



# Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record

## Site Recording form



<b>Site Name:</b> Land Adjacent to Parkengear Farmhouse, Probus, Cornwall	<b>Planning Ref:</b> PA21/02336
<b>Grid ref (10-fig):</b> SW 90357 47355	<b>OS Map No:</b> OSGB36
<b>Parish:</b> Probus	<b>OASIS Ref:</b> southwes1-414175
<b>Site Type:</b> Garage/workshop plot	
<b>Period:</b> N/A	<b>Form:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording event
<p><b>Description:</b> Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client as part of foundation trenching works associated with a garage/workshop plot at Land Adjacent to Parkengear Farmhouse, Probus, Cornwall. The work was carried out by S. Stevens on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2021) drawn up in consultation with Cornwall County Council.</p> <p>The site lies at the southern end of Probus, just to the west of the A390 and on the edge of the built-up area. Archaeological excavations in the adjacent fields to the north and west of the site have recorded features of prehistoric and Romano-British (Rainbird <i>et al</i> 2017). The land to the west of the site is residential, but there is open agricultural land to the east. The site lies immediately north-west of Parkengear farmhouse. It stands on a gentle east-facing slope at an altitude of c.85m AOD. The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy soils over slate or slate rubble of the Denbigh 2 Association (SSEW 1983) which overlie the interbedded sandstones and argillaceous rocks of the Portscatho Formation (BGS 2021).</p> <p>An area measuring c.11.6mx6.5m was pre-marked out and foundation trenches were ready to be excavated by machine with a toothless grading bucket, starting with the north-west corner under archaeological supervision. The trench was machined to a depth of 0.80m and 0.70m width and was levelled to that depth throughout the trenches (Figure 1).</p> <p>The observed stratigraphy consisted of natural layers, due to the site previously being terraced for a tennis court, the historic ground level being more than c.2m above the surface of the site. Covering the proposed plot area and the surrounding area was a layer of modern aggregate approximately 0.10m thick. To the east of the site was a grassed parking/garden area, with topsoil (100) a mid-dark grey-brown soft-friable silty-soil, overlying natural (101), a light yellow-brown clay, with frequent small-medium stone; over the natural (102), a mid grey-brown clay, with frequent small-medium stone. This overlay a further natural layer (103), a light grey gritty shillet, with frequent small stone; overlying (104), very similar to (102), but slightly darker. The basal layer (105) was a natural mid grey-brown clay, with frequent small stones. No archaeological features were found; although any archaeology that may have once been present on the site would have been lost in the terrace cut for the former tennis court.</p> <p>No finds were recovered from layers revealed on site.</p> <p>Conclusion: Due to the nature of the site, it is very unlikely that any further archaeology will be discovered in the immediate vicinity of the site, as it was most likely machined away in previous works, and there is likely to only be natural under the topsoil in the immediate area.</p> <p><b>Bibliography:</b> <b>Boyd, N.</b> 2021: Land Adjacent to Parkengear Farmhouse, Probus, Cornwall Written Scheme of Investigation. SWARCH Report No.PPFG21WSiv1 <b>British Geological Survey</b> 2021: <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> <b>Rainbird, P., Pears, B., Pink, F. &amp; Valentin, J.</b> 2017: 'Archaeological Investigations of Romano-British settlements at Parkengear, Probus, Cornwall', <i>Cornish Archaeology</i> 56, 115-151. <b>Soil Survey of England and Wales</b> 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>	
<b>Land Use (Area):</b> Settlement	<b>Land Use (Site):</b> Residential
<b>Date of Site Visits:</b> 01.04.21	
<b>Recorder's name, address and telephone number:</b> S. Stevens, South West Archaeology Ltd., Hacche Lane Business Park, Pathfields Business Park, South Molton, Devon, EX36 3LH; 01769 573555.	

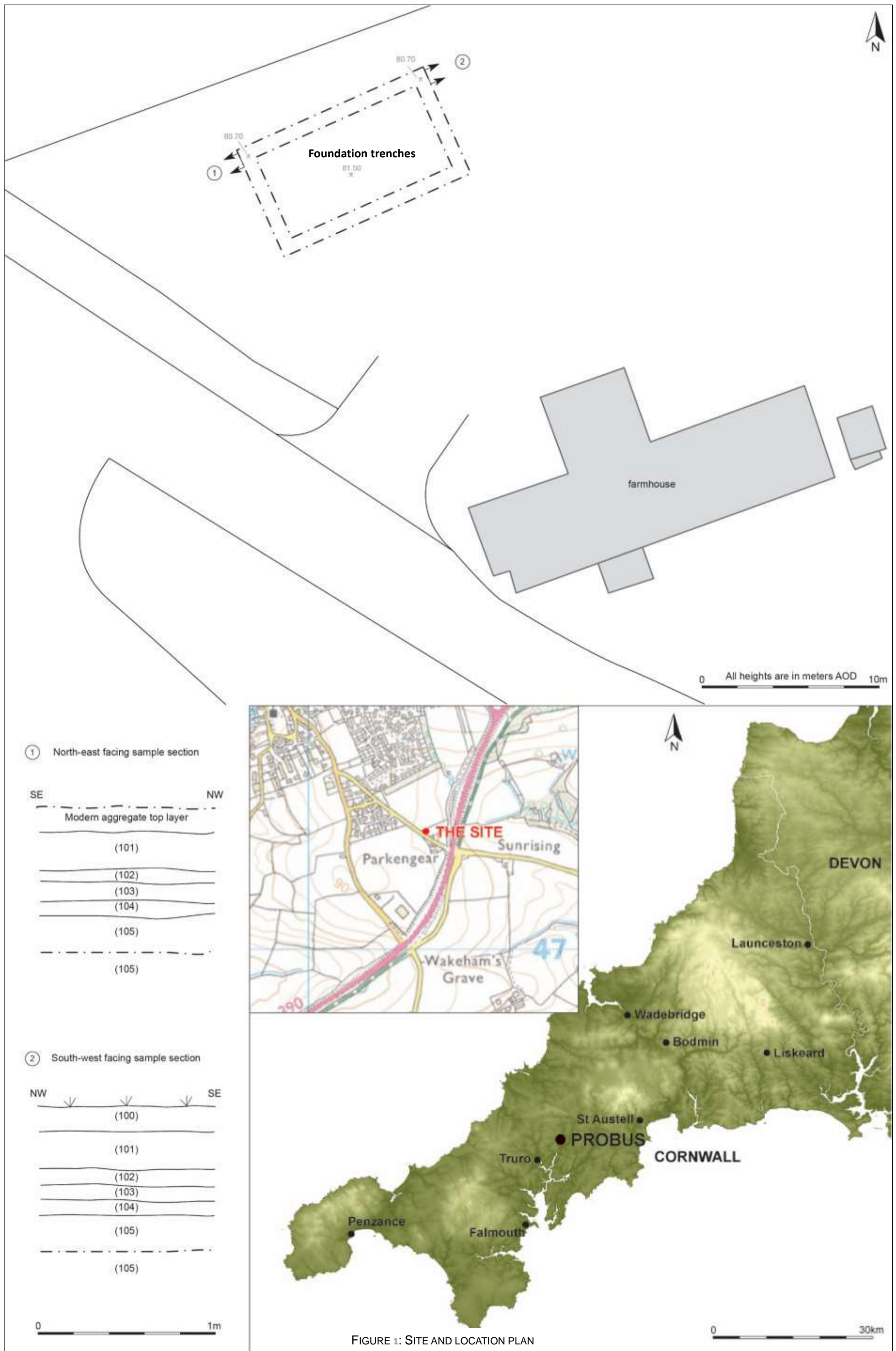


FIGURE 1: SITE AND LOCATION PLAN





FIGURE 2: NORTH-EAST FACING SAMPLE SECTION (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: PLAN OF FOUNDATION FOOTING TRENCH (1M SCALE).