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SUMMARY

A site visit was made during initial ground disturbance during new building works at Dewi Cottage, Llanddewi Velfrey to establish in order to record revealed archaeological deposits. Nothing of archaeological interest was apparent, and following the single site visit, and in consultation with the archaeological advisor to the planning authority, it was decided that no further archaeological work was required.

INTRODUCTION

Cambria Archaeology-Heritage Management as advisors to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during minor construction work at Dewi Cottage, Llanddewi Velfrey, Pembrokeshire (SN142158). The building work consisted of the construction of a new steel-framed shed, an extension to the rear of the cottage and associated drainage works.

Dewi Cottage lies to the west of the medieval church of Llanddewi Velfrey, separated from the churchyard by a track-way. As it was considered that the churchyard may at one time have been larger than present, and also that domestic medieval and later deposits may be located on the site of Dewi Cottage an archaeological watching brief was required as a planning condition.

The objectives of the watching brief were to characterise and record the extent, chronology and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits identified during the groundworks.

RESULTS

A site visit was made to Dewi Cottage following the excavation of four foundation holes for the steel-framed shed. The shed was located in the garden of the cottage, at a point nearest to the churchyard within the property boundary. Each foundation hole measured c. 0.9m x 0.9m and was up to 1.20m deep. Upper deposits of 0.30m - 0.40m consisted of garden soil. This faded in a mid-brown/orangy brown silty deposit, which overlay shattered shale bedrock (rab). Nothing of archaeological interest was present.

On the basis of the above it was decided that the works would not have an impact on archaeological deposits and therefore no further work was undertaken.

CONCLUSIONS

No significant archaeological features or deposits were identified during the watching brief.



Photo 1: General view of building work.



Photo 2: General view of building work.



Photo 3: Detail of foundation.



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