

7. Archaeological Potential

There are no recorded archaeological events or finds within the conservation area. However, the place-name is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 and there is therefore potential for the site of a manor house and associated buildings and structures to be found, probably within the area of the present day manor and church.

Most of the standing structures within the village are 15/16th century or later and there is a possibility of the remains of earlier buildings surviving below ground in the conservation area.

Traces of ridge and furrow have been recorded in the field north of the manor house (SX 6523 9462).

8. Trees

The distribution of trees both within and outside the Conservation Area and their significance are covered by a survey in Appendix A.

There is a reasonable distribution of trees throughout the Conservation Area. The most significant trees are those mature broadleaves growing near Glebe House and the linear groups of trees in the grounds of St Andrew's Church. The semi-mature oak growing outside the church is an attractive feature and as it matures will become an important feature of the village. The boundary of the Conservation Area cuts across the graveyard and consideration should be given to extending the Conservation Area to include the whole of the graveyard.

South Tawton is surrounded by agricultural land and several mature trees are growing along the field boundaries around the Conservation Area itself.

Some planting has been carried out within the gardens of the larger properties inside the Conservation Area. However, outside the Area little planting has been carried out and there are many potential tree planting sites.

Trees in Conservation Areas Footnote:

The *Town and Country Planning Act*: Section 211 makes special provision for trees in Conservation Areas not subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). A tree is not defined in the Act, but a Section 211 Notice is only required for a tree with a diameter exceeding 75 mm in diameter. Trees in a Conservation Area already protected by a TPO are subject to the normal TPO controls. A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by the Local Planning Authority in respect of trees and woodlands. The principle effect of a TPO is to prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of a tree without the Local Planning Authority's consent.