnants survived; bank material (208) and stone faces {209} and {210}. This Cornish hedgebank was depicted on the 1843 Budock tithe map and 1880 Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition map, but was absent from the 1935 Ordnance Survey 2<sup>nd</sup> edition map.</p> <p>No finds were retained from the site, all those recovered comprising post-medieval (probable 19<sup>th</sup> century) and modern pottery, glass, CBM and small fragments of slag. The majority of material was white refined earthen ware and occasional 19<sup>th</sup> century coarsewares, including from Ditches [204] and [206].</p> <p>No significant archaeological features were identified on the site.</p>	
Land Use (Area): Agricultural/Settlement/Coastal	Land Use (Site): Golf Course
Date of Site Visit: 03-04/04/17	
Recorder's name, address and phone number: J. Bampton, South West Archaeology Ltd., Hacche Lane Business Park, Pathfields Business Park, South Molton, Devon, EX36 3LH	

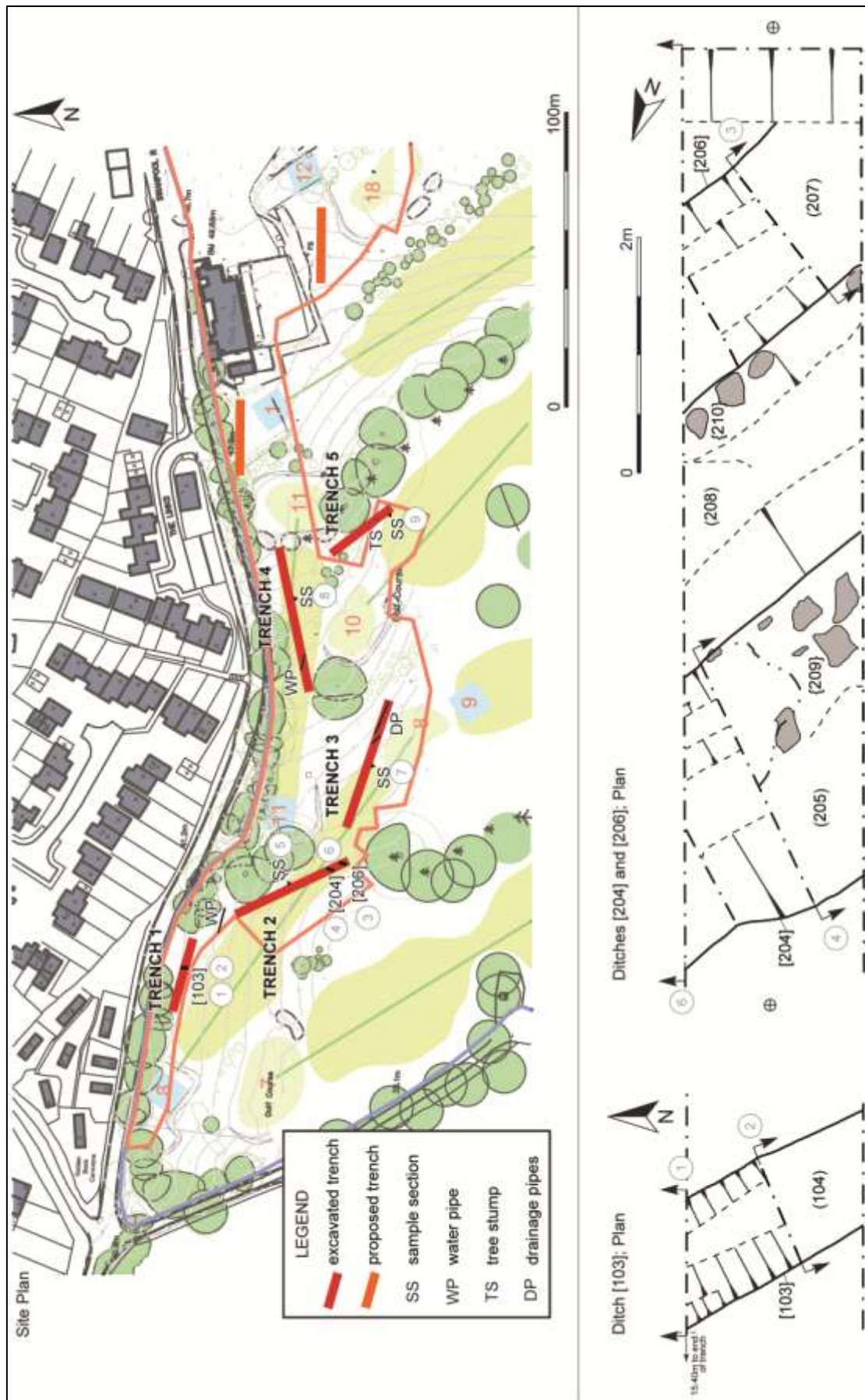


FIGURE 1: SITE PLAN AND FEATURE PLANS, INCLUDING SECTION NUMBERS.

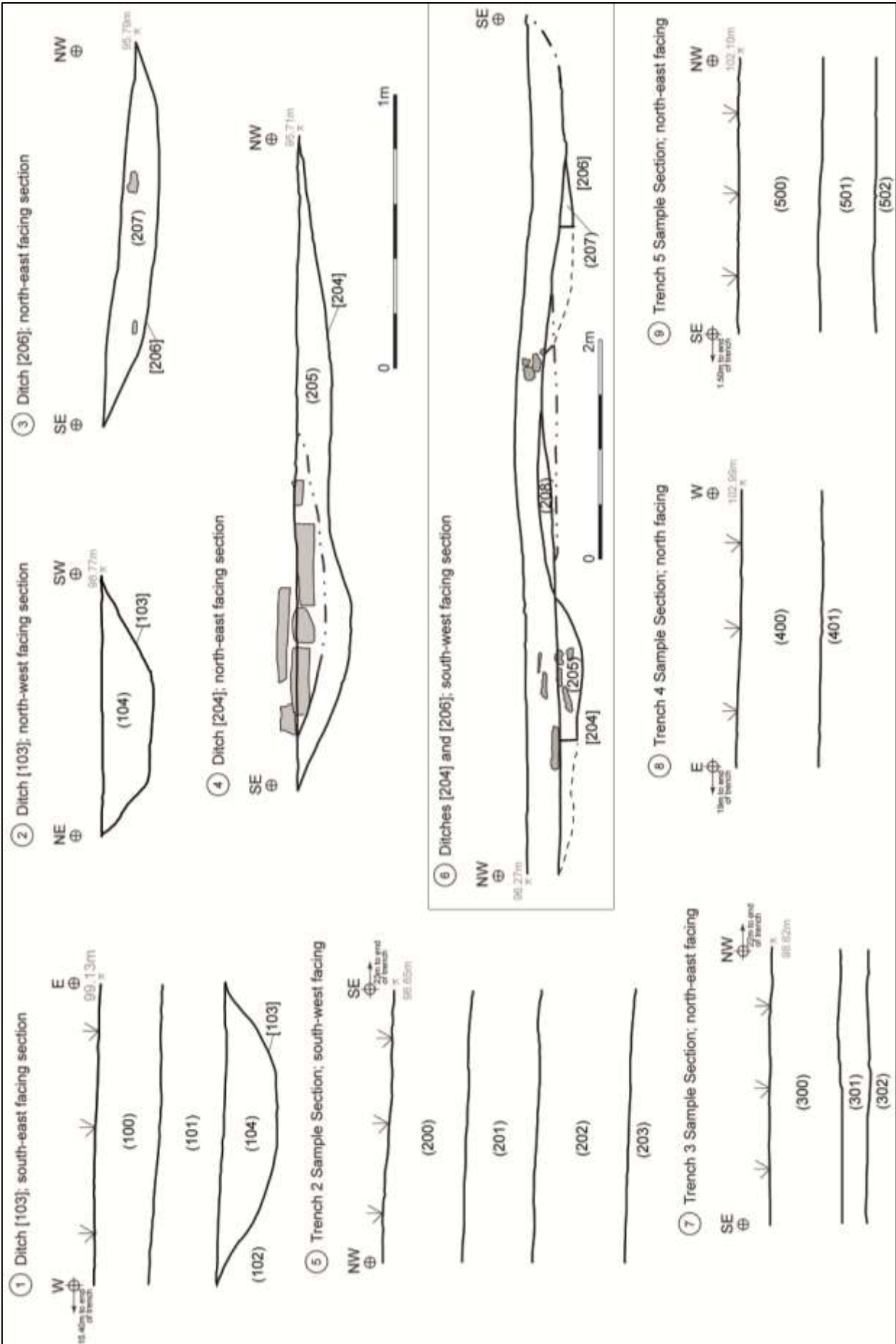


FIGURE 2: SITE SECTION DRAWINGS. HEIGHTS BASED ON AN ARBITRARY BENCH MARK OF 100M AOD.



FIGURE 3: DITCH [103]; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 4: DITCHES [204] AND [206]; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (2M SCALE).



FIGURE 5: TRENCH 3 POST-EXCITATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALE).