

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Clovelly, Torridge	National Grid Reference: SS 31246 23452	Number:
Subject: Archaeological evaluation pits at Dyke Green Farm, Clovelly, Devon.		Photo attached? Yes
Planning Application no: 1/0859/2018/FUL	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: southwes1-361590	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: CDG19	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 16 th October 2019	
Scheduled Monument Consent no.: SM32193		
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client as part of archaeological work before building works associated with the conversion of a garage/store into ancillary living accommodation with connection to the main dwelling and associated works, at Clovelly Dyke Green Farm, Clovelly, Devon. This work was carried out as a preliminary stage of works by S. Stevens on 16th October 2019 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2019) having been agreed during consultation with Historic England (HE) and Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site lies in the eastern part of the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Clovelly Dykes (No. 1018522), with earthworks immediately east, west and north. The site lies at an altitude of c.211m AOD. To the north-east, the ground slopes into a wooded valley, which carries a stream to a waterfall on the cliffs of Clovelly Bay. The soils are the well-drained fine loamy soils over rock of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983, which overlie the sedimentary sandstone of the Crackington Formation (BGS 2019).</p> <p>The site is located c.1.5km south of Clovelly. The farm lies on the B3237, with the A39 running east-west a few metres to the south. The site comprises a small area of ground between the garage and existing dwelling.</p> <p>A total of five evaluation pits, Pits 1-4 measuring 0.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m and Pit 5 measuring 0.4m wide x 0.26m deep; were excavated by hand to the depth required by the development and in accordance with the WSI. The stratigraphy of the site comprised topsoil (100), dark brown-grey friable-soft silt-clay 0.20m thick; overlying natural deposit (101), a mid-light red-yellow-brown compact clay-silt more than 0.50m thick, with frequent sub-rounded stone 5-10cm.</p> <p>No features were identified within the evaluation pits.</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>The results of the pits indicated that there was no archaeological deposits present as the modern concrete surface directly overlaid the natural, and no archaeological features or artefacts were encountered.</p> <p>Bibliography</p> <p>Boyd, N. 2019: <i>Dyke Green Farm, Higher Clovelly, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. CDG19.</p> <p>British Geological Survey 2018: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer google/googleviewer.html</p> <p>Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
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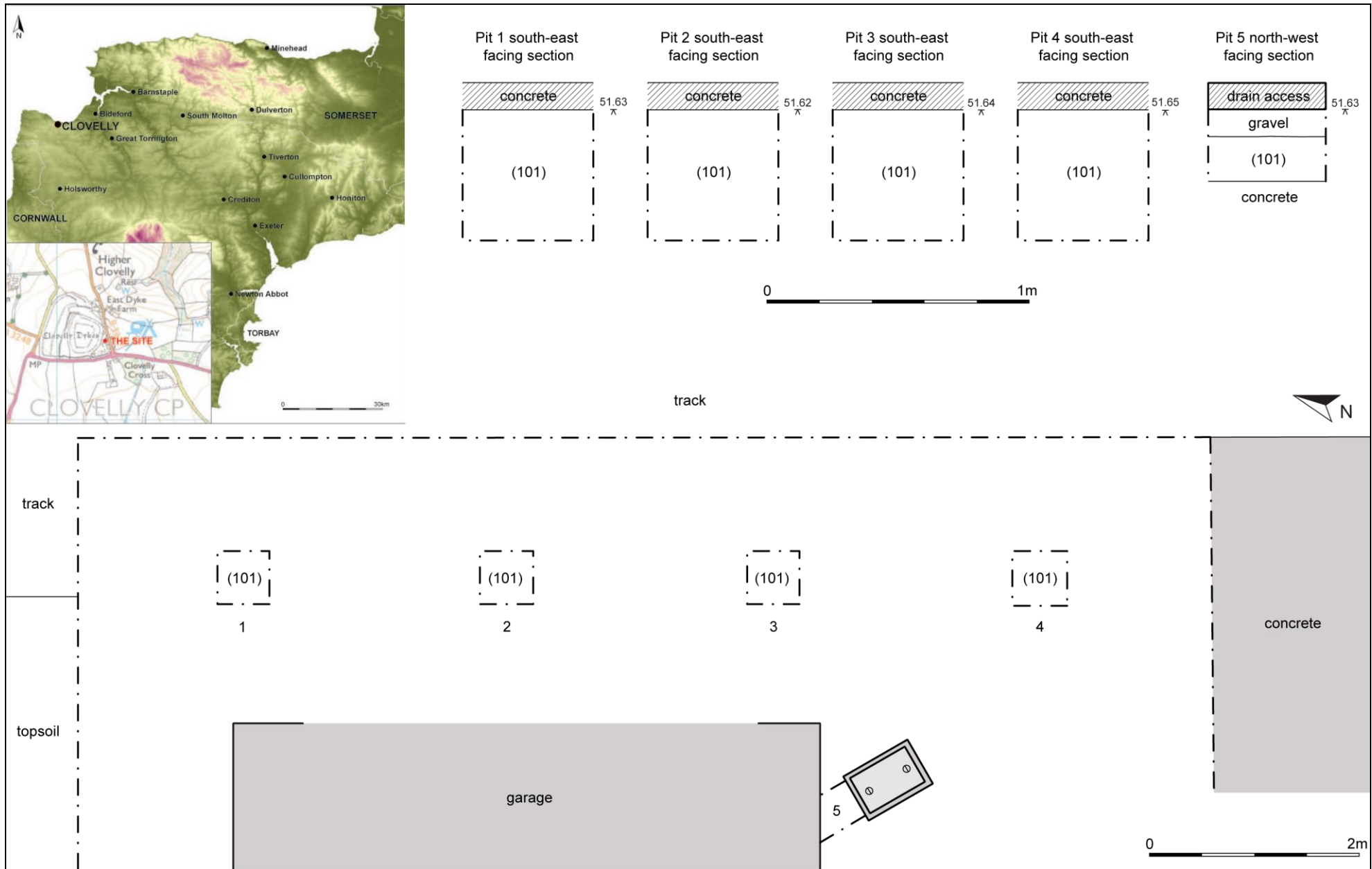


FIGURE 1: SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF EXCAVATED AREAS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES. HEIGHTS AT AN ARBITRARY TBM OF 50M AOD.



FIGURE 2: PITS 1-4 VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: PIT 5, SHOWING DRAIN ACCESS AND CONCRETE SURFACE BELOW (101); VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).