

## Negative Watching Brief: Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Chiselborough, South Somerset	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 46749 14873	<b>Number:</b> 48633
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording of groundworks associated with the installation of a toilet at Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Chiselborough, Somerset		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Planning Application no:</b> n/a	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Museum of Somerset	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-519515	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> CCL23	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) during groundworks associated with a toilet installation at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Chiselborough, Somerset (Figure 1). This work took place at the request of the Parochial Church Council - PCC (the Client), and was carried out by S. Stevens on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Boyd 2023) and in consultation with the South West Heritage Trust (SWHT) and Dioecian Advisory Committee (DAC).</p> <p>The proposed site is located at the western end of Chiselborough village, within a D-shaped churchyard. The churchyard has residential housing to the east, rows of trees planted to the north, and agricultural and open countryside to the west and south. The site lies at c.37m AOD. The soils of the site are the deep well drained silty soils, some over soft rock of the South Petherton Association (SSEW 1983). The bedrock of the site is the sedimentary sandstone of the Bridport Sand Formation (BGS 2023).</p> <p>A single trench measuring 1m wide x c.7m long was excavated by machine and under archaeological supervision, running from the north-west corner of the church to the north-west, to a maximum depth of c.0.50m. The observed stratigraphy consisted of an homogenous mid-brown soft silt-clay topsoil (100), which was more than c.0.50m thick.</p> <p>Within the trench were two drains, a ceramic pipe appearing to be in current use, running from a downpipe in the exterior corner of the building and narrowly missing the trench, appearing in section at c.0.15m deep, and most likely running north-north-west (Figures 1 and 3). The second was a probable earlier drain, disturbed by the excavator, and running approximately west-south-west to east-north-east through the trench, lying at c.0.45m deep. It too was ceramic but of a denser material than that of the 'live' pipe, with a top and lower half, each having a 'v'-shaped profiles, laid in sections (Figures 1 and 2).</p> <p>No other archaeological features or deposits were identified and no finds were recovered from site.</p> <p><b>Bibliography.</b></p> <p>Boyd, N. 2023: <i>Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording at Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Chiselborough, Somerset.</i></p> <p>British Geological Survey 2023: <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>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 location, site plan and section.



Figure 2: Lower half of earlier drain, in situ; viewed from the north-east (1m scale).



Figure 3: South-west facing section of the trench and drains; viewed from the south-west (1m scale).



Figure 4: Trench plan post-excavation; viewed from the north-west (1m scale).



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