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**Figure 1:** Site Location

*Front cover: Site mostly levelled for new building. View SW*

## **SUMMARY**

*Five visits were undertaken during groundworks on the replacement Lockley Lodge, Martin's Haven. The site is adjacent to a large Iron Age coastal promontory fort and an early medieval inscribed stone. Nothing of archaeological interest was recording during the watching brief.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Cambria Archaeology Heritage Management, as advisors to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Planning Department, identified a potential impact on the archaeological resource during the proposed re-building of Lockley Lodge, Martin's Haven, Pembrokeshire, and therefore requested an archaeological condition on the planning consent (Planning Application NP/05/428, National Grid Reference SM76000900). Cambria Archaeology Field Operations drew up the archaeological specifications to undertake a watching brief during groundworks for Bell Designs, the architects in charge of this project on behalf of the Countryside Council of Wales. The onsite contractors were Dawnus.

The development replaced an earlier, modern building on the site, which was located on a sloping hillside. This earlier building was constructed on a concrete raft, both cut into and built out on the valley slope. The new building required total removal of the earlier base and further terracing into the valley slope. A new septic tank was also necessary.

The site of Lockley Lodge lies adjacent to two Scheduled Ancient Monuments, recorded sites in the regional Historic Environment Record (formerly the Sites and Monuments Record).

- PRN 2940 (SAM PE 323) Wooltack Point. Largest enclosed area of any Pembrokeshire coastal fort. Enclosed by a single bank and ditch. Iron Age.
- PRN 11050 (SAM PE 431) Martin's Haven. Inscribed stone. Group II outline cross backed by double outline circle. Early Medieval.

The site of Lockley Lodge lies just below the top of the valley on the opposite side to the Iron Age promontory fort. There was the possibility of outer defences on the Lodge side, which would be of some importance, as little work has been done outside such defences. The inscribed stone was found near the base of the valley; it could have been associated with a cemetery perhaps similar to that at St Bride's, also on the coast and only a few kilometres away. Because of the limited scope and results of this project it is not proposed to go into fuller detail of the archaeology of the area.

## **OBJECTIVES**

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



## **METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS**

The first visit was made on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at the request of the architects. However, demolition and clearance of the earlier structure had only taken place down to the concrete raft (Photo. 1).

The second visit was made on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006 when most of the groundworks for the footprint of the building had been completed, but some was still covered with soil and rock (Photo. *front cover*) as the contractor was awaiting a lorry to transport the soil away. Because of the impending transport delay and no obvious archaeological features, the Archaeological Development Officer was contacted who agreed to our recommendations that we need not stay but inspect again immediately after the groundworks were finished. We were informed that the works would be finished by the end of the week.

The third visit was made on therefore on the following Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. There was no significant change in the state of the groundworks from the previous visit. Having contacted the contractor we were informed that the "works would be completed immediately" and consequently arranged to return on Wednesday.

The fourth visit was made on Wednesday 1st February. The septic tank pit still had not been excavated.

Having still not heard from the contractor by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Bell Designs were contacted. They subsequently contacted Dawnus, who confirmed that ground-works were completed.

The final visit was made on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The septic tank hole measured c. 4m x 7m and over 2m deep. The pit was cut well into the natural bedrock (Photo. 2); no archaeological features were visible in the top of this.

The previous building had been terraced into the hillside therefore any archaeological features for a large part of this area would have been destroyed. Any large archaeological features cut in the bedrock would have been visible. No such features were identified. The topsoil and spoil tips were rapidly swept with a metal detector and inspected for surface finds. Only modern artefacts and detritus were found.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

No archaeological features or deposits were identified during the watching brief. However, it would have been useful to inspect the site during the excavation of the septic tank pit. Unfortunately misleading communications from the building contractor to archaeologist resulted in a number of unnecessary visits.

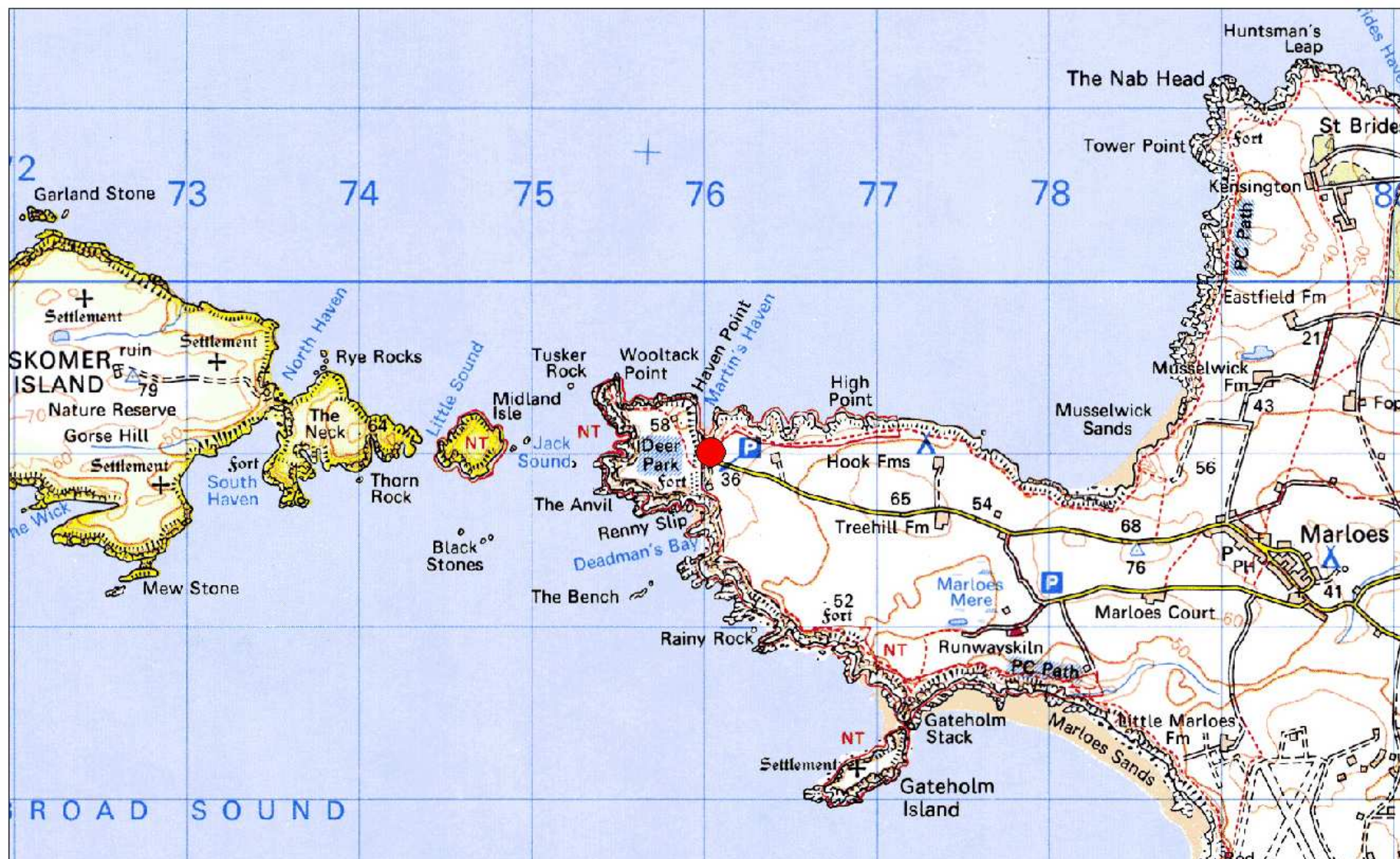


**Photo. 1:** Concrete raft of earlier building. View SW



**Photo. 2:** Septic tank pit. View S





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**Figure 1:** Site Location

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