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## **SUMMARY**

*A site visit was made following initial ground clearance to Sunnyhill, Bulford Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest in order to record any revealed archaeological deposits. Little 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. However, a rapid photographic record was made of the standing buildings and these have been catalogued and archived with the Regional Historic Environment Record housed with Cambria Archaeology.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Cambria Archaeology-Heritage Management, as advisors to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department, identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during construction work at Sunnyhill, Bulford Road, Johnston, Pembrokeshire (national grid reference SM 9206 1050, planning application no. 04/1572/PA). The building work consisted of renovating the disused farmhouse and conversion of redundant outbuildings.

Sunnyhill lies close to several prehistoric burnt mounds, or hearths, including one that is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, and close to the farmstead of Bulford, which is known to have medieval origins.

This watching brief was required by the planning authority as it was considered possible that important archaeological remains associated with the burnt mounds and/or with medieval settlement may be revealed by ground works.

## **OBJECTIVES**

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 single site visit was made to the site on 28 April 2006 when part of modern overburden and topsoil had been removed from around part of the house and outbuildings. It was clear from the single site visit that Sunnyhill occupies a different environment than the burnt mounds, which are located several hundred metres away, and that it was highly unlikely that deposits associated with them would be present. Likewise, Bulford Farm is some distance away. An examination was made of exposed subsoil, but nothing of archaeological interest was noted.

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

However, the opportunity was taken during the site visit to make a rapid photographic record of the house and outbuildings. These photographs have been catalogued and archived with the Regional Historic Environment Record housed with Cambria Archaeology. It was not possible to enter the house owing to its unsafe condition. Externally the house is a mid-to-late 19th century building, and typical of farmhouses constructed across southwest Wales at this time. It is of two storeys and three bays, with a centrally placed front door, and a rear extension under a 'cat-slide' roof. The roof is now asbestos and the window openings have been extended and replacement metal-frame windows inserted. It is cement rendered. On the west gable end the ground works revealed that there are no foundations - stonework rests on the subsoil. Elsewhere, in patches where the rendering has become detached brickwork has been revealed. The main outbuilding is a single storey stone-built range, roofless and gutted. Other outbuildings are brick, asbestos and steel 20th century structures. The farmstead of Sunnyhill is shown on the 1842 Steynton parish tithe map. No outbuildings are shown on this map, but the house seems to be in its present position. On the 1874 Ordnance Survey 1:2500 1st Edition map the house and stone outbuilding are shown in their present form.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Little of archaeological interest was noted during the watching brief. However, the opportunity was taken to photographically record the buildings of Sunnyhill.



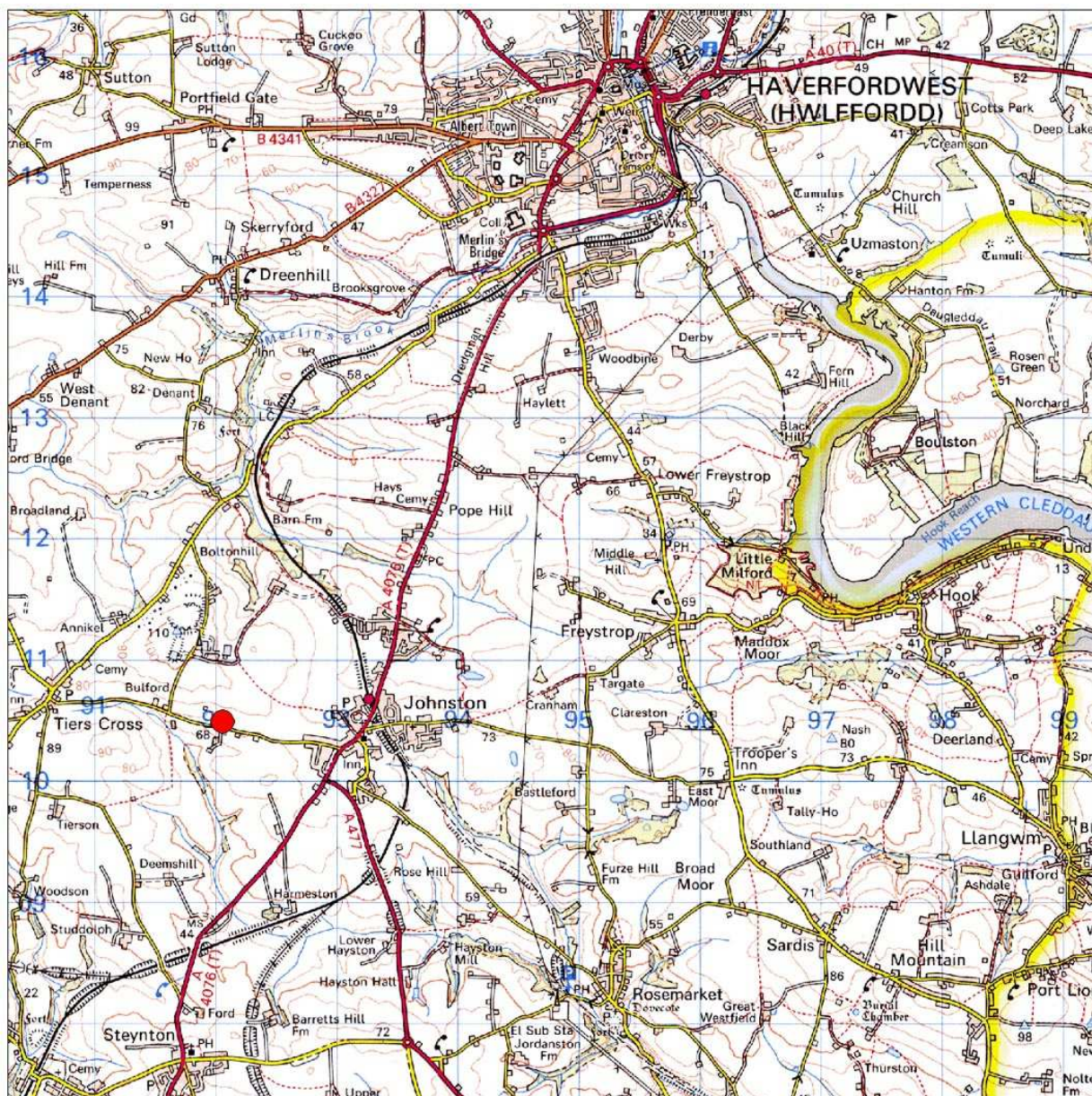


Figure 1. Location map, based on the Ordnance Survey.

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