

BEDFORD SQUARE, TAVISTOCK, DEVON

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Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

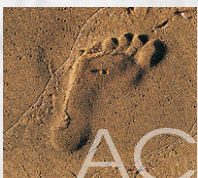
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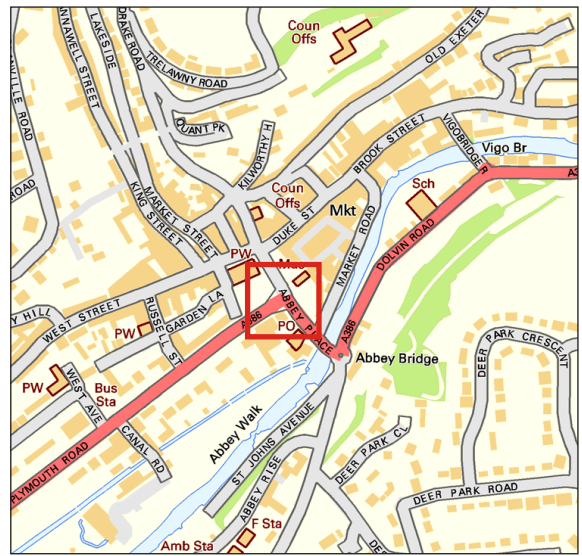
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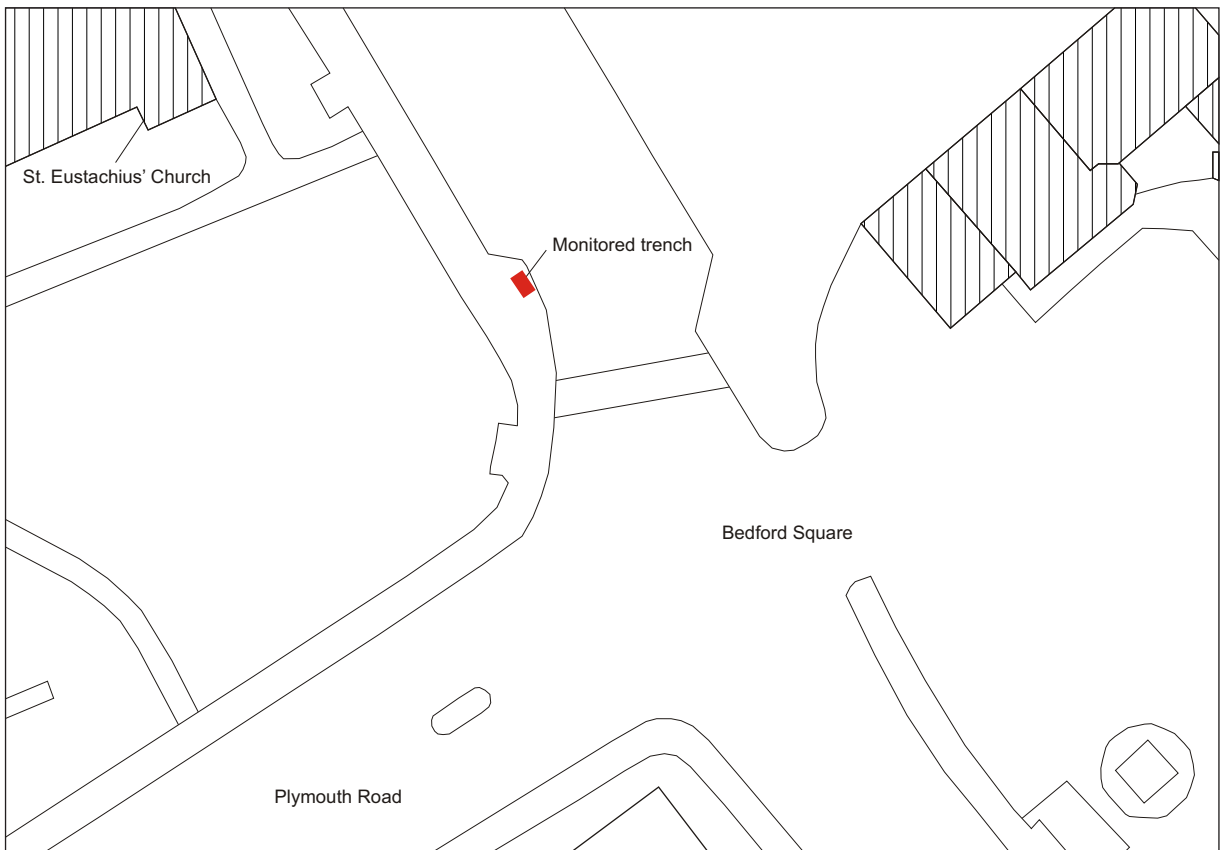
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<p>Introduction Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC Archaeology during emergency groundworks associated with the repair of a burst water main in Bedford Square, Tavistock, Devon (SX 48167 74403; Fig. 1)</p> <p>The site was on the located on the west site of Bedford Square on the junction with Plymouth Road and adjacent to Tavistock Parish Church of St Eustachius; a position that lay within the scheduled precinct of the former Tavistock Abbey (National Heritage List for England 1020401). Previous investigations carried out during the 1990s and associated with the construction of another water pipeline immediately to the north, exposed remains of structures that were considered to have been associated with the abbey. These included stone footings likely to have formed part of the abbey church as well as associated graves and surfaces.</p> <p>Description of works (Fig. 1; Plates 1-2) The monitored groundworks comprised the machine-excavation of a trench located within the pedestrian footpath. This measured 1.5m long, 1.m wide and was excavated onto the top of the existing water pipe at a depth of 0.95m below existing levels.</p> <p>The trench was excavated into the backfill of the existing service trench. This was overlain by a layer of stone chippings for a tarmac surface, later covered by the current flagstone pavement. The excavations were maintained within the existing service trench and therefore no archaeological features or deposits were exposed during the work.</p> <p>Discussion Despite the location of the emergency repair works as within the abbey precinct, the containment of the excavations within the limits of the exiting backfilled pipe trench meant that no pre-modern deposits were exposed.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site with monitored trench shown





Plate 1. View of monitored area, looking northwest towards St Eustachuis' Church



Plate 2. Showing monitored trench with water main exposed. View to south (scale 1m)

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