

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Peters Marland & Torridge	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 47802 13584	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Marland School, Peters Marland, Torridge, Devon		<b>Photo attached?</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> DCC/3559/2013	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-154628	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> NDDMS2013.30	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  C1/EVA/13/PMD	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  13 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out an archaeological evaluation at Marland School, Peters Marland, Torridge, Devon. The project was commissioned by Ravenslade Project Management (Development Partnering) and funded by NPS (South West) Ltd. The investigation was carried out in support of a planning application relating to the construction of a new sports hall. The work was advised by Ms Ann Dick (Archaeological Officer, Devon Historic Environment Service) as the proposed development is located adjacent to a site 'where early medieval pottery and features were exposed in evaluation trenches ... that may be associated with the medieval manorial complex'.</p> <p>The first phase of archaeological work comprised a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within a 200m radius of the Site. The data was assembled in a digitised pack and included historic map regression, incorporating Tithe and Ordnance Survey maps, and a review of a previous archaeological evaluation carried out in 2011 located 70m to the south of the present site.</p> <p>At the time of the investigation, the Site was utilised as a playing field (<b>Plates 1 &amp; 2</b>). The evaluation comprised the excavation of three machine excavated trial trenches, each measuring 8m x 1.6m. No archaeological evidence was encountered in any of the trenches and no artefacts were observed. A profile of the stratigraphic sequence of deposits was recorded in each trench (<b>Figure 1</b>) and these demonstrated that Trenches 1 and 2 contained a similar deposit sequence (<b>Plate 3</b>) while Trench 3 presented a change in the natural geology (<b>Plate 4</b>). The stratigraphic sequence consisted of:</p> <p><b>Trenches 1 and 2:</b>  0 – 0.15m Dark brown silty topsoil  0.15 – 0.4m Mid brown silty clay subsoil  0.4m+ Light brownish yellow stone and clay natural</p> <p><b>Trench 3:</b>  0 – 0.2m Dark brown silty topsoil  0.2 – 0.5m Mid brown silty clay subsoil  0.5m+ Clean light brownish yellow clay natural</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> Tara Fairclough  <b>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.</b>		<b>Date sent to HER:</b>  04/09/2013

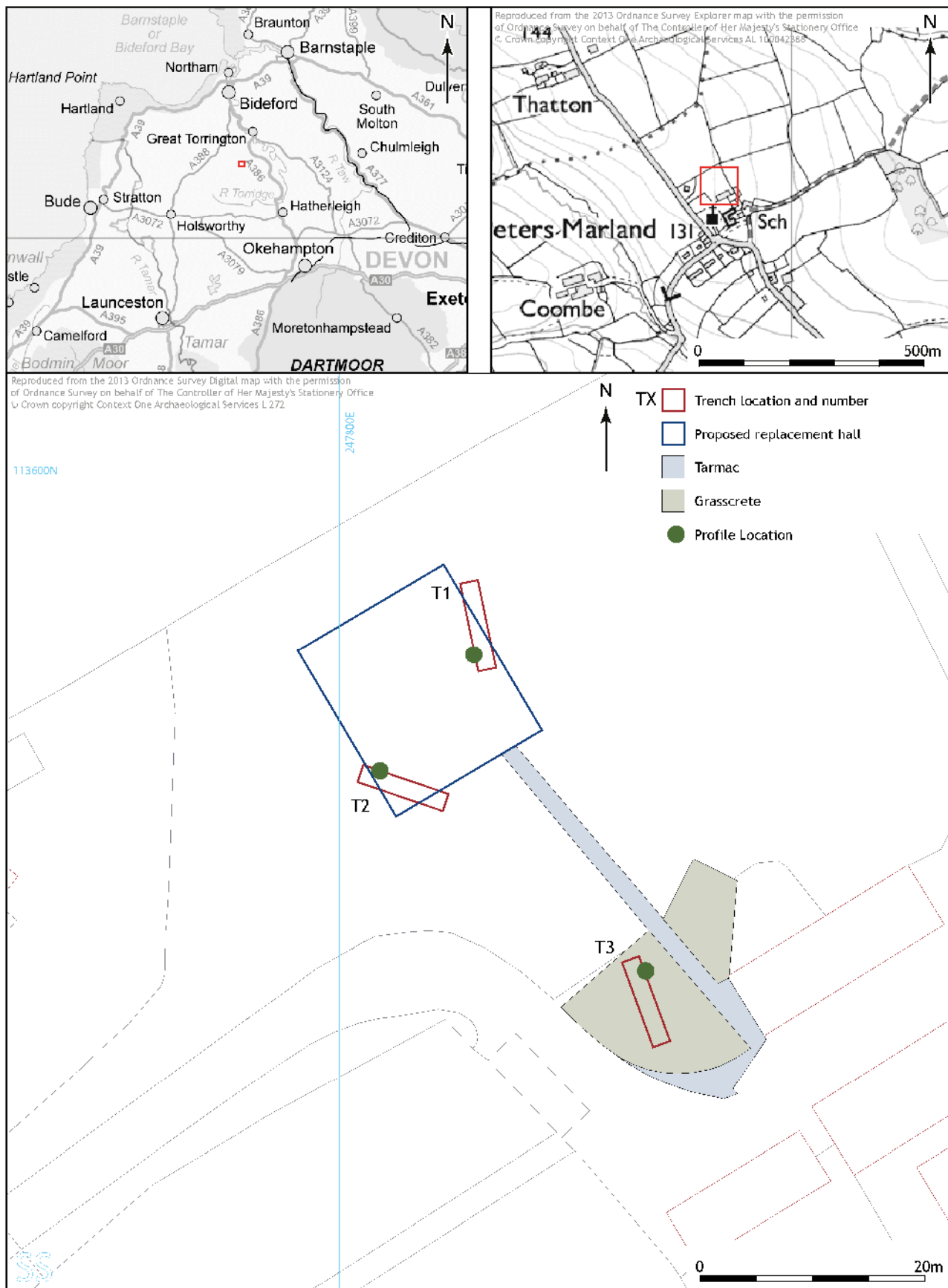


Figure 1: Detailed site setting showing location of proposed sports hall, evaluation trenches and profiles



Plate 1. Trenches 1 & 2 (from S; no scale)



Plate 2. Trench 1 (from S; no scale)



Plate 3. Trench 2 profile (from S; 1m scale)



Plate 4. Trench 3 (from N; 1m scale)

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