

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Tiverton	National Grid Reference 296117.111834	Number:
Subject: Monitoring and recording at Cranmore Cottage, Exeter Hill, Tiverton		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 08/01935/FULL	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: southwes1-62285.	Museum Accession no: 278/2009	
Contractor's reference number/code: Site code TCC09	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 8 th & 16 th October	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Background South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) was asked by Mr. F. Grant (the Client) to monitor the groundworks associated with the construction of an extension to Cranmore Cottage, Exeter Hill, Tiverton.</p> <p>Cranmore Cottage is located near the southern edge of Tiverton, halfway up the steep Exeter Hill road, on a gentle north-facing slope (see Fig. 1). The site is adjacent to Cranmore Castle, an Iron Age enclosure and Scheduled Ancient Monument (ref: 34256).</p> <p>Methodology The foundations of the proposed extension were excavated by a small tracked mechanical excavator using a 0.6m wide toothless grading bucket under strict archaeological supervision. Subsequently levels within the footprint of the extension were reduced. The monitoring was undertaken by B Morris in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Laing-Trengove 2009) drawn up in accordance with a brief issued by DCHES (Reed 2009).</p> <p>Results The foundation trench (see Fig. 2, Plate 1 & 2) was 0.6m wide and excavated to a depth of 0.7m below ground level (c.176.6m AOD). It cut through 0.06m of turf, 0.16m of dark greyish-brown clayey-silt topsoil (context 102) and up to 0.2m of firm reddish-brown clayey-silt (context 102). Context (102) contained common small sub-angular to sub-rounded stones, common charcoal flecks and a single sherd of 19th century stoneware. The natural subsoil was encountered at a depth of c.0.42m on the northern side, less on the (upslope) southern side. It varied between stony stiff reddish-brown clay-silt and clean mottled yellow silty-clay over mica-rich greenish siltstone bedrock of the Crackington Formation.</p> <p>The only features to be observed were the cut and fills of modern electricity or telephone cabling. The thickness of context (102) was greatest on the northern (downslope) side and is interpreted as a fairly recent levelling deposit. Subsequent level reduction within the footprint of the extension removed the only the turf.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
Recorder: B Morris, South West Archaeology	Date sent to HER: 13.01.10	

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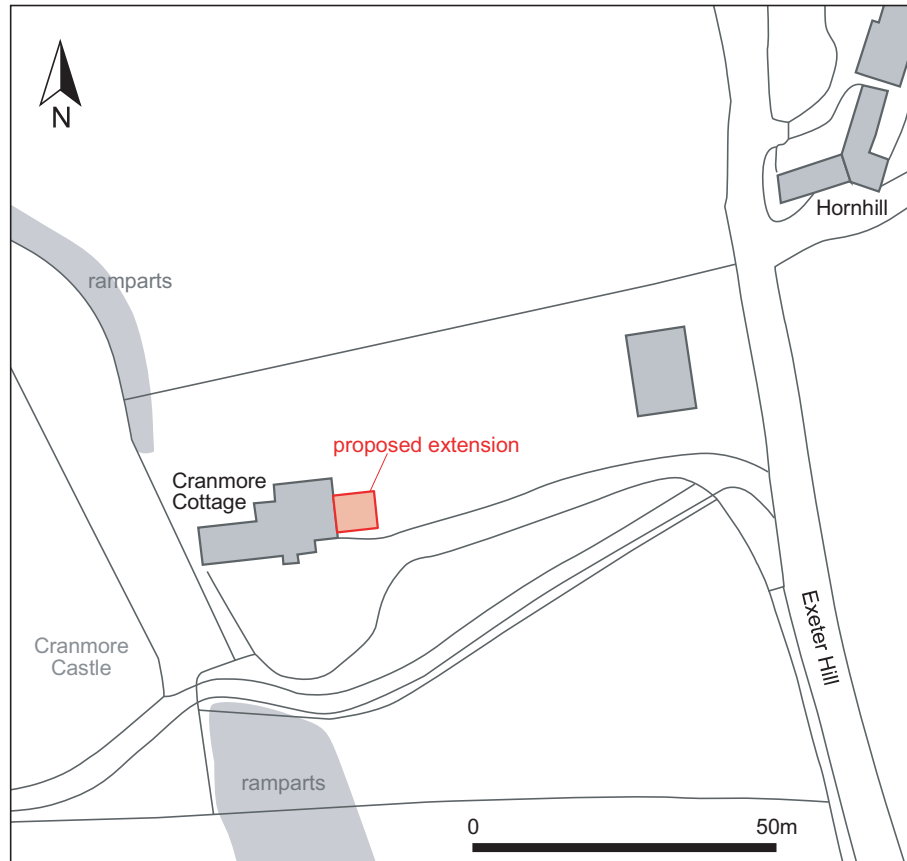


Fig. 1: Cranmore Cottage location map showing proposed extension.



Cranmore Cottage, Tiverton

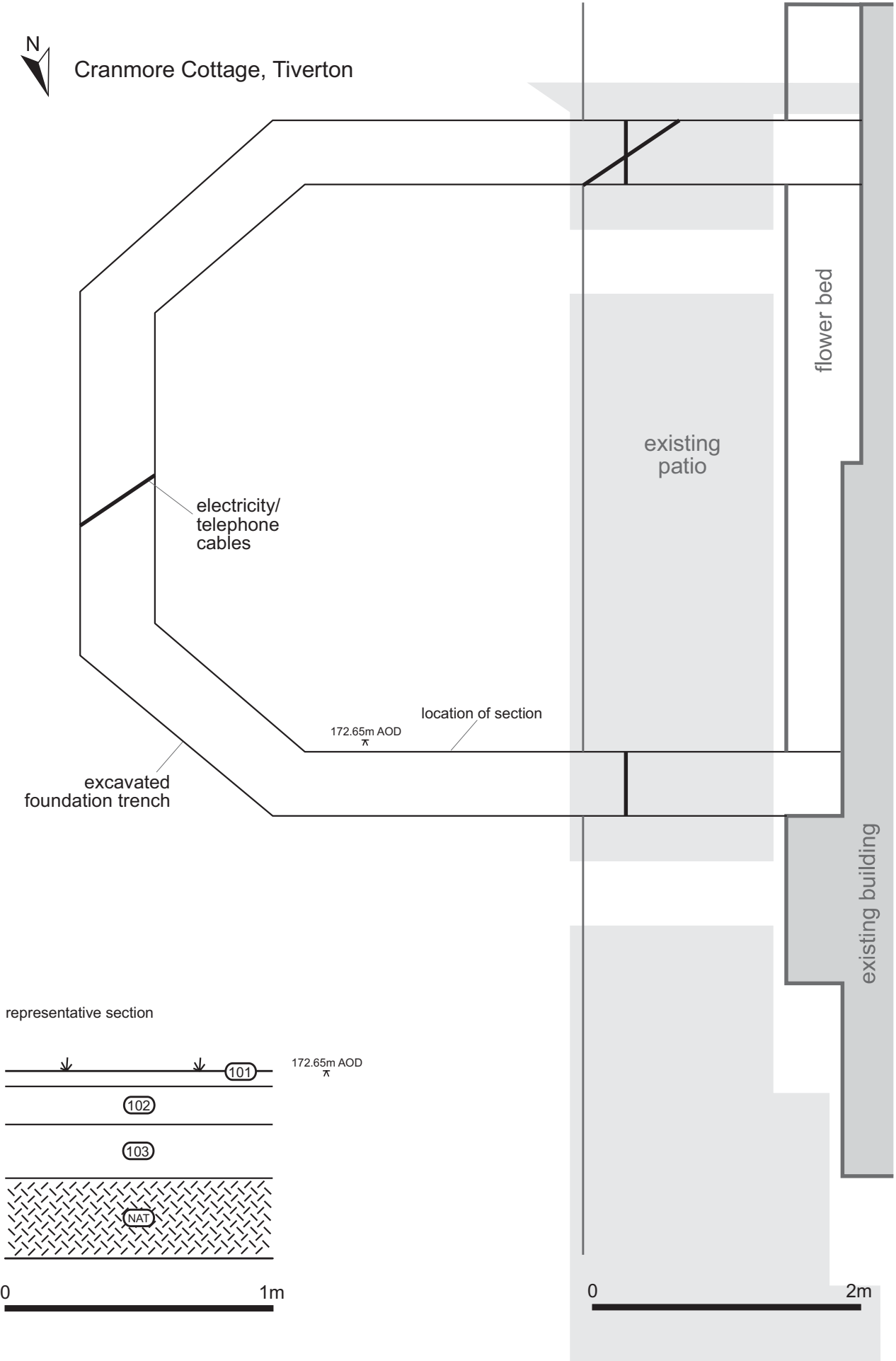


Fig. 2.: Cranmore Cottage site plan with representative section.



Plate 1: North-facing section of northern foundation trench (scale: 1m and 2m).



Plate 2: Level reduction within the footprint of extension (scale: 1m and 2m).