

**Plas Newydd Drainage Trench Inspection 06.01.04**

During excavations for a drainage channel, linking two manholes, adjacent to the SE gable end of the house Plas Newydd, Llangollen (SJ 21824170) remains of rubble and brickwork were located. The drainage channel ran SW to NE for about 25m and was around 40 cms wide. At the SW end it was c. 1.10m deep and at the NE c. 0.40m deep.

The natural subsoil was banded gravel with a brown clay/loam mix. The trench had cut through part of the foundations of a building and the demolition rubble associated with this. In talking with the site gardener Gary he said that there had been an early 20<sup>th</sup> century prefab building in the area which had been lived in by Albert Davis, gardener. Mr Davis left in the 1950s and the building was taken down in the 1960s.

Remains of a floor level comprising red quarry tiles had been cut through and there was evidence for a green lino overlying these tiles. The building seemed to be roughly the same width as that of the house itself with much rubble in evidence overlying the floor level. The floor was only visible for a length of about 1.5m. Beyond (to the NE) of the house the trench cut through topsoil and gravel beds.

Builders on site asked if the trench should be widened to expose more of the structure. This was not done as it would needlessly expose and potentially damage more of the structure. The drainage trench will be filled in and the remains of the structure which have not been cut by the trench will remain *in situ*. A photographic record and rough sketches of the sections of the trench were made prior to the trench being backfilled. No finds were noted other than the lino overlying the floor level.

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Date passed to HER –

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Added to CPAT bibliography? –

Project area digitised? – ✓

Ready for filing (record complete)? –

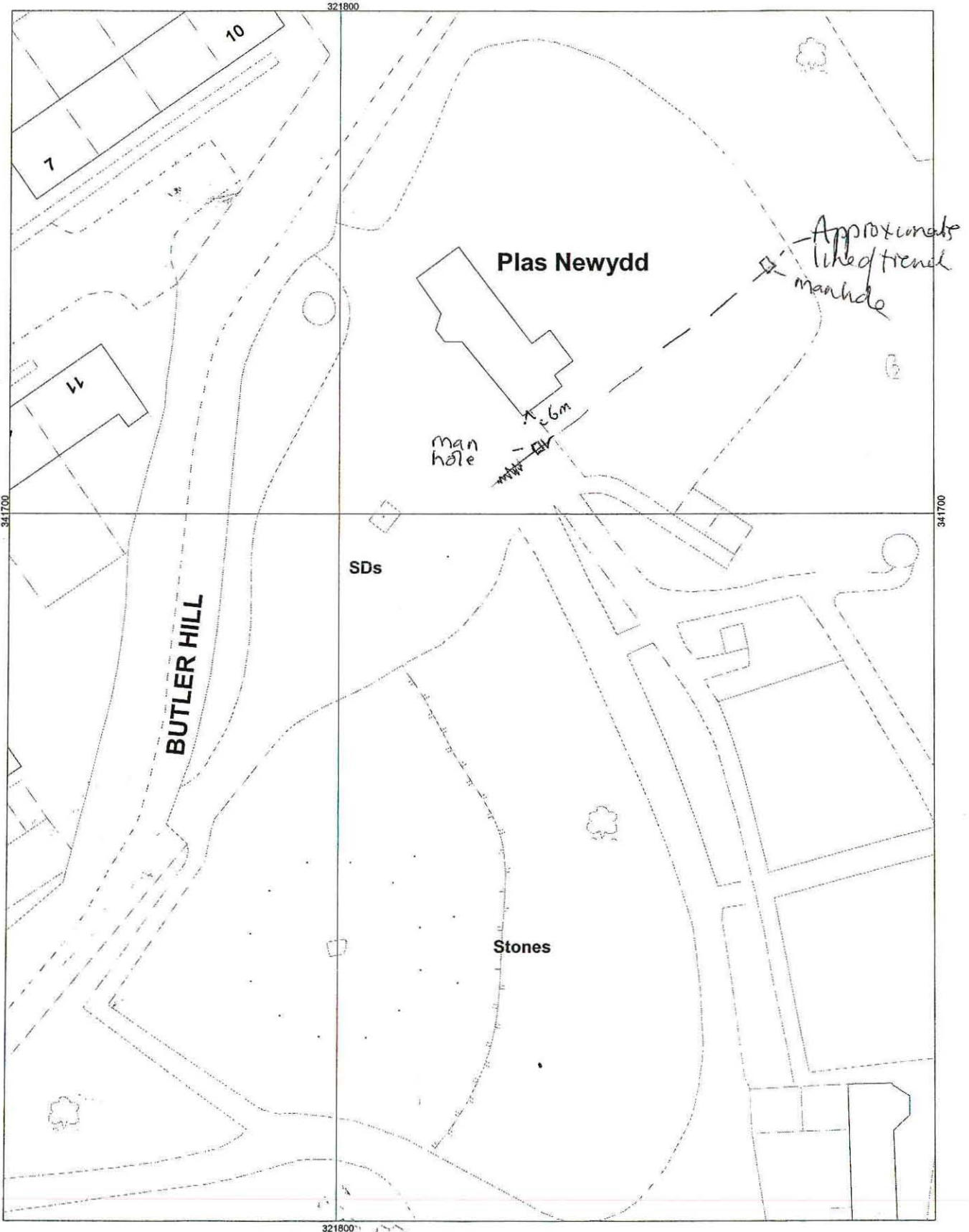


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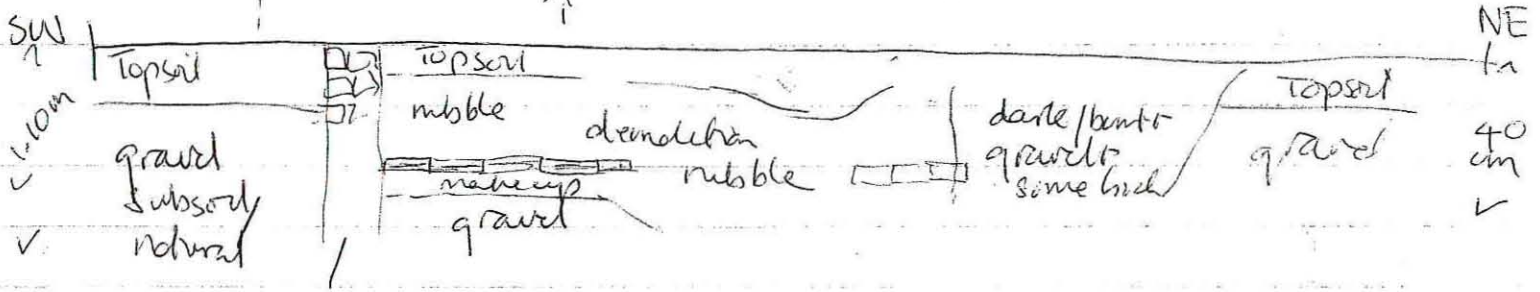
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# Plan Occupied Drainage Trench - 6.1.04

Natural subsoil - Band of gravel - large stones  
 overlain by smaller stones - all water went in a  
 day/beam brown mix

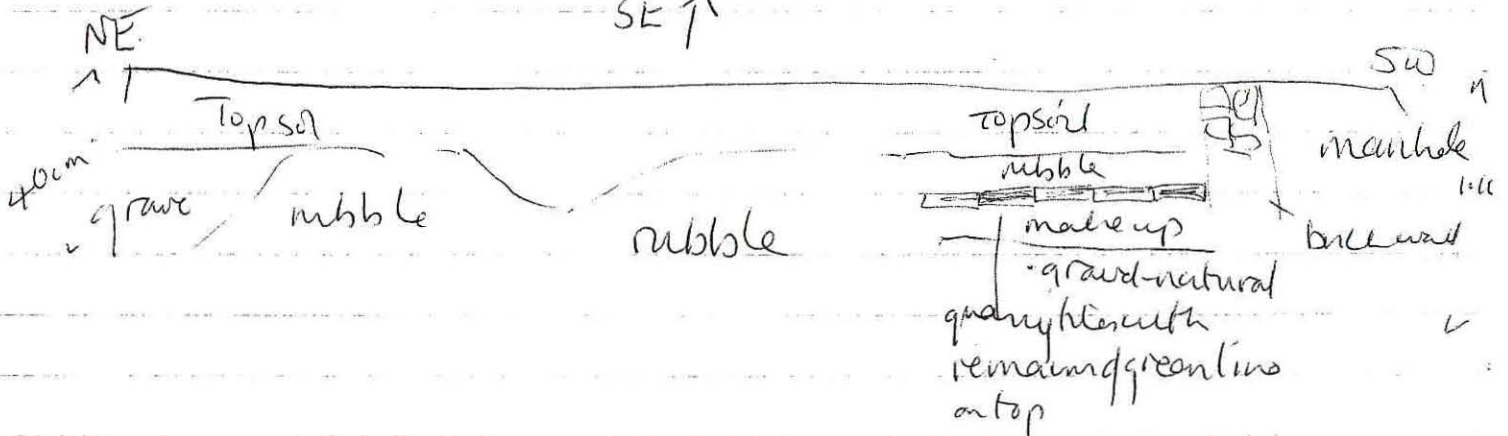
Section Location of gable end of house  
 NW ↑



? wall  
 Structure  
 which is bld  
 by rubble

▬ = quarry tile floor  
 □ = brick

Garden  
 SE ↑



Trench appears to have cut through demolition rubble & floor of 'pre-fab' building constructed in the  
 ? early 20<sup>s</sup> - used by 'Albert Davis' - gardener  
 his home - he left in 1950s - demolished in 1960s

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