

## **Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record Site Recording form**



Site Name: Camping Site Lanveans, Cleavelands, Bude	Planning Application No.: PA17/04301
<b>Grid ref (10-fig):</b> SS 21897 05824	OS Map No: OSGB36
Parish: Bude-Stratton	OASIS No.: southwes1-289896

Site Type: Drainage Inspection test-pits, in advance of proposed residential development.

Period: Undated, likely medieval or later Form: Monitoring and Recording event

**Description:** Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Hugh Beswetherick (the Client) during groundworks associated with the excavation of two drainage inspection test pits at the Camping Site Lanveans, Cleavelands, Bude, Cornwall. The work was carried out by S. Walls on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in accordance with ClfA guidelines and in consultation with Phil Copleston, Senior Development Officer, Historic Environment, (SDOHE), Cornwall Council and Nick Russell, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic England.

The site is to the immediate north of a Scheduled Ancient Monument known as "Moated site 415m west of Binhamy Farm" (NHLE no. 1004655). The site is located at c.40m (AOD), well-drained fine loamy soils of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983), overlying Sandstones of the Bude Formation (BGS 2017).

Previous archaeological monitoring of a cable trench within the proposal area by AC Archaeology has revealed the presence of a metalled trackway, which likely formed the access route into the moat, as well as a small number of undated pits and ditches. A layer of demolition material which included medieval ridge tile and early post-medieval pottery was also recovered (Rainbird 2015). The site and its close relationship with the medieval moated manor have high archaeological potential.

Two rectangular test pits measuring 2m x 0.4m were excavated to a depth of 2m with a machine fitted with a toothed bucket. These revealed that the site stratigraphy varied between the eastern and western sides of the track, suggesting slightly different formation processes/uses. The area to the west of the track (Test Pit 1) revealed a c.0.4m clean reddish-brown clayey silt (101), overlying a light brownish yellow silty clay natural (102). Test Pit 2 revealed a similar c.0.4m depth of topsoil, but it was a dark brown clayey silt (103), with occasional small slate fragments (c.50mm diameter), rare charcoal flecks and occasional to common sub-angular stones (c.80mm diameter). This overlay natural as noted in Test Pit 1.

A single archaeological feature was noted in section in Test Pit 2. This took the form of a narrow Ditch [104], with gentle u-shaped profile, c.0.4m wide and 0.2m deep. It appeared that Ditch [104] ran on a north-south alignment. It was filled with a red silty clay (105), with rare charcoal flecks. It does not appear that this feature was encountered within the AC pipe trench, which may suggest that the feature is actually a pit rather than ditch. However, given the limited scale of both interventions, it is impossible to be certain if the feature relates to any of those previously encountered.

No artefacts were recovered from the two test-pits, although it was noted that the topsoil in the eastern part of the site contained occasional small roof slate fragments.

## **Bibliography**

BGS (British Geological Society) 2017: Geology of Britain Viewer.

http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer\_google/googleviewer.html

Rainbird, P. 2015: Land at Binhamy Farm, Bude, Cornwall: Results of an archaeological watching brief. AC Archaeology Report: ACD1041/2/0. SSEW (Soil Survey of England and Wales) 1983: Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales (a brief explanation of the constituent soil associations).

Land Use (Area): Residential

Land Use (Site): Agricultural waste, campsite

Date of Site Visit: 29/06/17

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Figure 1: Location plan showing the location of the test pits and the 2015 pipe trench. The photograph and illustion of the south facing section of Test Pit 2 (2m scale) are also shown.