

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Broadhembury, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 07676 06026	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording during the installation of an underground 2000 litre LPG Gas tank at Budleigh Cottage, Kerswell.		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 19/0021/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM)	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-345935	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> KBB19	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) prior to the installation of an underground LPG gas tank in the garden of Budleigh Cottage, Kerswell, Broadhembury, Devon. The work was carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Boyd 2019) drawn up in consultation with the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site is located c.1km east of Dulford and c.2km north-west of Broadhembury on the western side of the square which forms the core of the village of Kerswell. The excavated area was located towards the southern boundary of the garden at a height of c.113m AOD. The soils of this area are the well-drained reddish coarse and fine loamy soils of the Newnham Association (SSEW 1983); overlying sedimentary sandstone of the Helsby Sandstone Formation (BGS 2018).</p> <p>Whilst no archaeological works appear to have been carried out in the immediate area prior to the works associated with this development, the site of the medieval Kerswell Priory, which is located c. 400m to the north-west, has been subject to archaeological assessment. Budleigh Cottage is a Grade II Listed building, and is likely one of the oldest surviving buildings within the village, dating to the late 16<sup>th</sup>/Early 17<sup>th</sup> Century.</p> <p>A small rectangular area, measuring c.3m x 4.2m was excavated by a machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket to the depth of the top of the natural. The excavated area was to be extended to a depth of c.1.5m following the completion of the archaeological monitoring.</p> <p>The excavations revealed c.0.3m thick topsoil (100) of soft mid-brown silt loam topsoil, with common roots (a tree had been removed to the north of the excavated area in the last few years). The topsoil overlay a 0.06m layer of bedding material (101), comprising predominantly black industrial clinker, rare brick/fired clay fragments and common sub-rounded to sub-angular stones. Deposit (101) directly overlay a natural (102) of firm red sand. Two features were noted cutting through the bedding layer and into the natural [103] and [105]. Both [103] and [105] were circular in plan, c.0.3m diameter, and contained loose to very soft dark grey-brown silt loam fills (104) and (106), which produced fragments of concrete. These were likely modern post-holes, and as such were not fully excavated, but the cuts [103] and [105] had vertical sides.</p> <p>A single sherd of white refined earthenware was recovered from the topsoil and discarded on site.</p> <p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p>The current garden to the south of Budleigh Cottage has seemingly been stripped historically, possibly for the formation of a yard area likely in the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century. This has removed any evidence for earlier archaeological remains or deposits. The level of the garden is identical to that of the road to the east, and in contrast to the garden of Rivendale House located east of the road, which is c.0.7m higher than the road.</p> <p><b>Bibliography</b></p> <p><b>Boyd, N.</b> 2019: <i>Budleigh Cottage, Kerswell, Broadhembury, East Devon, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH WSI no KBB19WSIv1.</p> <p><b>British Geological Survey</b> 2018: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. <a href="http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html">http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html</a></p> <p><b>Soil Survey of England and Wales</b> 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
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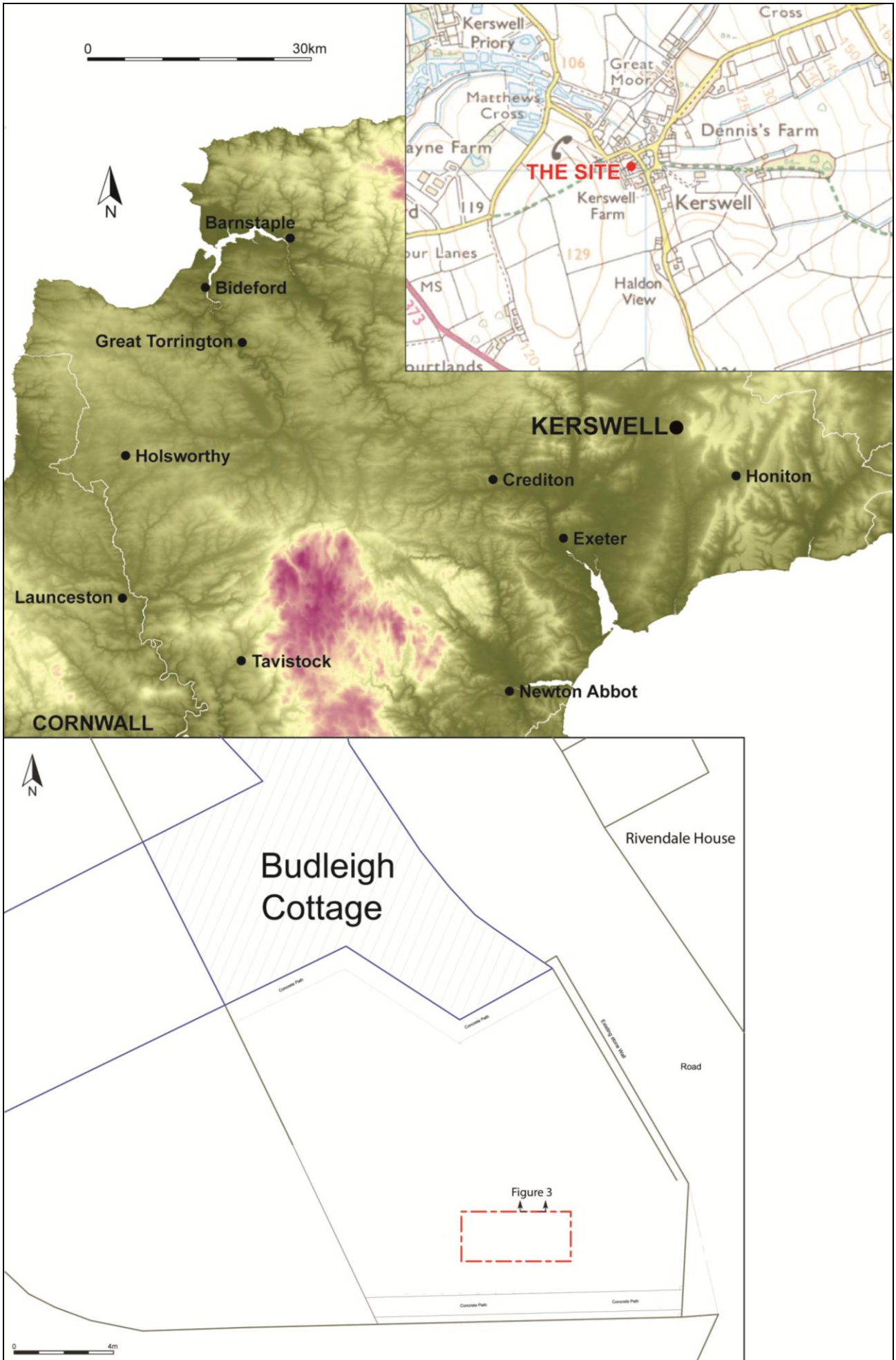


FIGURE 1: SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF EXCAVATED AREA.



FIGURE 2: POST-EX SHOT, VIEWED FROM THE WEST (NO SCALE).



FIGURE 3: SOUTH FACING SAMPLE SECTION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).