

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bideford, Torridge	National Grid Reference SS 46536 26458	Number:
Subject: Future residential development		Photo attached? Yes
Planning Application no: Pre-planning	Recipient museum: Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
OASIS ID: southwes1-95085	Museum Accession no: NDDMS 2011.7.	
Contractor's reference number/code: BMW11	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 25.02.11	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. at the request of Steven Sherry of Sherry Consultants (the agent) on behalf of Mr J.G. Taylor of Grenville Estates (the Client) in advance of residential development on the site at Manteo Way, East-the-Water, Bideford. The work was carried out in accordance with a Project Design approved by DCHES and the work was undertaken by S. Walls.</p> <p>A 59m long trench was excavated by a mechanical excavator using a 1.4m wide grading bucket under the careful supervision of S. Walls (Figure 1). The trench was positioned in order to bisect the area of a rectangular structure visible on 1930s Ordnance Survey maps. No evidence of the rectangular structure was identified within the trench.</p> <p>The topsoil (101) consisted of a dark-brown clay-silt up to 0.2m thick, it was relatively clean containing rare small stones (up to 0.05m) and charcoal fragments. This overlay (103) a 0.15m thick grey-brown silt-clay subsoil which contained occasional small stones (up to 0.05m) and charcoal smears. In the north-eastern portion of the site this deposit (103) overlay a thin (0.05m thick) yellow-grey deposit (106), containing flecks of charcoal and small gravel fragments (up to 0.03m), that extended for 25m from the north end of the trench before petering out to the south. This overlay the natural (102), a very clean yellow-brown clay-silt which contained occasional bands of gravel. Only a single feature was noted, a 0.5m wide linear [104] running north-east to south-west across the southern portion of the trench (Figure 1b). Linear [104] was filled by (105) a heterogeneous compact yellow clay with occasional small pieces of gravel and charcoal smears. Feature [104] was running towards the gateway to the south-west, and was most likely a modern service trench. There were no other features or deposits of archaeological note.</p> <p>The finds recovered were all from the topsoil and included 4x sherds of North Devon Ware (Post-Med), 1x sherd of North Devon Sgraffito (17th/18th century), 1x sherd of North Devon Slipware (18th century), 2x sherd of North Devon Ware (18th century), 12x sherds of white refined earthenware (post-1720) and 1x sherd of bone china (19th-20th century). Also recovered from the topsoil were 5x fragments of drain pipe, 1x small piece of slate, 1x brick fragment, 2x sherds of glass, an iron button and a golf ball.</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: S. Walls		Date sent to HER: 03.03.11

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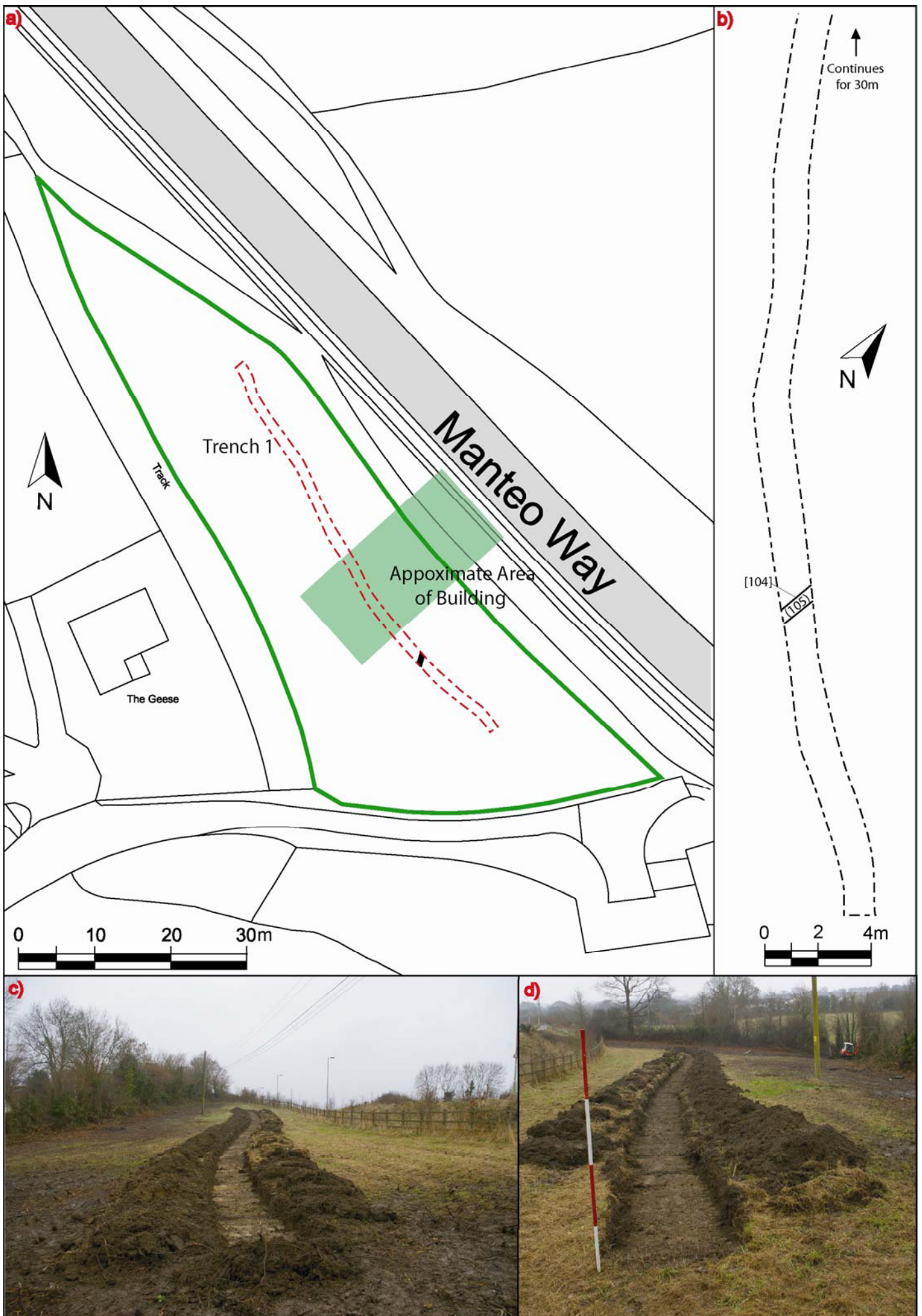


Figure 1: a) Location map of the trench. b) Plan of feature [104]. c) Photo of the trench from the south. d) Photo of the trench from the north (2m scale).