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## **SUMMARY**

Drainage works to improve the ground water run-off around Manordeifi Church, Llechryd, (PRN 2077) at SN22834316 required an archaeological watching brief. Roger Clive Powell Architects, on behalf of the Friends of the Friendless Churches, commissioned Cambria Archaeology Field Operations to undertake the watching brief.

The design of the scheme included laying pipes in new trenches and existing channels. The new trenches were positioned to avoid as many graveyard monuments as possible and the only archaeological features exposed were two grave markers, which were partially exposed but left undisturbed.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 PROJECT COMMISSION**

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### **1.2 SCOPE OF PROJECT**

The project was intended to record any features or deposits of archaeological interest exposed during the drainage works and to collect any disarticulated bone for reburial.

### **1.3 REPORT OUTLINE**

This report describes the physical environment of the site (Section 2) before outlining the watching brief results and the conclusions (Section 3).

### **1.4 ABBREVIATIONS**

Sites recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) will be identified by their Primary Record Number (PRN) and located by their National Grid Reference (NGR).

Archaeological features and contexts will be referred to using the continuous three-figure numbering system (e.g. 001; 010; 100) employed by Cambria Archaeology Field Section.

## 2. THE SITE

### 2.1 LOCATION

Manordeifi Church, dedicated to St. David, stands in an oval churchyard at SN22834316, a short distance to the south of the village of Llechryd. It is a 3-cell church of small-medium size, consisting of a chancel, nave, west porch and vestry. The chancel, nave and porch all date from the medieval period, whilst the vestry was added during the early 19th century (Ludlow 1998). The church is a Grade 2 listed building.

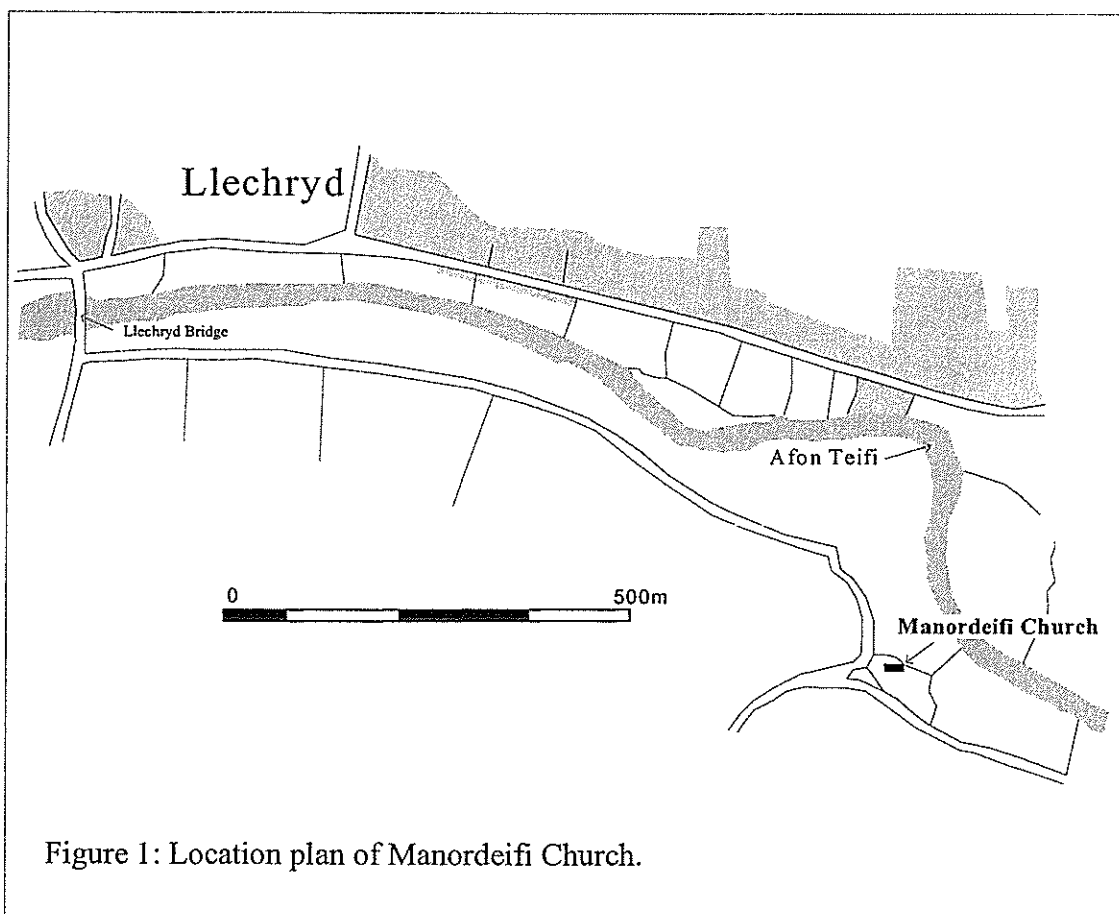


Figure 1: Location plan of Manordeifi Church.

### 3. THE WATCHING BRIEF RESULTS

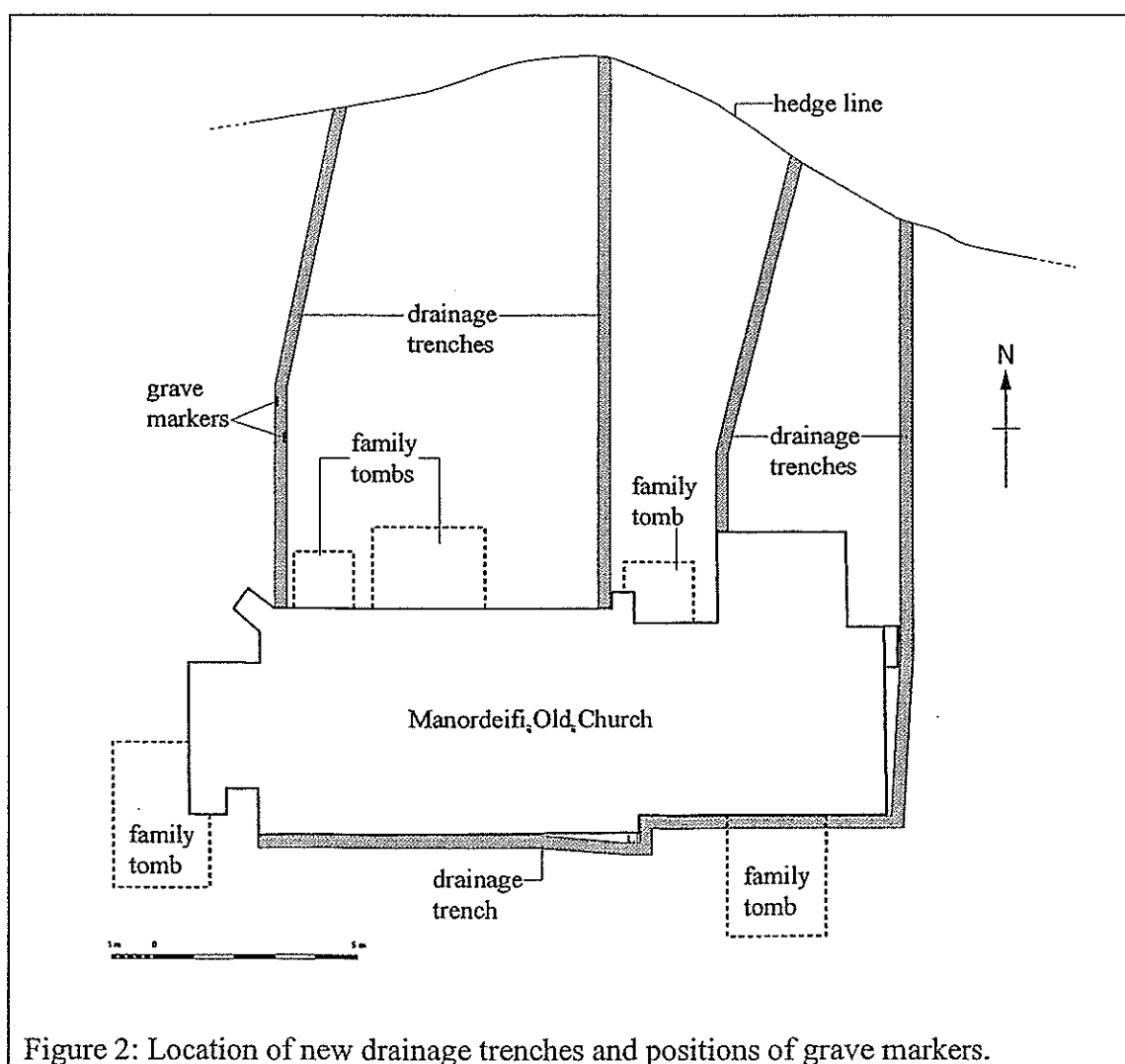
#### 3.1 METHODS

The drainage scheme was achieved through the insertion of pipes in new trenches along the south and east sides and in an existing drainage channel along the north wall. Water will be carried away from the church in new drains extending to the north (Fig 2).

The new trenches were on average 0.4-0.5m wide by up to 0.3m deep.

#### 3.2 THE RESULTS

The only *in situ* features of archaeological interest exposed during the works were two grave markers that were uncovered but left undisturbed, 4-5m north of the church (Fig 2 and Plate 1). Several disarticulated human bones were recovered and reburied. No *in situ* burials were encountered.



## **APPENDIX ONE: CATALOGUE OF WATCHING BRIEF ARCHIVE**

The project archive has been indexed and catalogued according to National Monument Record (NMR) categories and contains the following:

- A.** Copy of final report.
- B.** Site records, including context record sheets and site notebook.
- C.** Drawing catalogue and site drawings.
- D.** Site photographs – digital images.
- I.** Archive report and draft copies of final report.
- J.** Publication drawings.
- M.** Miscellaneous correspondence.

There is no material in categories **E**, **F**, **G**, **H**, **K**, **L** and **N**.

The archive is currently held by Cambria Archaeology Field Operations, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire as project number 45112.



## **SOURCES**

Ludlow N D 1998 'Preseli Pembrokeshire Churches, 1997-8'. Unpublished Cambria Archaeology report for Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments. Llandeilo. Project No. DAT 48.

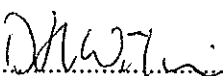

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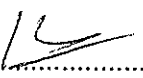
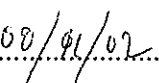
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