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### **SUMMARY**

*A planning application was submitted to Pembrokeshire County Council by the owner of Number 1 Zion gardens, Tenby (NGR SN12990087), for permission to extend and alter the property. Zion Gardens lies a short distance to the north of the sites of the medieval St. John's chapel, the former market cross and St. John's Well. Given the location and archaeological potential in the area, the archaeological advisors to the Local Planning Authority recommended that an archaeological watching brief be carried out during the works. Cambria Archaeology Field Operations were commissioned to carry out the watching brief in September 2005.*

*Four pits were excavated to take concrete pads for the steel uprights of the extension. The pits varied in depth between 38cm and 60cm and all were dug through made up ground and garden soil.*

*No archaeological features or deposits were noted.*



*Plate 1: Pit 1 during excavation showing the made up ground below present tarmac surface.*

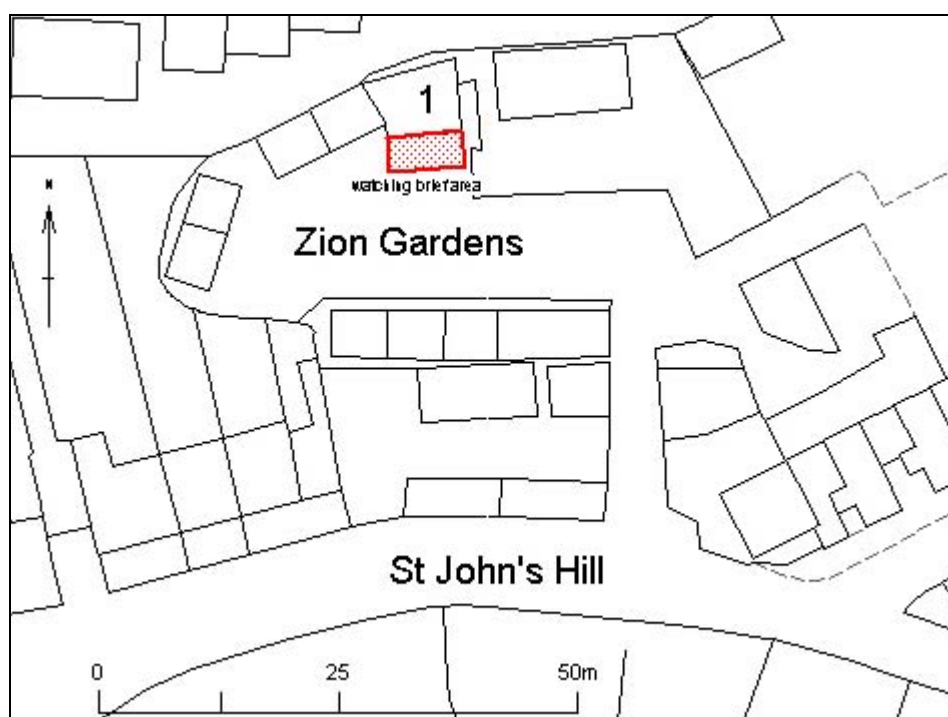
## INTRODUCTION

### Project background

The owner of Number 1 Zion gardens, Tenby (NGR SN12990087), submitted a planning application to extend and alter the property. Zion Gardens lies close to the sites of the medieval market cross (PRN 3702), St. John's Chapel, which was either a chapel or hospital established in the later 13<sup>th</sup> century (PRN 3691) and St. John's Well (PRN 3692). It was possible that features or structures associated with these sites may extend north into the watching brief area, so the archaeological advisors to the Local Planning Authority recommended that an archaeological watching brief be carried out during the works. The applicant commissioned Cambria Archaeology Field Operations to carry out the watching brief in September 2005.

### The watching brief methodology and scope of the report

The pits for the new concrete pads were examined and all deposits noted. The pits were photographed using digital format. This report outlines the main watching brief results before discussing the impact of the works based on the on-site observations and the known archaeological potential of the area. Known archaeological sites mentioned in the text are annotated with their Primary Record Number (PRN) as recorded in the Historic Environment Record held by Cambria Archaeology at their offices in Llandeilo. All grid references are prefixed with NGR (National Grid Reference).

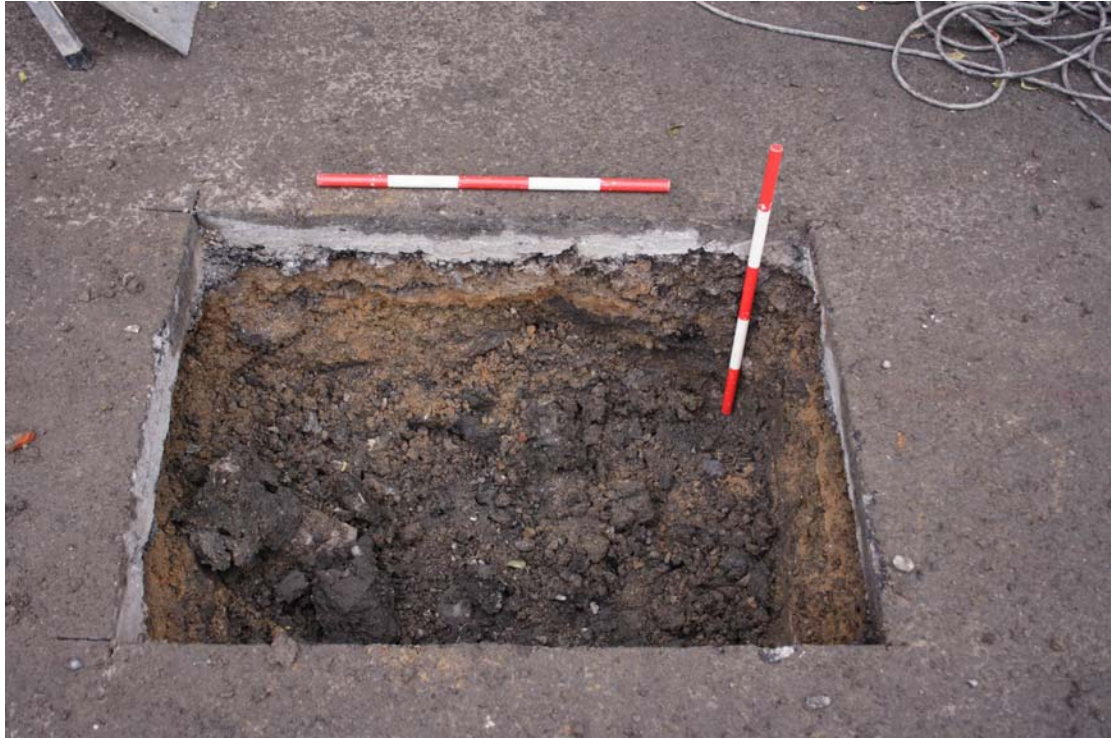


*Figure 1 Location plan showing the location of the watching brief area. St. John's medieval chapel, the market cross and the St. John's Holy Well were located just south of St. John's Hill.*



## **WATCHING BRIEF RESULTS**

A site visit was carried out following the excavation of the pits that were to hold the concrete pads. The pits were excavated through garden soils. No archaeological features or deposits were noted



*Plate 2: Pit 3 after excavation.*

## **DISCUSSION**

No archaeological features or deposits were noted in any of the pits. However, their depths of between 40cm and 60cm may have been above any archaeological deposits that may survive in this area. The excavation of the pits had no archaeological impact.