



Site Name: Land at Predannack, Fradgan Place, Newlyn, Cornwall	Planning Ref: PA17/04433
Grid ref (10-fig): SW 46240 28751	OS Map No: OSGB36
Parish: Newlyn	OASIS Ref: Southwes1_293398
Site Type: Domestic garden	
Period: Undated / Modern	Form: Archaeological monitoring and recording event

Description: Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Robert Fuller (the Client) during groundworks associated with the construction of a single dwelling on land at Predannack, Fradgan Place, Newlyn, Cornwall. The work was carried out by P.Webb between 12th and 18th September 2017 in accordance with a WSI (Boyd 2017) drawn up in consultation in accordance with a brief issued by Sean Taylor, Senior Development Officer, Historic Environment (SDOHE) Cornwall Council.

The site is located in the centre of Newlyn, about 200m south of the crossroads at Newlyn Bridge and 25m east of the road to Land's End (B3315) in Chywoone Hill, at a height of approximately 25m AOD. The soils of this area are the well drained fine loamy and fine silty soils of the Denbigh 1 Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the Hornsfeld slate and siltstone of the Mylor Slate Formation (BGS 2017). The site forms part of a large garden south-west of No. 8 Fradgan Place and contains a concrete block outbuilding and footprint of a removed greenhouse structure. The site is within an area characterised by the Historic Landscape Characterisation as part of Newlyn's 'older core' now part of the Newlyn Conservation Area (CA), whose western boundary follows the south-western and south-eastern boundaries of the site. No intrusive archaeological works are recorded within Newlyn, though the CA has a detailed assessment. The site is adjacent to the post-medieval cobble road (MCO56784) at Fradgan Place, which is flanked by terraces containing several Grade II Listed Buildings (DCO11096, DCO11097, DCO12166, DCO12167, and DCO12832). The 1840 title award indicates that the site lay within orchard on the edge of the settlement.

The groundworks comprised the strip of a roughly rectangular area orientated approximately north-east to south-west, measuring 18m×14m. Excavation was carried out by mechanical excavator using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision to the depth of weathered natural, up to 1m deep. The stratigraphy of the site comprised topsoil (001), dark brown soft friable silt c.0.45m thick; overlying lower topsoil (010), mid brown soft friable silt-clay up to c.0.33m thick; a subsoil (014), mid orange-brown friable-soft silt clay c.0.20-0.30m thick; and the natural (015), a mid brown-yellow friable-soft silt-clay.

The only features that were identified related to a terrace cut [012] for the former greenhouse, on a north-east to south-west alignment measuring 12.5m×5.5m and 0.5m deep; and an area of disturbed ground (013) associated with the construction of a garden path and modern drain [016].

Finds: A relatively small assemblage of finds was recovered from the site, all from the topsoil (001) and lower topsoil (010). Topsoil (001) included: 11x sherds (353g) of 19th century industrial wares; 1x fragment (4g) of clay pipe stem and 1x fragment (6g) of bone. Lower topsoil (010) included 13x sherds (262g) of 18th-19th century refined redwares. The articulated remains of a cat and a dog burial were identified within (010) during excavations, these were retained on site for re-burial.

Conclusion: No features of archaeological interest were identified during the works, the finds and stratigraphy indicating a build-up of soils associated with the post-medieval and modern use of the area as an orchard and latterly as a garden.

Bibliography:

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Land Use (Area): Settlement	Land Use (Site): Domestic garden to become Domestic Property
Date of Site Visit: 12-18/09/17	

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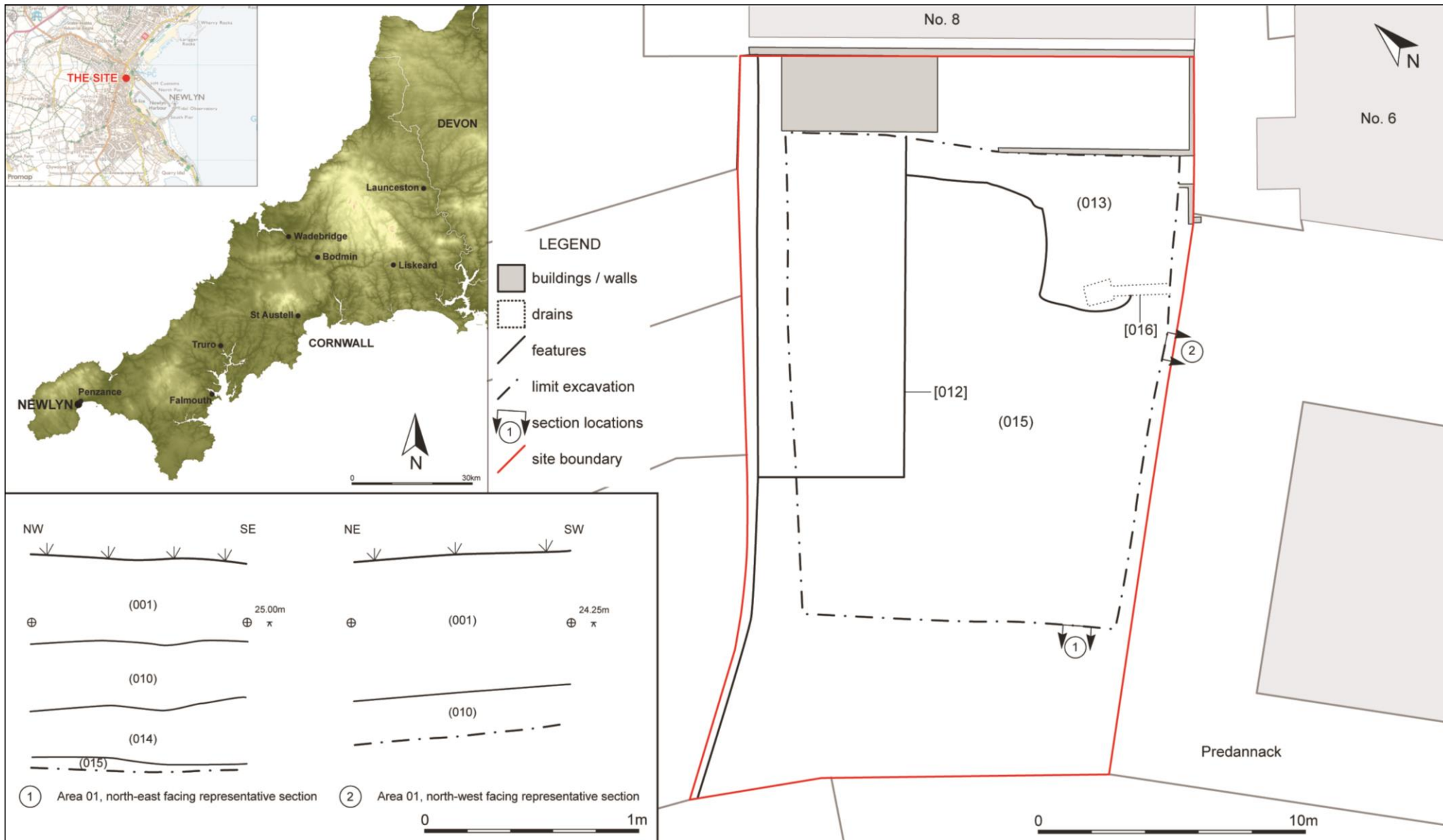


Figure 1: Site location, plan and sections. Levels based on an arbitrary TBM of 25m AOD.

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Figure 2: Area 1 post-excitation; viewed from the east (1m & 2m scales).



Figure 3: Area 01 north-east facing section; viewed from the north-east (2m scale).