

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Hartland, North Devon	National Grid Reference: SS 22167 19901	Number:
Subject: Archaeological Evaluation Trenching at None Go By, Welcombe, Hartland, Devon		Photo Attached?: Yes
Planning Reference: 1/1399/2021/FUL	Recipient Museum: Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
OASIS ID: southwes1-505666	Museum Accession Number: Pending	
Contractor's Reference: WNGB22	Dates Fieldwork Undertaken: 31.03.22	
<p>Description of Works</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation trenching was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client (the Client) as part of a planning application for the replacement of a single dwelling at None Go By, Welcombe, Hartland Devon. The evaluation was carried out by P. Webb on 22nd April 2022. This work was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2022) drawn up in consultation with the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET) in order to assess the potential impact of the development on any archaeological deposits which may be present.</p> <p>The site is located on land to the rear of the existing None Go By Cottage, c.0.2km south-east of South Hole, c.1.5km north-west of Welcombe, and c.6km south-west of Hartland (Figure 1). The site lies on the well-drained fine loamy soils over rock of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983) which overlies mudstone and siltstone of the Crackington Formation (BGS 2022) at a height of approximately 90m AOD. The site is situated within an area described on the Devon County Historic Landscape Characterization (HLC) as <i>Rough Ground: rough grazing ground, heathland or moorland that shows signs of earlier historical use as agricultural land</i>. The Devon and Dartmoor Historic Environment Record (HER) identifies the site as being within a largely medieval landscape containing field systems visible on aerial photographs and as four surviving lynchets (MDV103451 and MDV7127). Approximately 10m to the north of the property is the possible site of an early Christian cemetery (MDV41896); and approximately 50m to the north-east is the site of the former St Heligan's Chapel. The wider area is littered with evidence of the medieval settlement and agricultural practices of this area.</p> <p>Three trenches, each measuring c.1m wide and totalling c.23m were laid out by hand and opened by tracked mechanical excavator to a depth of between 0.10 and 0.45m, this being the depth of weathered natural, using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervisions. An additional fourth trench proposed across the access to the site was not excavated due to the presence of an existing septic tank and associated drainage, along with other services feeding the existing building. Exposed archaeological deposits were excavated by hand and in accordance with the WSI and ClfA guidelines. The stratigraphy varied slightly across the site: a mid-dark grey-brown soft slightly silt-loam-clay topsoil (100/200/300) 0.07m-0.20m thick covered the whole site, to the south-east at the southern end of trench 01 overlying subsoil (101), mid brown soft silt-clay up to 0.16m thick; to the south-west at the southern end of trench 03; subsoil (301), mid slightly brown-grey mottled soft clay up to 0.18m thick; and across the remainder of the site directly overlying the natural bedrock (103/201/302).</p> <p>A single feature, water pipe trench [104] was identified running north-east to south-west across the middle of trench 01, and containing an alkathene water pipe. This feature was not excavated. No archaeological features or deposits were identified during the evaluation, and no finds were recovered though modern glass was noted within the topsoil.</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>The archaeological evaluation identified that the area of the proposed new building has remained largely undeveloped, most recently forming a garden to the rear of the existing property, with derelict buildings and sections of boundary banks surviving to the south.</p> <p>Bibliography</p> <p>Boyd, N. 2022: <i>None Go By, Welcombe, Hartland, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH WSI No. WNGB22WSiv1.</p> <p>British Geological Survey 2022: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html [accessed 22.04.2022].</p> <p>Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
Recorder: P. Webb		Date Sent to HER: 25.04.22

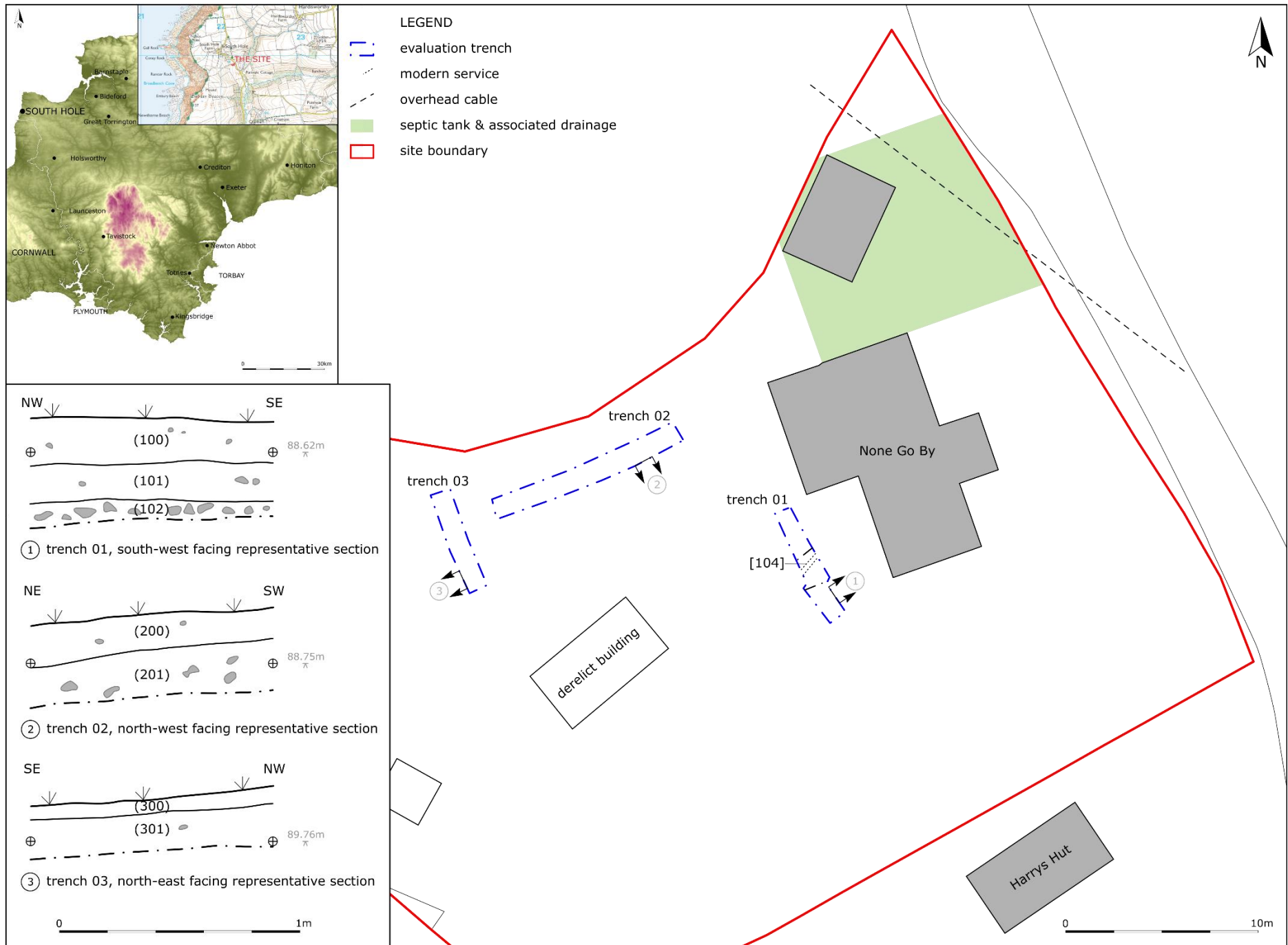


FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION, PLAN AND SECTIONS. HEIGHTS AT AOD.



FIGURE 2: VIEW ACROSS THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED NEW BUILD; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (NO SCALE).



FIGURE 3: TRENCH 01, POST-EXCAVATION SHOWING LIMITED DEPTH OF TOPSOIL ACROSS PARTS OF THE SITE; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).