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SUMMARY

A site visit was made during foundation excavation for a garage in order to record 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.

INTRODUCTION

Cambria Archaeology-Heritage Management, as advisors to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department, identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during construction work at Castle Back, Haverfordwest (National Grid Reference SM 9522 1567, Planning Application no 05/0222/567). The building work consisted of the construction of a small garage at the front of the house, replacing an earlier garage.

This watching brief was required by the planning authority as it was considered possible that important archaeological remains associated with the medieval town of Haverfordwest and/or with the castle survive below ground.

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 20 April 2006 when the excavation of foundation trenches was well advanced. The trenches were approximately 0.50m wide and 0.50m deep and formed a rectangle 6m by 4m running parallel to and 0.30m from a high stone wall. The trenches were dug through garden soil and into the subsoil. A possible ditch, in the subsoil could be seen in plan and section, 0.80m south of the northwest corner and again 2.30m east of the corner. The fill consisted of medium brown silty-clay containing small amounts of mortar, charcoal, slate and coal fragments. There were no artefacts associated with this deposit.

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.

CONCLUSIONS

The only feature observed during the watching brief was the cut into the subsoil, which, owing to the widths of the trenches was difficult to characterise; it could equally be a shallow pit or a tree root.

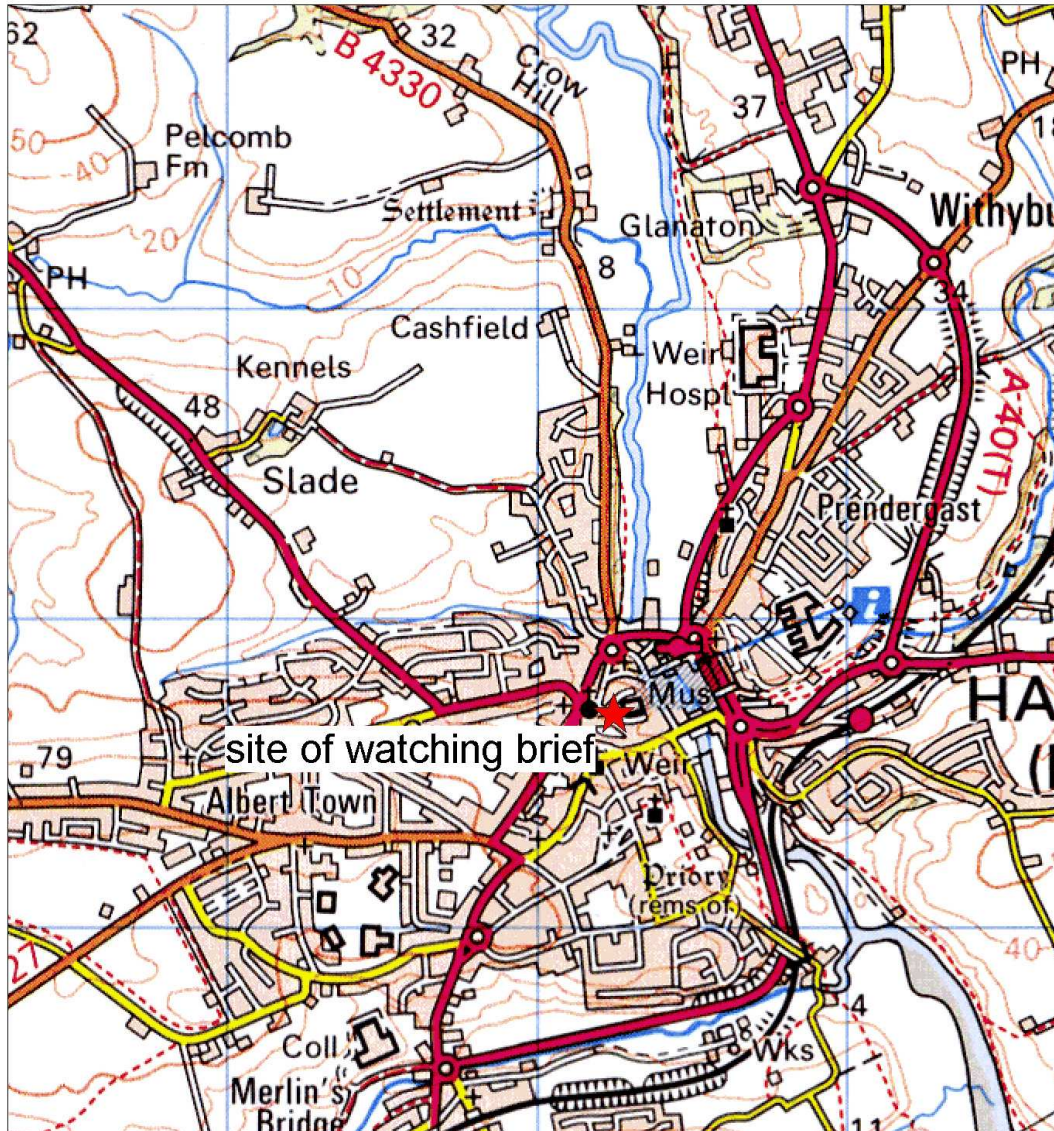


Figure 1. Location map, based on the Ordnance Survey.

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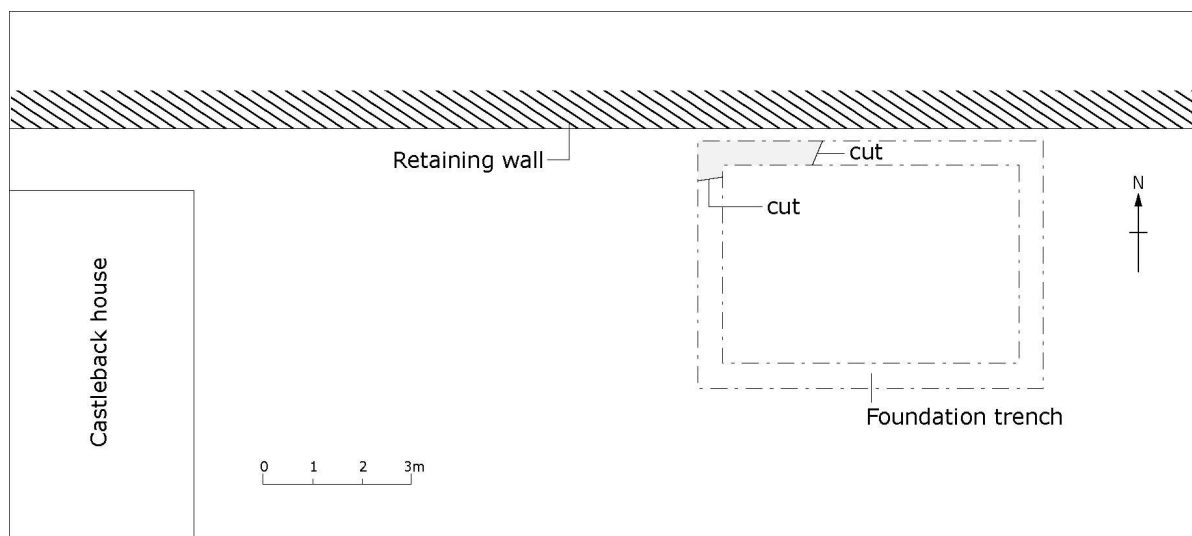


Figure 2. Sketch site plan.



Photograph 1. General shot of building works.



Photograph 2. Detail of possible ditch.



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