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Church of St Trinio, St Peter & St Paul,
Llandrinio, Powys

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

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Summary

In August 2022 the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) conducted a watching brief during groundworks associated with the installation of a new water mains system at Llandrinio Church, Llandrinio, Powys.

The watching brief monitored the excavation of a narrow trench to accommodate a pipe connecting the church to the main water supply. This revealed no features, deposits, or artefacts of archaeological significance.

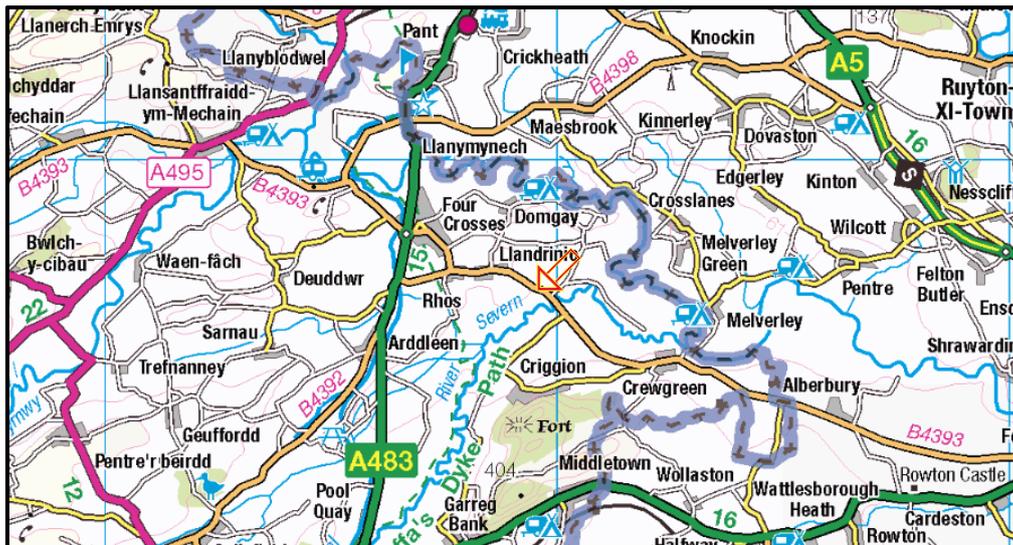
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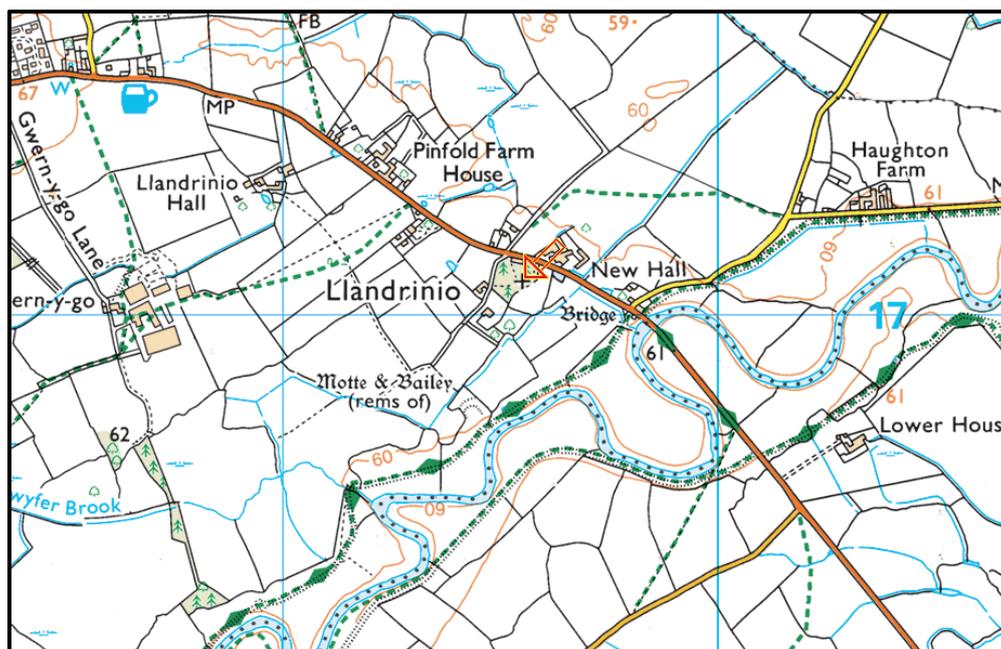
1 Introduction

- 1.1. The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) was instructed by Geraint Roberts Associates, on behalf of the Llandrinio Church Council, to undertake a watching brief during groundworks associated with the installation of a new water mains system at the Church of St Trinio, St Peter and St Paul, Llandrinio, Powys.
- 1.2. The church lies to the east of the settlement, immediately west of Llandrinio Bridge over the River Severn (Fig. 1 & 2; SJ295169 / SJ2951816963).



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Figure 1. Location of Llandrinio Church (general).



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Figure 2. Location of Llandrinio Church (detail).

2 Historical Background

- 2.1. Llandrinio Church is in the Diocese of St Asaph and has a triple dedication to St Trinio, Peter and Paul. The church is considered to have been founded by St Trinio in the 6th century although the present large churchyard appears to be part of an earlier, larger sanctuary. It is possible that the church was a 'clas' foundation although these earlier bounds have not been traced.
- 2.2. Llandrinio is first mentioned in the Norwich Taxation of 1254 as 'Ecca de Llanteio' and is valued at 2 shillings, with dependent chapelries at Llandysilio, Guilsfield and Welshpool. It is mentioned again in the Lincoln Taxation of 1291 as 'Ecclia de Landrineaw' at a value of 9 shillings. The historic documentation of Llandrinio comes from the 14th century, when King Edward II granted the village a three-day fair on the feast of St Peter and Paul. It is from this time that the church was triple dedicated.
- 2.3. The Church fabric suggests that the 15th century was a period of great decline for the area as large modifications were made that reduced the size of the building by nearly half. These modifications included the removal of the previous Northern aisle and arcade, with the exception of one arch which was then filled in (Fig 3).
- 2.4. Further modifications did not occur until the 18th century when a gallery and porch were added. In 1829 the present belfry was built, and further modifications were made to the church throughout the 19th century. Historic mapping from 1887 (Fig 4) depicts the church, labelled as St Peter's Church, much the same as the current building.



Figure 3. Bricked in aisle arch. Photo CPAT 2646-0013



Figure 4. Extract of 1887 OS mapping.

- 2.5. Restoration work on the church was carried out in the early 1920's and again in 1978/79.

3 Watching Brief

- 3.1. The watching brief was conducted on 8th August 2022 in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' (CIfA) (2014) *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief*, monitoring the excavation of a trench running from the northern boundary of the churchyard to the northern wall of the church, following alongside the current church footpath (Fig 5). A follow up visit was made on 17th August when the pipes were being laid.
- 3.2. The pipe trench was primarily orientated north/north-west by south/south-east, changing to north/south at the northern churchyard boundary and east/west where it connected to the church wall. The trench measured around 57.5m total in length, 0.25m wide and 0.5/6m deep (Figs 6-7).
- 3.3. A standard deposition sequence of natural yellow clay below a deposit of grey sandy silt with inclusions of pebbles and small stones was recorded, sealed by modern topsoil. At the north-west corner of the church a layer of mortar, slate and occasional sandstone with sherds of post-medieval pottery was encountered below the topsoil and interpreted as debris from a 20th century repointing phase of the church. At the northern boundary of the church the trench was excavated to a larger depth in order to run the pipe under the churchyard wall (Figs 8-9). This area was c.1.5m deep and 0.8m wide. A charcoal deposit was identified on the east side of the wall interpreted as a pit cut into the natural clay; no artefacts were found.
- 3.4. The trench revealed no evidence for any features or deposits of archaeological significance.



Figure 6. Pipe trench looking north. Photo CPAT 2646-0008.



Figure 7. Pipe trench looking south. Photo CPAT 2646-0008.



Figure 8. Northern end of pipe trench at churchyard boundary. Photo CPAT 2646-0003



Figure 9. North end showing clay deposit to west and charcoal-filled cut to east. Photo CPAT 2646-018

4 Conclusions

- 4.1. A watching brief was conducted at the Church of St Trinio, St Peter and St Paul, Llandrinio, Powys, during the excavation of a trench for the the installation of a new water pipe connecting the church to the mains system.
- 4.2. The trench was up to 0.8m wide and 1.5m deep and revealed no evidence for significant archaeological deposits.

5 Sources

Unpublished sources

CPAT 2007 Montgomeryshire Churches Survey: Church of St Trinio, St Peter and St Paul, Llandrinio. [Online] Accessed 22/12/2022. [Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust - Projects - Longer - Historic Churches - Montgomeryshire Churches Survey - Llandrinio \(cpat.org.uk\)](https://cpat.org.uk/projects-longer-historic-churches-montgomeryshire-churches-survey-llandrinio)

Cartographic sources

1887 Ordnance Survey 1:10560 Montgomeryshire

6 Archive deposition Statement

- 6.1. In line with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists definition of a sterile archaeological project, this watching brief/evaluation has produced nothing of evidential value and the digital project report comprises a sufficient record of the work undertaken. The digital report will be deposited with the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust Historic Environment Record and the National Monuments Record (RCAHMW).

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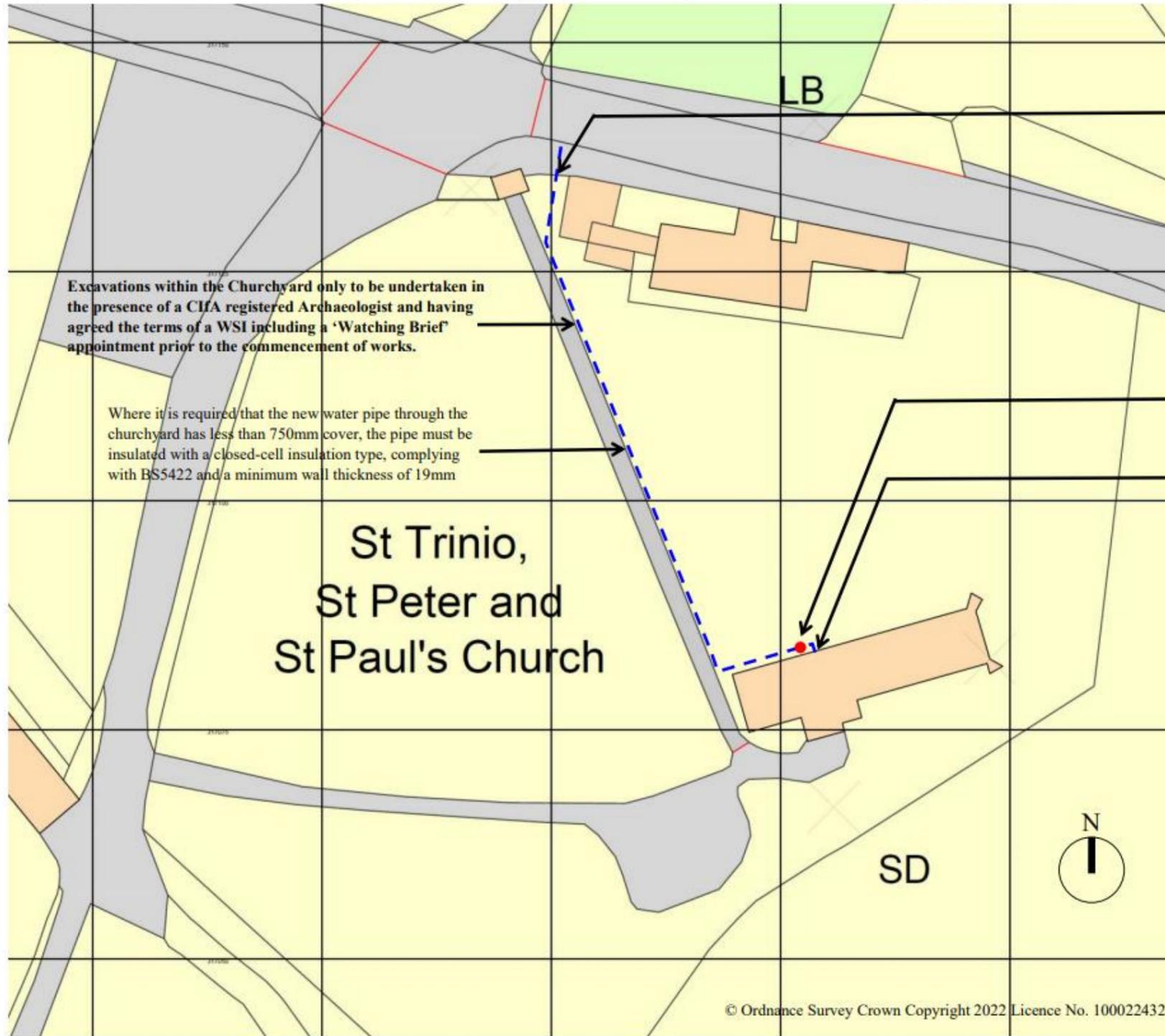
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Appendix 1: Watching Brief Form

CPAT CONTEXT RECORD FORM					
Project No	Llandrinio Church		Context No		
Site Name			Context Type	CUT / FILL / DEPOSIT STRUCTURE	
Sub-division					
Co-ordinates	E	N	E	N	
Length	Width	Diam	Thick	Depth	Height
CUT	pit / post-hole / ditch / gully / other (specify)				
Shape	Orientation				
Profile					
DEPOSIT	layer / fill / surface / floor / other (specify)				
Colour	Inclusions (%)				
Compaction					
Material					
STRUCTURE	building / wall / road / other (specify)				
Material	Coursing				
Bonding material	Finish				
Description					
Pipe trench through churchyard - c.500mm depth, 250mm wide -600 from under wall east of Lyelgate to NW corner of church ① Turf ② Grey sandy silt with pebbles + small stones - some rocks ③ @ 600mm depth North end of trench - yellow brown alluvial clay					
10cm 20cm 30cm 40cm 50cm 60cm 70cm 80cm 90cm 100cm	2m east of NW corner + Sun dial - layer of mortar, slate, some sandstone, piece of iron lump, very small piece of brown glazed post-med pottery + large stones - probably rubble/debris from rebuilding the church c.2000				
STRATIGRAPHIC RELATIONSHIPS					
Initial interpretation			Revised interpretation		
PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIPS					
Fill of	Above				
Filled by	Below				
Cuts	Butts				
Cut by	Butted by				
Bonded to	Uncertain				
EXCAVATION DETAILS					
Method of excavation					
Excavated by / date			Recorded by / date JM 8/8/22		
Drawing nos					
Photo nos					
Checked by / date					

Installation of a Mains Water Supply — Proposed Water Supply Route and Details: Pr-02

Grid - SJ 29559 17084



Point of entry for the new mains water supply from the Highway approximately 1200mm away from the boundary with the adjacent property. Incoming water supply to be installed in accordance with the standard utility providers details.



Route of the proposed water supply into the churchyard.

Location of proposed stop tap, chamber and cover adjacent to the base of the church wall. Insulation to be placed over the stop tap to protect from frost
Point of proposed entry into church, preferably beneath the position of existing cast iron ventilator, should it be possible for the stonework to be removed and the ventilation opening kept clear on completion. The pipework must be insulated in this location. Should it be necessary for the existing ventilator opening to be used, a painted or powder coated to be used nom. 250mm(w) x225(h)x150(d)mm to be installed to conceal the pipe and insulation at ground level.

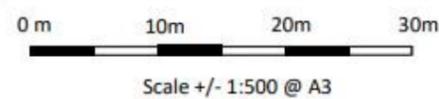


Proposed route of new water pipe beneath the existing ventilator into church and the adjacent stop tap, chamber and cover



Route of the proposed water pipe through the churchyard, to the east side of the existing footpath

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