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## ***Non Technical Summary***

*An archaeological desk-based assessment and watching brief were carried out in advance of the construction of a new extension at 1 Castle Terrace, Haverfordwest. The house dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is a Grade II listed building. The only archaeological remains identified during the watching brief were the footings of a stone wall thought to belong to the initial phase of house building which had been reused in the construction of a 1960s extension.*

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Location and Scope of Work**

In November 2009, Cambrian Archaeological Projects were commissioned by John Durham of Kimpton Durham John Associates to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the construction of a new extension to the rear of 1 Castle Terrace, Haverfordwest. (Grid Ref: SM 9522 1579). The new extension is to replace a 1960s extension that had been demolished.

The site is a Grade II Listed Building, located 300m north-west of the Castle and was consequently considered to have archaeological potential. As a result, Charles Hill of the Curatorial Section of Dyfed Archaeological Trust (DAT-HM) recommended that a brief desk-based assessment and watching brief be carried out to determine the nature of any archaeological remains within the proposed construction area. This follows the requirements set out in Planning Policy WALES, March 2002, section 6.5 and Welsh Office circular 60/96.

The purpose of the brief desk-based assessment and watching brief was to determine the archaeological potential of the site through the assessment of existing secondary documentary sources and the archaeological monitoring of foundation trenches. The aim of the works was to elucidate the presence or absence of archaeological remains, their character, distribution, extent, condition and relative significance.

The work was carried out by Irma Bernardus (Site Supervisor) and managed by Dr Amelia Pannett (Project Manager).

### **1.2 Geology and Topography**

The site sits on flat ground on the northern of the two Old Red Sandstone spurs that dominate the town of Haverfordwest.

## **2. Archaeological and Historical Background**

The house itself is a Grade II listed building dating from 1832. It sits at the northern end of a row of seven identical houses that make up Castle Terrace (collectively listed, as listing no. 12178). The house sits within the old town walls of Haverfordwest, 300m north-west of the 12<sup>th</sup> century castle. Castle Terrace is located in the parish of St Martin's Parish, the oldest part of the town

The town of Haverfordwest dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, when the Norman Castle and St Martin's Church were constructed on the northern spur overlooking the Cleddau River. It rapidly became the main market town for this part of the county, and formed a 'frontier' between the Norman lands in south Pembrokeshire and Wales. The stone castle that survives today dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century and replaced the original earth and timber structure. The castle withstood a siege by Owain Glyndwr in 1405, but fell to the destruction imposed by Oliver Cromwell in 1648. From the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the castle was used as a prison.

Little is known about the settlement that existed in St Martin's Parish, of which Castle Terrace forms a part.

### **3. Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of the brief desk-based assessment and field evaluation were:

- To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the development area, with particular emphasis on identifying whether further burials or other contemporary features existed.
- To allow a rapid investigation and recording of any archaeological features that are uncovered during the construction work.

### **4. Documentary Research**

#### **4.1 Secondary Sources**

The house is listed in the NMR database (NPRN no. 22452) collectively with the other six houses that make up Castle Terrace. They are described as:

'Terrace houses dated to 1832, each with a 3-storey 2-bay front and a slate gabled roof. The front is cement rendered and there is a band above the ground floor. The windows are 3-panes wide. The doorways are round-headed with panelled reveals and semicircular fanlights.'

#### **4.2 Map Regression**

The house is depicted on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS maps of 1889 and 1907 (see fig. 2 and 3), shown with its distinctive-shaped garden. The plan of the house has not changed in the map of 1971-1976 (fig. 4), with the 1960s extension evidently built on the foundations of an earlier part of the structure.

### **5. Archaeological Watching Brief**

The archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of a U-shaped foundation trench within the back garden of 1 Castle Terrace. The trench measured 15m in length, between 0.85m and 1.1m wide and 0.7m to 0.95m deep.

The trench cut through the concrete laid within the garden, through a mixed deposit of rubble and shale 0.6m deep, and into the underlying shale natural.

The northern edge of the trench followed the line of a previous extension for 3.5m. Excavation revealed that the earlier extension wall had been constructed on a pre-existing stone wall. The mapping evidence suggests that this wall was an original feature of the house, forming a small square room to the rear of the main house.

No further archaeological features were identified and no artefacts were recovered.

## **6. Discussion and Conclusions**

The only feature identified within the trench was a structural component of the original house that had been previously built on in the construction of a 1960s extension. No evidence for the use of the site prior to the construction of the house in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was found.

## **7. Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Irma Bernardus for carrying out the watching brief.

## **8. Bibliography**

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1889 OS 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Map  
1907 OS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Map  
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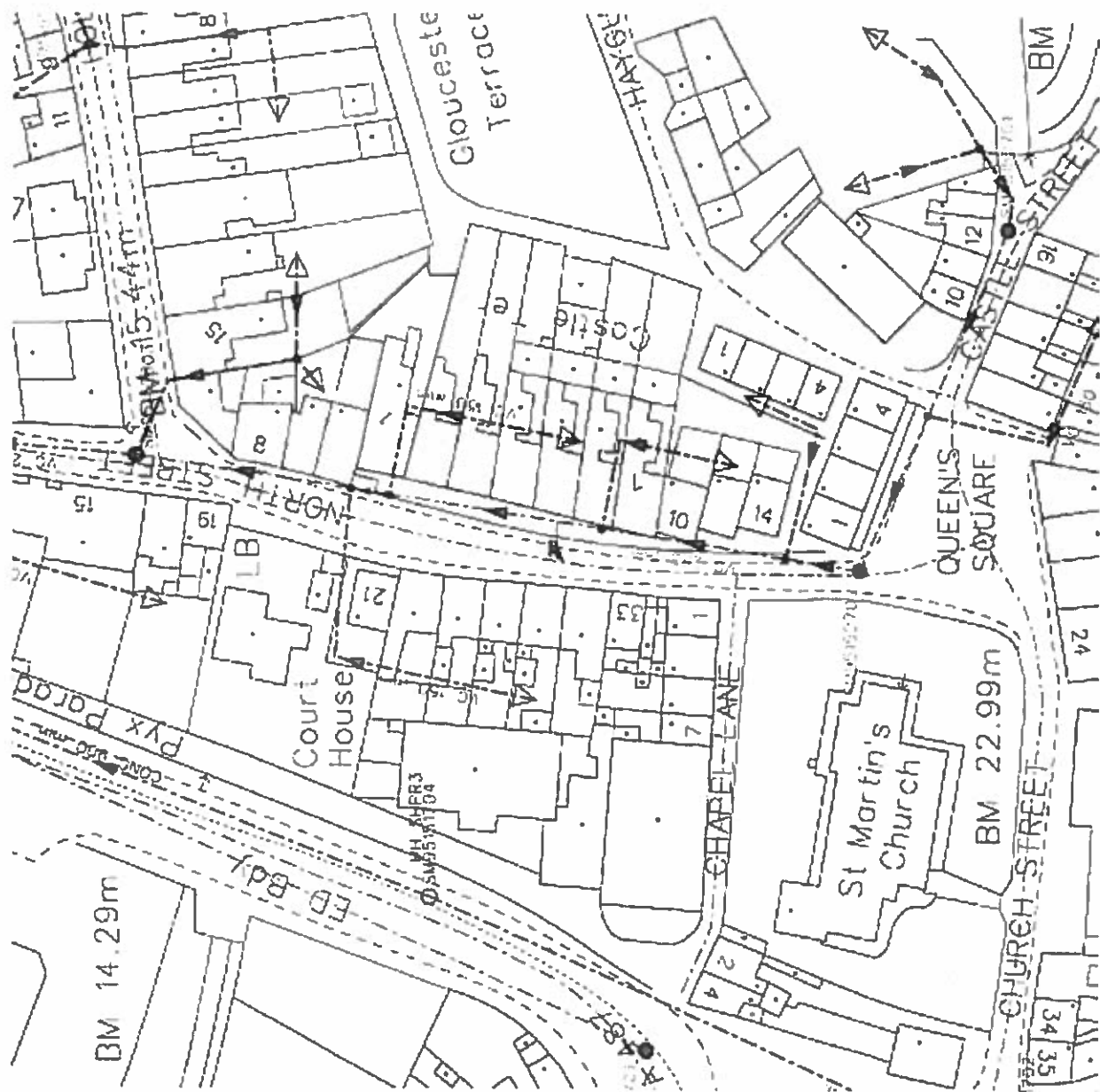


Fig. 2  
Watching Brief  
Area (shown  
outlined in red)



Plate 1.  
General  
view looking  
east

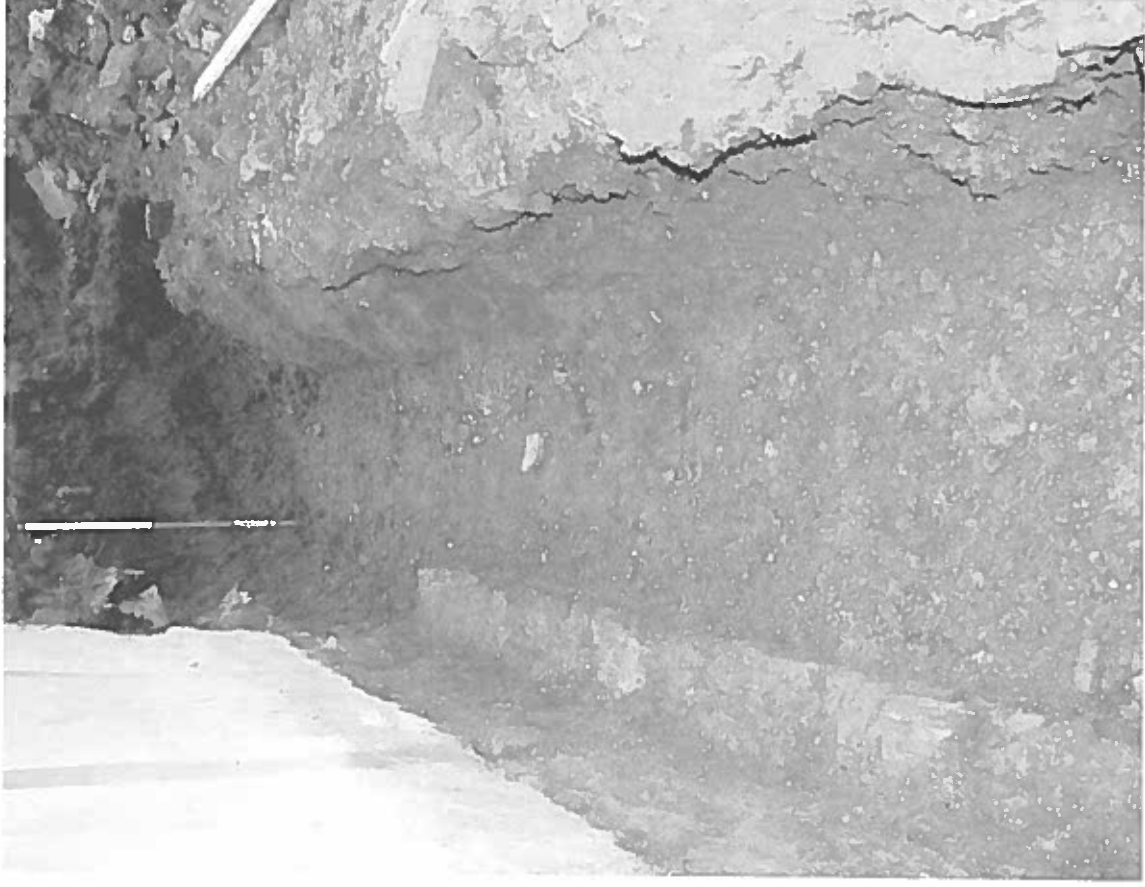


Plate 2.  
View along  
trench looking E  
with wall  
footings on  
left side of  
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## **APPENDIX II: Archive Cover Sheet**

## **Appendix I**

### **ARCHIVE COVER SHEET**

Site Name:	1 Castle Terrace, Haverfordwest
Site Code:	CTH/09/WB
PRN:	---
NPRN :	---
SAM:	---
Other Ref No:	CAP Project No. 600
NGR:	SM 9522 1579
Site Type:	Post Medieval
Project Type:	Watching Brief
Project Officer:	Dr Amelia Pannett
Project Dates:	November 2009
Categories Present:	N/A
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