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Former British School, Llanidloes, Powys

Building Survey



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Summary

A Level 3 building survey was conducted by the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, on behalf of Powys County Council, to record the surviving buildings of the former British School in Llanidloes. The building lay within the site of the former livestock market and the work was undertaken in connection with proposals to redevelop the site.

The school was built around 1865 and enlarged before the mid-1880s. Following its closure it was incorporated into the new livestock market during the mid-1950s and the surviving buildings were used as a canteen.

Crynodeb

Ym mis Ebrill 2019, bu Ymddiriedolaeth Archaeolegol Clwyd-Powys yn cynnal arolwg adeilad Lefel 3, ar ran Cyngor Sir Powys, i gofnodi adeiladau'r cyn Ysgol Brydeinig yn Llanidloes a oedd wedi goroesi. Roedd yr adeiladau o fewn safle'r cyn farchnad da byw, a gwnaed y gwaith mewn cysylltiad â chynigion i ailddatblygu'r safle.

Adeiladwyd yr ysgol o gwmpas 1865 a chafodd ei hehangu yng nghanol yr 1880au. Ar ôl ei chau, cafodd ei hymgorffori yn y farchnad da byw newydd yn ystod canol y 1950au ac roedd yr adeiladau a oedd wedi goroesi'n cael eu defnyddio fel cantîn.

1 Introduction

- 1.1. The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust were invited by Powys County Council to undertake a programme of building recording in connection with the redevelopment of the former livestock market in Llanidloes, Powys (Fig. 1; SN 9560 8427). The site includes the derelict remains of the former British School, which was built around 1865.



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Fig. 1 Location of Llanidloes Livestock Market

- 1.2. The school is recorded by the regional Historic Environment Record (HER), as PRN 84008, and the National Monument Record (NMR), as NPRN 683820, although neither provided any useful information regarding its origins or structure.
- 1.3. The survey was conducted at the pre-planning stage, before an application for the redevelopment of the livestock market had been submitted.

2 Historical Background

- 2.1. It is understood that the British School was built around 1865, six years after the opening of the adjacent Newtown and Llanidloes Railway and one year after the Cambrian Railways completed Llanidloes Station, which was used as the company headquarters.
- 2.2. The original extent of the school cannot be determined but by the mid-1880s the Ordnance Survey depicted an extensive range of buildings (Fig. 2), of which the surviving building formed the southern wing, along with the adjoining School House.

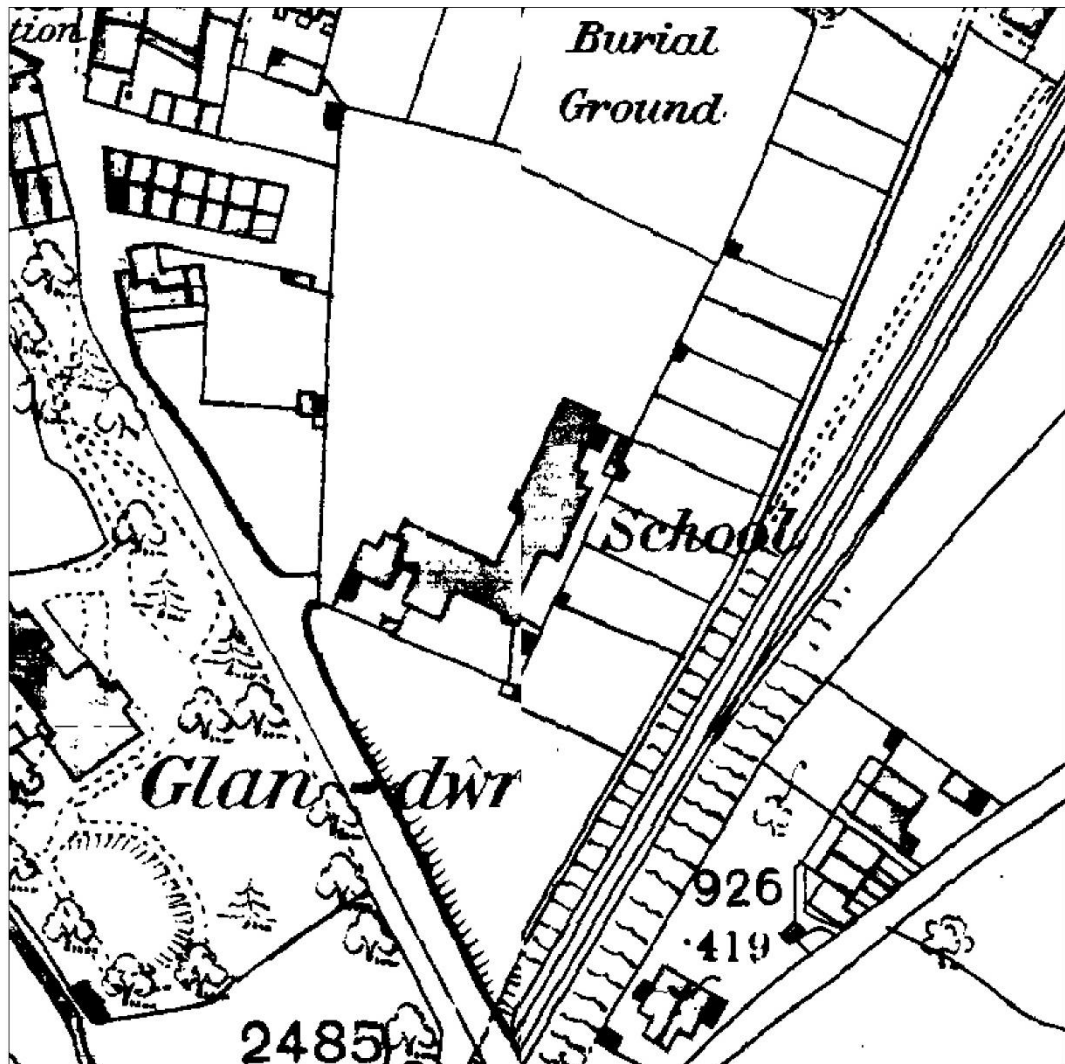


Fig. 2 Extract from the 1886-7 Ordnance Survey 1st edition 25" mapping

- 2.3. It is not known when the school closed, or when some of the school buildings were demolished, but the site was occupied by Llanidloes Livestock Market from the mid-1950s and the former school was then used as a canteen.

3 Building Survey

- 3.1. The building survey was conducted on 11 April 2019 in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' (CIfA) (2014) *Standard and Guidance for the Archaeological Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures*. The survey took the form of a Level 3 building survey as defined by Historic England (2016) *Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to good recording practice*. A ground plan and elevation are provided in Figs 9-10 at the end of this report.
- 3.2. The surviving building was constructed in red brick with dressed sandstone lintels and mouldings for the windows and doors and a slate roof with ceramic ridge tiles. Two main phases of construction were apparent, both dating to before the mid-1880s.
- 3.3. The original building was aligned west-north-west to east-south-east, but is referred to below as west to east for the sake of convenience. The north elevation had two doors to the west of the chimney, both with adjoining windows, with a double and a triple window to the east (Fig. 3). The roof had two iron ventilation cowls along the ridge, one of which had been removed. A name plate records 'Shorelands. Patent, Manchester'. What is now the eastern gable end (Fig. 4) was originally an internal wall.
- 3.4. The original southern elevation contained one timber-framed window at the western end and a smaller opening, perhaps a door, now blocked, which had a flat, brick voussoir (Fig. 5).
- 3.5. The surviving section of the building was divided into two rooms, although the divide has since been removed. A central chimney projected from the northern elevation, while internally there were two fireplaces, one for each room, angled at 45° (Fig. 6). The roof structure was not accessible, although there were two iron braces set below the high lath and plaster ceiling, which may have been later additions (Fig. 7).
- 3.6. Two adjoining classrooms were later added to the south, both with ridged, half-hipped roofs and tall, four-sectioned windows with dressed sandstone mouldings (Fig. 8). The eastern part also incorporated a through passage.
- 3.7. Following the closure of the school the building was used as a canteen for the new livestock market which led to a number of internal changes. These included the insertion of stud partitions, and two new doors being opened between the original building and the later classrooms.



Fig. 3 The north elevation of the original building. Photo CPAT 4634-0023



Fig. 4 The east elevation of the original building. Photo CPAT 4634-0003



Fig. 5 The south wall of the original building showing the modern inserted doorways, with the voussoir of the blocked opening just visible between. Photo CPAT 4634-0019



Fig. 6 The interior of the original building showing the angled fireplaces and chimneys. Photo CPAT 4634-0007



Fig. 7 The interior of the original building showing the iron bracing and later partitions. Photo CPAT 4634-0006



Fig. 8 The south elevation of the later classrooms. Photo CPAT 4634-0027

4 Sources

Published sources

Baughan, P. E., 1991. A Regional History of the Railways of Great Britain. Volume 11: North and Mid Wales. Nairn: David St John Thomas.

Cartographic sources

1886 Ordnance Survey 1:2500 1st edition Montgomeryshire 48.11

1887 Ordnance Survey 1:2500 1st edition Montgomeryshire 47.4

5 Archive deposition Statement

- 5.1. The project archive has been prepared according to the CPAT Archive Policy and in line with the CIfA *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives guidance* (2014). The archive is entirely digital and will be deposited jointly with the Historic Environment Record, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust and the National Monuments Record (RCAHMW).

Archive summary

CPAT Event PRN: 140289

30 digital photographs, CPAT film no 4634

Survey data (DWG)

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2369_east_elev

Survey drawings (AI, JPG)

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2369_plan



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CPAT Film 4634, contact sheet

Appendix 1: CPAT WSI 2045

1 Introduction

- 1.1. The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust has been invited by Powys County Council to undertake a programme of building recording in connection with the redevelopment of the former livestock market in Llanidloes, Powys (SN 9560 8430). The site includes the derelict remains of the former British School, which was built around 1865.

2 Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of the survey are:
 - to describe and record all of the key internal and external components of the surviving outbuilding complex so that a permanent record survives prior to alterations commencing. This will be completed by means of a desktop study and English Heritage Level 3 building survey;
 - to prepare a report outlining the results of the survey;
 - to prepare a final publication of the results in an appropriate regional or national journal, depending on the nature and significance of any archaeology.

3 Methodology

- 3.1. The archaeological works will be conducted according to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' (CIfA) Standard and Guidance for the archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures (2014), Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-based Assessment (2014).

Desk-based Assessment

- 3.2. Stage 1 of the assessment will involve the examination of all the readily available primary and secondary documentary, cartographic, pictorial, and photographic sources at the following repositories:
 - the regional Historic Environment Record
 - the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth
 - the National Monuments Record, Aberystwyth
 - Powys County Archives
- 3.3. All cartographic sources consulted will be included within the desktop section of the report, together with transcriptions of relevant documents and copies of plans, maps and photographs containing relevant information, subject to any copyright restrictions.

Building Survey

- 3.4. The survey will take the form of a Level 3 building survey as defined by Historic England (2016) *Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to good recording practice*. This level of survey is intended to create an analytical record of the building, and will include:
 - Description and photographic record of the exterior and the interior
 - Detailed account of type, construction, form, function

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- Phasing
 - Past and present use and relationship with setting
 - Copies of historic maps, plans, photographs and documents
 - conclusions regarding the building's development and use

3.5. There are currently no plans of the building, which will be recorded through a combination of measured survey and photogrammetry, subject to access and health and safety considerations. The end result will include:

- Measured plans of each floor, elevation and cross-sections
- Drawings of any architectural features/decoration
- Phase plans showing the development of the structure

Photography:

- General views of elevations
- General views of external appearance
- Overall appearance of principal rooms
- Internal and external structural detail
- Fixtures, fittings, machinery, related contents

Report

3.6. Following the on-site work an illustrated report will be prepared containing conventional sections to include:

- Non-technical summary
- Location and NGR
- Statutory designations
- Date of record, recorder and archive deposition
- Introduction
- Site location
- Methodology
- Summary of the form, function, date and development of the building
- Desk-based study, including copies of historic maps and photographs where permitted
- Summary description of the building
- Past and present usage
- Evidence for former existence of demolished structures, removed fittings etc
- Conclusions
- References

3.7. The report summary will be provided in English and Welsh, in accordance with the Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs) V1 (July 2018).

Site archive

3.8. The overall archive will conform to guidelines described in Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE), Historic England 2006, the CIfA (2014) Standard and Guidance for the Creation, Compilation, Transfer and Deposition of Archaeological Archives and The National Standard and Guidance to Best Practice for Collecting and Depositing

Archaeological Archives in Wales (NPAAW, 2017) and Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs) V1 (July 2018).

- 3.9. The paper and digital archive will be deposited with the National Monuments Record (NMR), RCAHMW, including a copy of the final report. This archive will include all written, drawn, survey and photographic records relating directly to the investigations undertaken. NMR Digital archives will follow the standard required by the RCAHMW (RCAHMW 2015). A copy of the digital archive only will also be lodged with the Historic Environment Record, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust.

4 Resources and programming

- 4.1. The assessment will be undertaken by a team of skilled archaeologists under the overall supervision of Nigel Jones, a senior member of CPAT's staff who is also a member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA). CPAT is also a CIfA Registered Organisation (RAO No 6) and as such agrees to abide by their Code of Conduct (2014) and the Code of Approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology (2014).
- 4.2. All report preparation will be completed by or with the assistance of the same field archaeologist(s) who conducted the fieldwork.
- 4.3. At present CPAT would be in a position to undertake the survey during February 2019, subject to the receipt of sufficient advanced notice from the client.
- 4.4. Requirements relating to Health and Safety regulations will be adhered to by CPAT and its staff.
- 4.5. CPAT is covered by appropriate Public and Employer's Liability insurance, as well as Professional Indemnity insurance.

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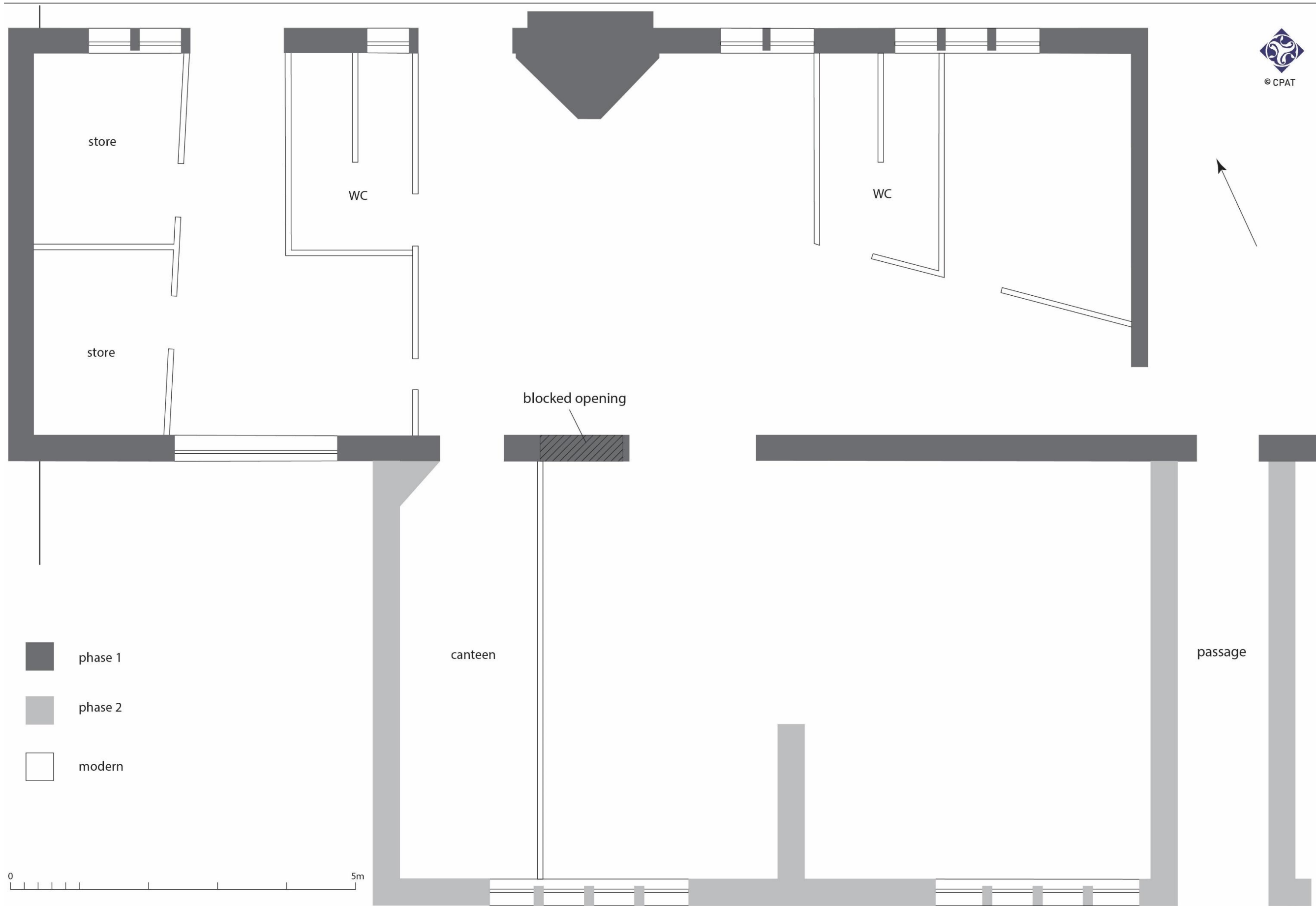


Fig. 9 Plan of the former British School, Llanidloes

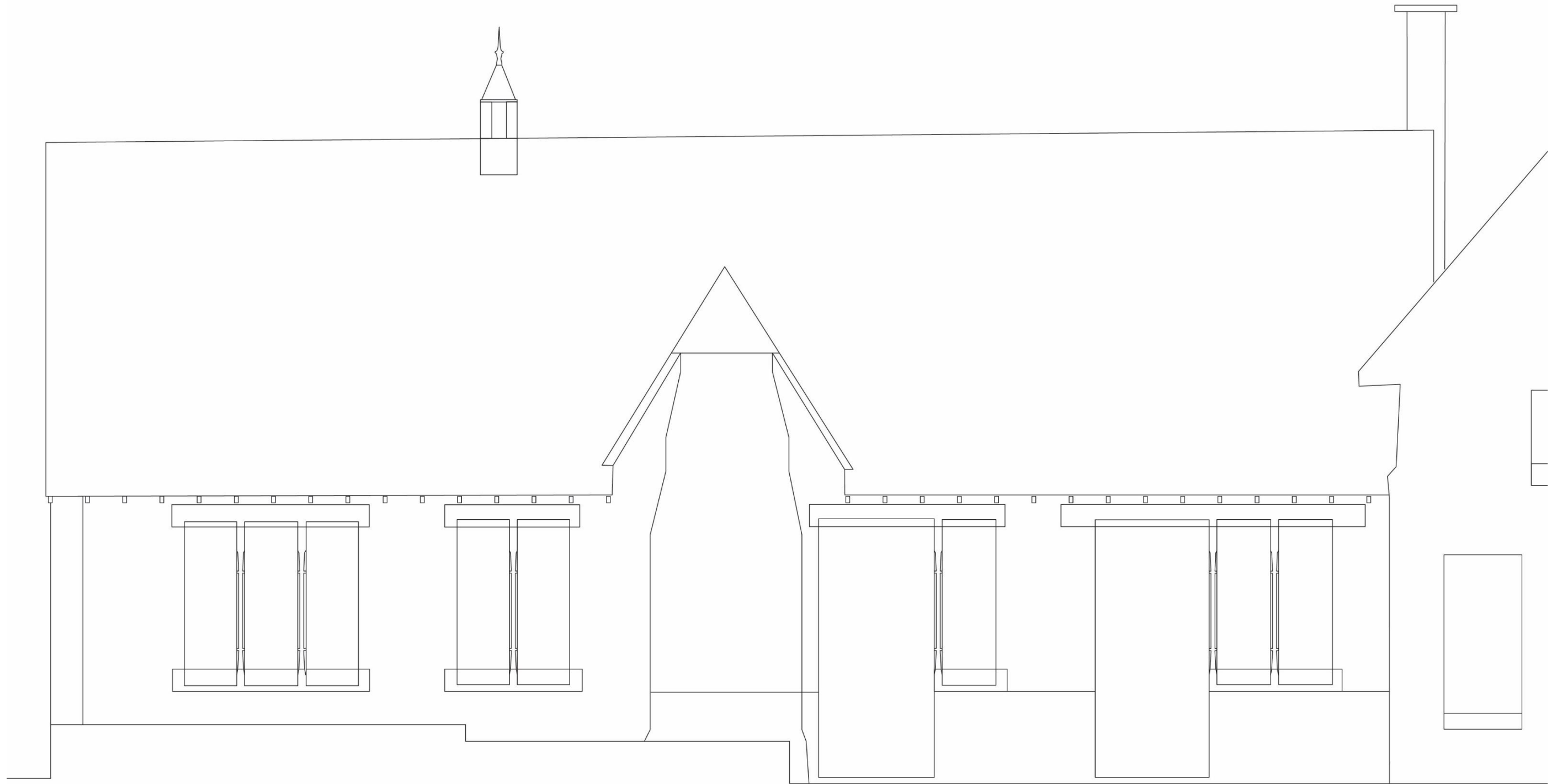


Fig. 10 North elevation of the former British School, Llanidloes

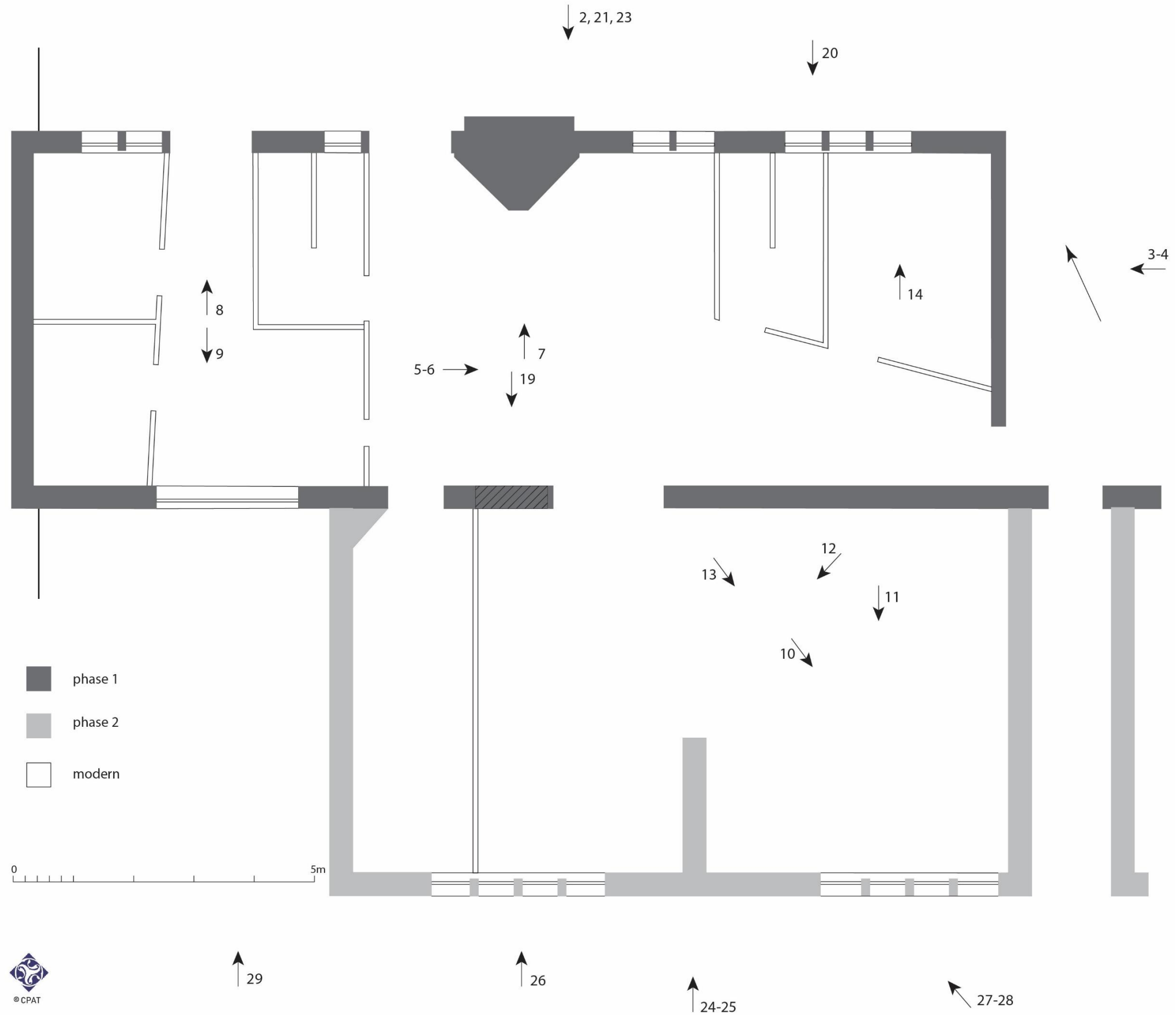


Fig. 11 Plan showing the location and direction of view for the photographic survey