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SUMMARY

Work to insert a ramp to provide disabled access to the lower floor of the English Baptist Church, Lammas Street, Carmarthen (NGR SN41072010), in order church required the removal of an existing garden area. Lammas Street was established and developed during the medieval period and an archaeological watching brief was required on the works. The scheme architects, Frans Nicholas Architects, commissioned Cambria Archaeology Field Services to carry out the watching brief in March 2007.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were present.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT COMMISSION

Proposals to lower an existing garden at the rear of the English Baptist Church, Lammas Street, Carmarthen (NGR SN41072010), in order to insert a ramp to provide disabled access to the lower floor of the church required an archaeological watching brief. The scheme architects, Frans Nicholas Architects, commissioned Cambria Archaeology Field Services to carry out the watching brief in March 2007.

1.2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project was designed to record any archaeological features or deposits exposed by the removal of the garden material.

1.3 REPORT OUTLINE

This report describes the physical environment of the site (Section 2) before summarising the watching brief results and the conclusions based on those results (Section 3).

1.4 ABBREVIATIONS

Sites recorded on the county Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) are identified by their Primary Record Number (PRN) and located by their National Grid Reference (NGR).

2. THE SITE

2.1 LOCATION

The English Baptist Church (PRN 114) is situated on the north side of Lammas Street, Carmarthen at SN41072010 (Figure 1). The church is set back from the road and occupies what may have been a medieval burgage plot. The watching brief was carried out on the garden area to the rear of the church (Figure 2).

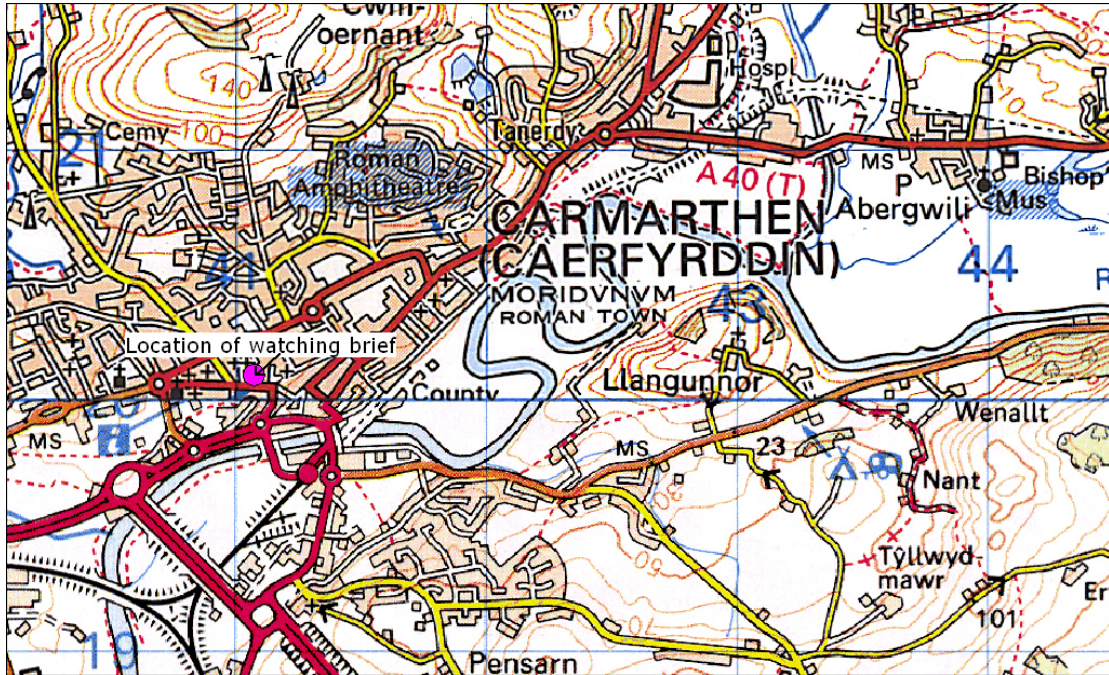


Figure 1: Location map the English Baptist Church.

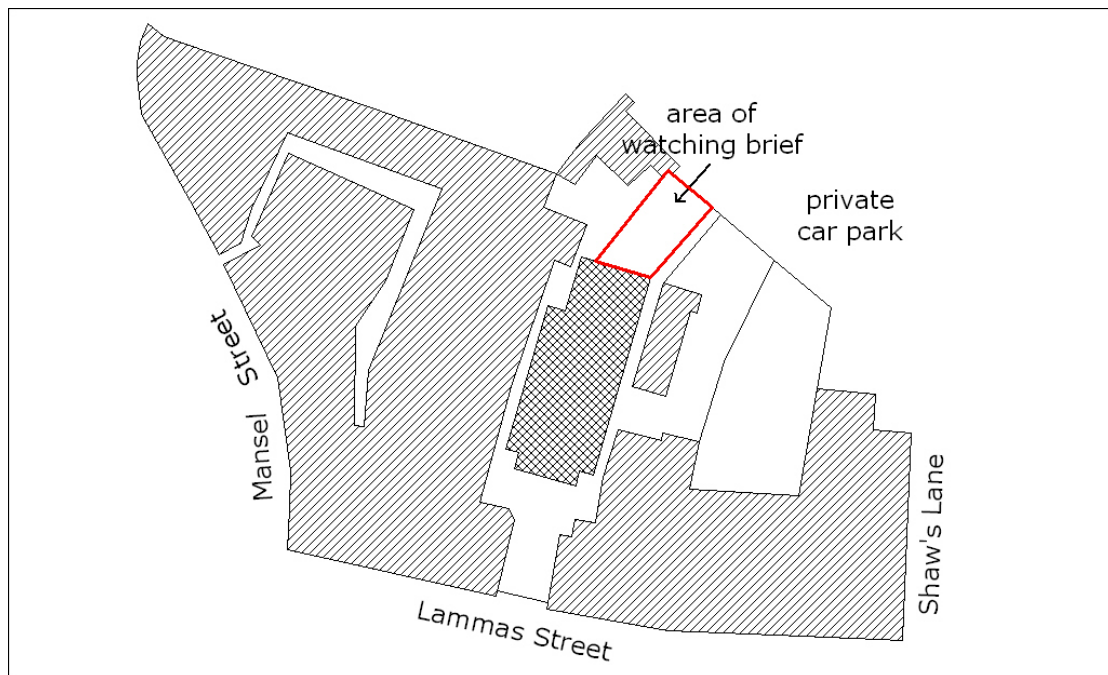


Figure 2: Area of watching brief.

3. SUMMARY OF WATCHING BRIEF RESULTS

3.1 METHODOLOGY

The watching brief consisted of the monitoring of the mechanical removal of c.2m of built-up ground to the rear of the church (Figure 2). Two site visits were made to monitor the removal and the exposed ground was examined and recorded by site notes and digital photographs.

3.2 RESULTS

The built-up ground consisted of imported garden soil and some building or demolition waste. The light brown clay subsoil was reached across the whole area (Plates 1 and 2).

3.4 CONCLUSIONS

The material removed consisted of deliberately imported garden soil. No features of archaeological interest were noted.



Plate 1: The watching brief area after excavation.