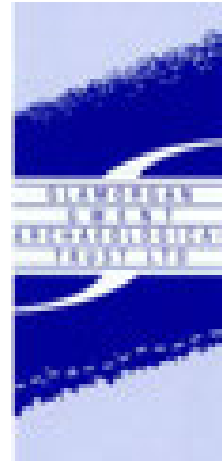


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*The Gwal-y-Filiast chambered tomb, Dyffryn (PRN 3s), view east*

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## INTRODUCTION

This project forms part of the Pan-Wales Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Project, during the course of which it is intended that all funerary and ritual sites of the Neolithic and Bronze Age in Wales should be visited and their state of preservation assessed, in order to ensure their continued preservation. The work is based on a pilot project carried out by CPAT in 1997-98, during the course of which an appropriate methodology and a glossary were developed. Both however remain subject to updating and modification as the result of experience gained by all four Welsh Archaeological Trusts.

The area surveyed in the third year covered the unitary authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan.

### Topography

The survey area takes in extensive areas of both Glamorgan and Gwent. It incorporates the uplands in the eastern portion of the Glamorgan coalfield, and significant lowland areas in Monmouthshire, the coastal zone from Chepstow to Cardiff, and the Vale of Glamorgan.

#### *The Vale of Glamorgan*

The Vale of Glamorgan consists for the most part of rolling lowland, dominated by a few areas of higher ground in its northeast portion (such as Wenvoe), but becoming an increasingly gentle landscape as one nears the coast. The coastline between Penarth and the River Ogmore is predominantly rocky and cliff-lined, and erosion by the sea has undoubtedly destroyed some monuments in coastal settings. This is evident from the loss of several barrows since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, notably around Barry. The rate of coastal change, however, will not have been particularly great, and certainly was far smaller than in other parts of Britain, for example East Anglia where modern rates well in excess of 1m/year have been recorded (Clayton 1989). The cliffs of the Vale are composed of relatively hard rocks, and additionally are not subject to continuous wave attack. Nevertheless, an overall loss in the order of a few tens of metres over the past four millennia does not seem an unreasonable proposition; monuments built adjacent to the contemporary cliff line would have been destroyed, whilst those situated a short distance from the sea now stand on the coast.

Other significant changes to the physical environment of the later prehistoric coast arise from relative sea-level rises. Allen (2001, 17, Fig. 4b) has presented data which indicate that at the beginning of the Neolithic period (6000 BP) Mean High Water (MHW) would have been at about -10m OD. The remains of woodland of prehistoric date have been noted below the present high-water mark, indicating that the coastline was further out during this period. The most significant differences would have been on the Gwent Levels, a landscape that has evolved and been claimed from the sea during the Holocene (Rippon 1996). However, no funerary or ritual sites are known within this landscape, and thus the area is not of direct concern to this study. The principal differences in setting, therefore, would have occurred around the bays to the southwest of the Year 3 study area, around Swansea and Gower, where certain monuments now on headlands would have been some distance inland.

#### *The Coalfield*

The Coalfield is characterised by a system of marked ridges and narrow, often deeply incised valleys. The main orientation of the ridges is approximately north-south or northwest-southeast. Nearer to the southern interface with the coastal belt the ridges tend to become lower and the valleys wider, as around the lower reaches of the River Taff.

#### *Monmouthshire*

To the east of the scarp of the South Wales Coalfield, the landscape is predominantly open, undulating countryside, though still with significant hills. The northwest quarter of Monmouthshire, around Hatterall Hill and Llanthony Priory, comprises the eastern extremity of the Black Mountains; here the landscape consists of tall, steep slopes descending to wide valleys.

### Geology

The study area falls within several geological zones (Neville George 1970). Much is occupied by Upper Palaeozoic rocks. The Coal Measures extend over the greater part of the uplands, mainly comprising sandstones but with more limited exposures of coarser grits and conglomerates. The Coal Measures immediately overlie (in sequence) Millstone Grit and Carboniferous Limestone. Both of these latter formations outcrop in a narrow band that surrounds the Coal Measures, extending in an anticlockwise arc from Llantrisant, Risca and Pontypool to

Merthyr Tydfil. The scarp of the South Wales Coalfield, from near Newport to Abergavenny (and continuing northwards), marks the eastern boundary of the Coal Measures. Old Red Sandstone is the dominant formation beyond this boundary, as well as westwards from Newport, where it outcrops in a band that becomes increasingly narrow and discontinuous as it extends westwards. The oldest formations in the area comprise an extensive exposure of Silurian rocks to the west of Usk.

The Vale of Glamorgan offers something of a geological contrast, being mainly composed of rocks of Mesozoic Age, although Carboniferous Limestone occurs in its northern portion, and in patchy outcrops elsewhere. Triassic rocks belonging to the Keuper and Rhaetic series occupy much of the eastern third of the Vale, whilst Jurassic Lower Lias rocks dominate to the west, from Barry to Southerndown and considerable distances inland. Limited patches of glacial gravels obscure some of the solid geology of the central Vale.

Holocene sand and alluvium occupy much of the coastal lowland in the Newport and Cardiff districts, as well as reaching significant distances inland along the river valleys, most notably that of the Usk.

## **Soils**

Soils vary widely across the study area, reflecting the different geology and topographies. The Monmouthshire lowlands are typified by well drained loamy and silty soils, whilst those of the Vale are generally well drained silty clays and coarse loams. The upland areas of Monmouthshire and the Coalfield tend towards thin, loamy, often permeable soils, often with thin peat horizons (Soil Survey of England & Wales 1983).

In their discussion of the distribution of prehistoric monuments in relation to soil types, Crampton & Webley (1963, 334-5) note that the Neolithic chambered tombs of Gower are sited near the boundary separating freely drained and poorly drained soils, and the majority of Bronze Age barrows (85% in Gower, 80% in upland Glamorgan) are located on podzols.

## **Vegetation and land use**

### ***The modern day***

At present, most of the study area is agricultural land. In the Vale improved pasture predominates, although there is a significant proportion of arable. In the lowland parts of Monmouthshire land use is mainly arable with some element of dairy farming.

Northwestern Monmouthshire and the Coalfield are an upland farming environment, being used predominantly for sheep grazing; at lower elevations there is a large percentage of improved pasture within enclosed fields; unimproved heath and moorland pasture (the majority unenclosed) tend to occupy the higher ground. There are extensive areas of coniferous forestry, planted as formally defined units, and rarer extents of deciduous woodland. Telecommunications masts now dominate many of the major summits.

### ***The Neolithic and Bronze Age***

The character of the landscape of Southeast Wales during the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods is not clearly understood. In particular, the extent of deforestation, and the consequent balance between open ground and woodland (doubtless a situation in flux) remains to be established. The issue has significant implications for our appreciation of fundamental issues such as settlement patterns, and for matters that directly concern this study, notably the viewsheds and intervisibility of funerary and ritual monuments.

Much of the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age in Britain is characterised by extensive woodland clearance, including in upland environments, which offered thinner soils that were easier to cultivate than then the heavier soils of the lowlands. Unfortunately, there are few pollen sequences from this period in South Wales, and none from the present study areas (see Evans *et al* 2002). However, a sample from Crug-yr-Afan barrow (PRN 00722w; Crampton 1967), 5 km to the west of Rhondda, may give some indication, although the results can only be applied to the wider context with extreme caution. Here, the vegetation in the Neolithic period was heather moorland (c70%), with smaller amounts of oak (c20%), hazel (c5%) and birch (c5%). In the Early Bronze Age, heather (c40%) was widespread below moderately open oak (c40%) woodland. However, Crampton & Webley (1963, 336) have suggested that the podzols on which most of the round barrows were erected may have been derived from sols brun acides supporting woodland during the Early Bronze Age. Data from Cefn Gwernffrwd, Mid Wales, suggest a similar situation prevailed there, and that by the Late Bronze Age most of the woodland in that particular locality had disappeared (Chambers 1983).

## **Methodology**

### ***Desktop study***

An SMR search had been made in Year 1 of the project to extract all sites with a possible prehistoric funerary and ritual function, by means of a search which was designed to pick up non-domestic sites predating the Iron Age. In addition to existing SMR data, a search was made of further sources (including the NMR) containing material which had not up till then been entered on the SMR. This resulted in the identification of a number of further sites, although some of these were placename sites which in the event yielded no physical remains when a field visit was undertaken. All sites not on the SMR were given new PRNs, bringing the total of PRNs for the Year 3 study area before fieldwork to 294.

All SMR information was checked and corrected if necessary, and duplicates were identified and eliminated as far as was possible from existing information. In contrast with Year 1, there was relatively little duplication where the same the same monument was recorded twice, or where the same site was recorded at two different locations and therefore given two different PRNs.

It is notable that whilst there exists two intensive surveys of prehistoric monuments in Glamorgan (RCAHMW 1976; Savory 1984), no comparable study has been published for Gwent. However, this imbalance has been offset, at least as far as the Black Mountains are concerned, by the recent work of Olding (2000).

As far as possible the identity of the landowner was established through the Land Registry, to eliminate the need for time-consuming enquiries in the area; owners who could be traced were contacted by letter, and arrangements made to visit the sites. Where land was unregistered, the landowners were identified through house-to-house enquiry.

### ***Field visit***

An attempt was made to visit each PRN, apart from known duplicates and sites for which there was uncontrovertible evidence for destruction. In all but a few instances the landowner was identified, and only in one case was permission actually refused. Where the landowner could not be identified or contacted, direct visits were not attempted; however, it was often possible to view these sites at a short distance, from adjacent roads and footpaths. Some of the sites (particularly in forestry but also in more open upland environments) could not be found, because they had been destroyed, because dense planting prevented access, or in cases because the grid reference supplied was too vague or incorrect to enable location.

Considerable disruption to the programme of field visits was caused by outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in 2001, which caused an overrun on the fieldwork for the Year 1 programme, with consequent knock-on effects for Year 2. The backlog of visits has now been addressed, and Year 3 has seen the completion of the entire fieldwork itinerary for the project.

The sites were located by GPS, enabling the NGR for each monument to be corrected if necessary and allowing for future relocation in the field by subsequent workers. Two GPS units were used (Garmin 12XL and Magellan 315 models). Occasionally it was not possible to obtain a reliable GPS reading, because a sufficiently good signal could not be obtained. Where sites were not at the NGR marked, a search was made of the area to see whether they could be located. The GPS was also used to obtain a height OD where this was not previously known, but as this function is considerably less reliable than the NGR it was not used to supplant existing data. Experience found that whilst the NGR function was normally correct to within 10m, the altitude reading could be out by several decimetres. Where an altitude is cited within the site gazetteer it has been corrected to the nearest 5m.

Each site was recorded using a pro-forma, noting present description, measurements, position, aspect and prospect, and present land use (Appendix 3). The survival, amenity value, condition, fragility and vulnerability were assessed on a separate pro-forma. Horizontal measurements were taken using a measuring tape, but it is normally only possible to estimate the height, where possible against something of known height, such as a photographic scale. Photographs were taken using black-and-white print and colour slide film, and in some cases, digital images. A sketch was made for unscheduled monuments<sup>1</sup> where the monument contained distinguishing features and a RCAHMW survey did not already exist. Scheduled Ancient Monuments were not necessarily recorded in the same detail where a good recent description already existed, and they were not drawn

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<sup>1</sup> SAM files normally contain sketches where appropriate, and it was not felt necessary to duplicate these unless the monument appeared significantly different.

since their site files contain sketches where these are appropriate. New sites noted during the course of the field visit were recorded using the same methodology.

In discussing the constituent parts of monuments, particularly cairns, the Udden-Wentworth grain-size scale was employed (see Tucker 1991, table 2.1). Pebbles fall within a diameter range of 4mm-64mm, cobbles from 65mm-256mm, above which all rocks are classified as boulders. Only a limited attempt has been made to discuss the lithologies employed as building materials. It has been the experience of the author (AFP) that petrological identifications by non-specialists (ie archaeologists) are often based on subjective impressions rather than on scientific observations (Pearson 2003; see also Parsons 1991, Ch. 1). Superficial examination of building materials, without sampling or reference to local outcrops, is at best an inadequate basis for conclusions, and at worst is erroneous and counterproductive. The provenance of building materials is nevertheless of great significance, and deserves detailed work that falls beyond the scope of the present study. Although the majority of stone can be expected to have been procured locally, questions of selection arise for particular structural components (eg larger elements such as capstones and orthostats), and where the site lies near the interface between geological formations. Visual properties of stone are also suggested to have been in factor in selection, whilst Cumming (2002) has drawn attention to the haptic qualities of stone in Neolithic monuments.

### ***Database enhancement***

The data obtained from the field visit was then transcribed into the database. As part of the database enhancement, new PRNs were added as required, in order to individuate possible funerary cairns in cemeteries and cairnfields where only the group had previously been recorded, or to identify cemeteries when only the constituent barrows or cairns were recorded. The total number of new PRNs added through this process and the recording of completely new sites was 72.

The condition of the monument was assessed according to the criteria established by RCAHMW:

- A Intact
- B Substantially intact
- C Damaged
- D Substantially destroyed
- E Destroyed
- M Moved
- R Reconstructed or reset
- U Unknown

Classifying the condition of barrows and cairns in particular contains an unavoidable element of subjectivity: it is necessary to make a judgement on how high the cairn originally rose. In most cases the data to do this are lacking, so that the judgement has tended to depend more on completeness of area rather than any estimate of significant original height.

### ***Report***

This report consists essentially of a gazetteer of sites, with an introductory section detailing the breakdown of monuments by site type. Since the survey area does not form a coherent whole, it was felt that any analysis would be at best misleading; this has been reserved until work has been completed on the whole of the former county of Glamorgan, when discussion of coherent topographic areas can be undertaken, following the character areas established for the Romano-British Settlement Survey. Some interim comments are made where possible on the different monument types. Each monument type section also includes a list of rejected sites.

The gazetteer of sites excludes rejected sites, but includes lost or doubtful sites.

## CHAMBERED TOMB

(Map 1)

### Definition

Monument with evidence of a burial chamber composed of upright stones and considered to be a funerary monument of Neolithic date. The burial chamber may be covered by a capstone and may be enclosed within a round or long mound or cairn. The burial chamber will generally be significantly larger than a cist.

### Sub-types

No sub-types were noted in the survey area.

### Number of examples

There are 12 examples of definite or possible chambered tombs within the study area.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00003s	CHAMBERED LONG CAIRN, MAESYFELIN (or GWAL Y FILIAST)	ST10097230	C	Yes	Hillslope
00061g	GWERN-Y-CLEPPA	ST27638505	C	Yes	Local summit
00374s	TINKINSWOOD LONG CAIRN	ST09217331	B/C	Yes	Hillslope
00376s	CHAMBERED TOMB, TINKINSWOOD	ST09267328	D	Yes	Hillslope
00620m	CAERARFAU	ST07728214	B/C	Yes	Hillslope
00655m	MAEN CATTWG	ST12699744	B	Yes	Hillslope
00934s		ST06257330	B	No	Local summit
01140g	GAERLLWYD	ST44809670	C	Yes	Upland plateau
01147g	HESTON BRAKE CHAMBERED TOMB	ST50528866	C	Yes	Local summit
02432s	CHAMBERED TOMB, TINKINSWOOD	ST09327327	C	Yes	Hillslope
04432g	THORNWELL FARM	ST53959167	C	Yes	False Crest
08422g		SO27192512	C	No	Hillslope

### Comments

These tombs represent a range of different forms, though it has been decided not to classify these as formal subtypes. Portal dolmens are in the majority, being represented by Maes-y-Felin, Gwern-y-Cleppa, Tinkinswood (02432s & 00376s; although several examples included within the latter PRN are possibly natural geological forms), Caerarfau, 00934s, Gaerllwyd, Heston Brake and Thornwell Farm. The large stone Maen Cattwg is quite probably a capstone, as is the newly discovered site 08422g, though the precise form of the monuments to which they related is not known.

Tinkinswood long cairn is a fine example of the Cotswold-Severn group of monuments, exhibiting the characteristic megalithic tomb incorporated into a barrow, with drystone façade and courtyard (PRN 00374s). Both this site and Maes-y-Felin (00003s) were covered by elongated mounds, although at the latter site only a low earthwork now remains. Both monuments could therefore also be included within the long barrow (cairn) classification.

Most of these sites are in lowland situations, although several, such as Gwern-y-Cleppa, are positioned in dominant locations with commanding views. However, the gentle, undulating character of the ground at Tinkinswood restricts the views to the middle distance in all directions. Gaerllwyd and 08422g are the only known examples of chambered tombs in upland locations; the former site has a wide viewshed, but the hillslope position of the latter results in a narrow field of view.

## CIST

(Map 2)

### Definition

Isolated stone-lined pit assumed to have held a human burial of prehistoric or later date.



### *Sub-types*

No sub-types were noted in the survey area.

### *Number of examples*

Of the five cists within the study area only one could be found; this was a new site on Eglwysilan Common (PRN 08436g) Two others are recorded as being destroyed (PRNs 00654m, 02390s), whilst two could not be located. That the cist at Ty Newydd (PRN 00090s) could not be found is unsurprising, for it was encountered during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and was either reburied or destroyed at that time. The failure to locate the Groes-wen site is less easy to explain, except in terms of its destruction since the late 1970s. One dubious ‘capstone’ at Cotterell Park could not be found and has been rejected as a likely prehistoric site.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00090s	TYNEWYDD (NEWHOUSE FARM)	ST11357780	U	No	Hillslope
00654m	LLANCAEACH ISAF	ST11579615	E	No	
00688m	GROES-WEN	ST12608738	U	No	Hillslope
02390s		ST13826771	E	No	
08436g		ST1046192154	D	No	Hillslope

### *Comments*

There is insufficient material for meaningful comment.

### *Rejected sites*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
	COTTERELL PARK	ST079744	No trace found of this dubious cist; golf course fairway

## **CREMATION**

(Map 2)

### *Definition*

Isolated stone-lined pit assumed to have held a human burial of prehistoric or later date.

### *Sub-types*

No sub-types were noted in the survey area.

### *Number of examples*

There are two known examples of cremations within the present study area. Neither remains in situ, and the finds from both are now lost.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
03819s	ST FAGANS	ST11807740	?E	No	
03992g	COED-Y-FON FARM, TREDUNNOCK	ST36909480	?E	No	

### *Comments*

There is insufficient material for meaningful comment.

## **HENGE**

(Map 3)

### *Definition*

Circular earthwork or cropmark monument normally comprising a ditch with an internal or external bank and one or more entrances, associated with ritual or funerary activity of later Neolithic date and normally specially associated with other funerary or ritual monuments of Neolithic or Bronze Age date. The ditch is normally proportionally much wider than that of a ring ditch. Because of the relatively low numbers the monument type definition covers both henges and hengiform monument types (types of site which do not really fall into the

category of henge but are thought to be related types). Internal settings may include timber circles, pit circles, stone circles, stone settings, central mounds, cremation pits etc.

*Sub-types*

Henge (hengiform monument): A variety of sites which do not readily fall into the category of henge, but are thought to be related monuments. Types of hengiform monument currently identified include smaller sites, possibly with segmental ditches.

*Number of examples*

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled ?	Siting
01600g		SO30772554	B	No	Plateau
02833s	DUFFRYN ENCLOSURE	ST10077225	B	No	False crest

*Lost or doubtful*

Site name	SITE_NAME	NGR	Notes
00217s	CRACK HILL	SS94787642	Probably a recent copse enclosure

*Comments*

The interpretation of PRN 1600g as a henge rests mainly on its association with the wider complex of funerary and ritual monuments at Garreg Las (PRN 8452g). Similarly PRN 02833s has been tentatively identified as a henge on the basis of its close proximity to the chambered tomb Gwal-y-filiast at St Lythans (PRN 00003g). This second monument has its ditch outside the bank and other interpretations are therefore possible; an alternative suggestion is that it is an Early Christian ecclesiastical site, to be identified with the *Powisfa Dewi* of the Llandaff Charters (Evans forthcoming), and it is unlikely that the matter will be resolved without excavation. As with previous years, there are too few sites to make comment on henges as a type.

**INHUMATION**

*(Map 2)*

A single inhumation of prehistoric or later date which does not appear to be associated with any burial structure such as a cairn, cist or round barrow.

*Sub-types*

Inhumation (cave burial)

*Number of examples*

There are nine examples of prehistoric inhumation sites within the study area, ranging from the definite sites of Old Castle Down and Lesser Garth Cave, to more dubious sites such as PRN 00263g, found during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and only reported in the scantest fashion. The Lesser Garth site falls under the sub-category of cave burials.

*Inhumations*

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00263g	ALEXANDRA DOCKS	ST31608425	M	No	
00322m	CRAIG YR EOS	SS86107508	E	No	
00333s		ST00067465	M	No	
00395s		ST06097003	E	No	
00405s		SS91526832	E	No	
00410s		SS92776909	E	No	
00425m	OLD CASTLE DOWN	SS90167560	E	No	
00568s		ST11406630	U	No	

### *Inhumation (cave burial)*

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?
00593s	LESSER GARTH CAVE	ST12558210	U	No

#### *Comments*

In the Old Castle Down site, we have one of the finest but also one of the most enigmatic prehistoric burial finds in Britain. The 'Ogmore helmets' and their associated artefacts (discovered in 1818 and since lost) have been variously dated from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> centuries BC. They were found in an area of undoubted Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age activity, but their precise date and context is never likely to be known (Toft 2001). Lesser Garth Cave has yielded evidence for use of the site for burial (and probably for other more mundane domestic functions) from the Early Bronze Age through to the Roman period. There is little information recorded about the other inhumation sites. Those at Nash Point (PRN 00405s) and Barry Island (PRN 00568s) are certainly later prehistoric (Neolithic, Bronze- or Iron Age) but have not been dated more precisely, whilst there is too little information to comment further on the remaining examples.

## **LONG BARROW**

*(Map 1)*

#### *Definition*

Earthwork or cropmark indications of long, roughly rectangular or trapezoidal mound of earth and/or stone or markedly oval mound presumed to have been used for sepulchro-ritual activity of early to middle Neolithic date. In the case of cropmark sites the original mound may be indicated by lateral ditches or trenches for timber revetments.

#### *Number of examples*

There are three sites classified as long barrows within the present study area. Two further sites might also be added, namely those at Tinkinswood (PRN 00374s) and Thornhill Farm (PRN 04432g). However, both of these are categorised under chambered tombs within the present report on the basis of their megalithic internal structures, rather than on the morphology of the covering mound. Chambered tombs and long barrows are shown together on Map 1.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00369s	COED Y CWM	ST08117378	D	Yes	Upland plateau
00408s	CAEREWYNS LONG CAIRN	SS91696824	C/D	Yes	Coastal
08425g	BOXTREE COTTAGE	SO31162326	C	No	False crest

#### *Comments*

There is relatively little to say about the three examples above. Coed-y-Cwm (00369s) is unproven as a prehistoric site. It survives as a tumble of large stone slabs on a very low elongated mound, and excavation has failed to determine whether it is a natural feature or the remnants of a tomb. Both the Caerewyns and Boxtree Cottage sites survive only as low earthworks which have been badly disturbed. Neither has been excavated.

## **PREHISTORIC MONUMENT COMPLEX**

*(Map 5)*

#### *Definition*

A grouping of two or more prehistoric funerary and ritual monuments which are perceived as having some association. An example might be a round barrow and standing stone in close proximity, or a group including a wider range of monuments.

#### *Number of examples*

There are three examples within the present study area.

PRN	Name	NGR	Scheduled?	Siting
03826s	DYFFRYN MONUMENT COMPLEX	ST10097230	No	

08452g	GARREG LAS MONUMENT COMPLEX	SO30902560	No
08453g	GRAY HILL MONUMENT COMPLEX	ST435935	No

#### *Comments*

The Gray Hill complex is extensive, and incorporates an array of monument types. The majority of features are cairns (a total of 16, although not all could be located during the present field visit), but a stone row (PRN 00988g) and stone circle (00987g) are also present.

The Garreg Las complex was more limited in monument number and variety, comprising a pair of cairns and a hengiform monument (01600g). The complex is slightly dubious, for the identification of 01600g as a hengiform monument rests largely on its association with the cairns, rather than on incontrovertible archaeological or morphological evidence.

The complex at Dyffryn is also slightly dubious, for whilst the chambered tomb (PRN 00003s) is undoubtedly of prehistoric age, the adjacent circular feature proposed as a hengiform monument (PRN 02833s) may have a much more recent origin. However, it is notable that at least one other monument (a round barrow; PRN 02834s) existed in the immediate vicinity, although too distant to be considered as part of the complex itself.

## **RING DITCH**

*(Figure 4)*

#### *Definition*

One or more concentric ditches with no visibly surviving internal mound identified by excavation or by cropmarks and assumed to be associated with funerary and/or ritual monuments of later Neolithic to middle Bronze Age date. More frequently smaller examples (<30m in diameter) are assumed to be the ploughed-out remains of a round barrow or internal ring-ditch.

#### *Number of examples*

Seven examples are suggested within the present study area, all but one of which (07738g) are in the Vale of Glamorgan.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition
00470m	NORTON, OGMORE-BY-SEA	SS87467578	D
02417s	LLANCADLE SOUTH (B)	ST03726799	E
02419s	KENSON WOOD WEST	ST04566876	E
02421s	CWM (1 OF 2)	ST05606851	E
02422s	CWM (2 OF 2)	ST05606851	E
02423s	TREDOGAN ROAD NORTH	ST06206854	U
07738g	MYNYDD-BACH, NEWCHURCH, SITE 2	ST44559749	U

#### *Comments*

All of the sites are known only from aerial photographs. Inspection of the ground during the present study has found no evidence of earthworks, and no stray finds have come to light despite some of the fields being under plough. The only exception is at Norton, where a flint was found in the vicinity during the field visit. However, it may well be associated with the large interrupted ditch enclosure that occupies the hilltop, rather than with any ploughed-out barrow. The date and character of all of these features remain unknown.

## **ROUND BARROW**

*(Maps 6, 6a and 6b)*

#### *Definition*

Round mound of earth and/or stone with a flattened or rounded top presumed to be for burial and/or other ritual activity of Neolithic, Bronze Age or Roman date. The mound may be enclosed by a circular or intermittent outer ditch and may have a complex structure including stone kerbs, stone settings or burial cists. Two or more associated round barrows are also classed as a Barrow Cemetery. Ring ditches are a related type with no visibly surviving internal mound, the smaller examples of which are generally considered to be ploughed-out round

barrows. Included in the definition are sites first identified as ring ditches but subsequently found to have an internal mound.

*Sub-types*

- Round barrow (cairn): a circular cairn assumed to be predominantly composed of stone  
 Round barrow (kerb cairn): a small circular cairn (c5m diam) with an outer kerb of disproportionately large stones (interior normally infilled)  
 Round barrow (platform cairn): a circular cairn with a levelled flat top  
 Round barrow (ring cairn): a circular bank of stones surrounding a hollow central area, the inner and/or outer edges of which may be retained by stone kerbs or spaced stones  
 Round barrow (structured cairn): a circular cairn assumed to be predominantly composed of stone, and with evidence of deliberate construction such as a kerb or inner stone setting

**Round barrow**

(Map 6 with details 6a and 6b)

*Number of examples*

There are 142 round barrows within the present study area, along with three dubious examples.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00001s	ST LYTHANS HOUSE TUMULUS	ST11227353	D	No	Hillslope
00017s	VIANSHILL	ST10717401	C/D	No	Summit
00073s	LECKWITH TUMULUS	ST15367433	C	No	Hillslope
00078s	SANT Y NYLL	ST10087829	C	Yes	Ridge crest
00152g		ST25479109	U	No	
00185s	THE TWMPATH	SS95547616	D	No	Summit
00186s	MYNYDD BYCHAN TUMULUS	SS96637560	E	No	
00226s	MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 1	SS92207063	D	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00227s	MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 2	SS92217068	C	No	Coastal/ Hillslope
00228s	MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 3	SS92387080	C	No	Coastal/ Hillslope
00230m	HEOL Y MYNYDD 1	SS88417513	D	No	
00231m	HEOL Y MYNYDD 2	SS88427516	C	Yes	Hillslope
00236s	CANT ERW WEST 1	SS93827131	D	Yes	Coastal
00237g	PENTWYN FARM	ST25039082	C	No	Hillslope
00237s	CANT ERW WEST 2	SS93637129	C	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00238s	CANT ERW WEST 3	SS93867135	C/D	Yes	Coastal/ False crest
00239s	MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 1	SS93207066	C	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00240s	MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 2	SS93227075	C	Yes	Coastal plain
00241s	MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 3	SS93267048	C	No	Coastal Plain
00242s	CROES HEOL Y SPLOTT	SS94687059	C	Yes	Hillslope
00284s	DOMEN FAWR ROUND BARROW	SS98527103	U	Yes	
00285s	SUTTON 268 FT	SS95067226	E	No	
00286s		SS95927234	E	No	
00287s	SHEEPLAYS 279 FT	SS96007204	E	No	
00288s	SHEEPLAYS 293 FT	SS96027200	E	No	
00289s	SIX WELLS 271 FT	SS95597189	E	No	
00290s	SIX WELLS 267 FT	SS95577162	E	No	
00291s	MORFA HOUSE 1	SS95967008	C	Yes	Hillslope
00292s	MORFA HOUSE 2	SS95967008	E	No	Hillslope
00299s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 5	SS97137384	U	Yes	
00301s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 1	SS96897375	C	Yes	Hillslope

00302s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 4	SS97207386	C	No	Hillslope
00303s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 2	SS96957378	C	Yes	Hillslope
00304s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 4(?)	SS97057384	U	No	
00305s	MALBOROUGH GRANGE SOUTH	SS97357351	D	No	Hillslope
00306s	FFYNNON Y GROTTO SOUTHEAST	SS97957307	C	Yes	High Plateau
00324s	MAESHWY AID	ST03507510	C/D	No	Hillslope
00325s	MAES-Y-HWY AID NORTHWEST	ST03657555	U	Yes	
00332s	STALLING DOWN	ST01157490	C	Yes	False crest
00338m	DUNRAVEN CASTLE EAST	SS89357241	U	No	
00373g		ST37449490	U	No	
00377s		ST09927198	E	No	Hillslope
00401s	NASH POINT ROUND BARROW A	SS91346930	C	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00402s	NASH POINT ROUND BARROW B	SS91376926	D	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00403s	NASH POINT ROUND BARROW C	SS91466916	C	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00404s	NASH POINT ROUND BARROW D	SS91366928	C	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00412s	SOMERSET FARM NORTHWEST 1	SS93786961	E	No	Coastal Plain
00413s	SOMERSET FARM NORTHWEST 2	SS93896960	D	No	Coastal Plain
00432m	RHYLE BARROW	SS91647264	C	Yes	Coastal Plain
00433m	WICK CHURCH SOUTH	SS92377199	D	No	Summit
00438m		SS91777278	C	No	Summit
00478s	BOVERTON FARM WEST	SS98486726	D	No	Coastal Plain
00479s	THE TUMP	SS99646723	D	No	Coastal Plain
00557s	FRIARS POINT 6	ST11096596	C	No	Coastal Plain
00558s	FRIARS POINT 3	ST11066597	E	No	Coastal Plain
00559s	FRIARS POINT 4	ST11066600	E	No	Coastal Plain
00560s	FRIARS POINT 5	ST11066604	E	No	Coastal Plain
00561s	FRIARS POINT 2	ST11046603	D	No	Coastal Plain
00562s	FRIARS POINT 1	ST11036613	D	No	Coastal Plain
00579s	COLD KNAP 1	ST10266608	E	No	Coastal Plain
00581s	FRAIRS POINT	ST10776644	E	No	Coastal Plain
00615s	TREODA CASTLE MOUND (PHASE I)	ST15608040	E	No	
00668m	TWYN HYWEL	ST10019106	U	No	
00671m	TWYN YR ARIAN	ST10189177	C	No	
00691m	ABERTRIDWR TUMULUS	ST12168940	E	No	
00707s	WELSH ST DONATS ROUND BARROW 1	ST04117495	D	Yes	Hillslope
00708s		ST04157493	C	Yes	Hillslope
00709s		ST04227491	C/D	No	Hillslope
00717s		ST13106740	C	Yes	
00755s		ST04077505	B	No	Valley base
00761s	NEAR PENTRE MEYRICK	SS96257612	E	No	Hillslope
00764s	NEW MILL FARM	SS91086953	D	No	Coastal
00895g		SO47000700	U	No	
00916s		ST04507488	B/C	No	Hillslope
00917s		ST04207539	D	No	Hillslope
00918s		ST04207520	U	No	Hillslope
00919s		ST04007510	C	No	Hillslope
00920s		ST04127508	C	No	Hillslope
00921s	CORRWG	SS97297522	D	No	Hill crest
00929s		ST05007670	U	No	Hillslope
00947s	GREAVE ROUND BARROW	ST12467331	C	No	Ridge summit
01015g	ST BRIDES	ST43309035	D	No	Flood Plain
01020g	NORTHWEST OF WENTWOOD LODGE (1 OF 2)	ST41669455	C	Yes	Ridge crest
01021g	NORTHWEST OF WENTWOOD	ST41699455	C	Yes	Ridge crest

LODGE (2 OF 2)					
01031g		ST45079091	C	Yes	Flood plain
01032g		ST45019090	D	No	Flood plain
01034s		SS96757708	U	No	
01056g		ST49559050	C	No	Summit
01057g	CRICK	ST48449025	C	Yes	Valley base
01289s		ST03607510	U	No	Hillslope
01437g	MIDDLE HENDRE	SO45401378	C	Yes	
01580m		ST10509215	C	No	Hillslope
01582m		ST11389225	U	No	Hillslope
01584m		ST13629104	U	No	
01753g	CWM BWCHEL	SO27592720	C	No	Plateau
01781g	LLANFOIST MOTT	SO28501358	C	No	Hillslope
01839g	NORTH OF TY-CANOL	SO35100800	C	Yes	Flood plain
01949s	NORTH OF LITTLE GREEN	ST13807080	E	No	Hillslope
02203g	NORTH OF RISCA	ST25659055	C	Yes	Local summit
02277s		ST13206720	E	No	
02299g	HATTERALL RIDGE	SO29702880	C	No	Upland plateau
02332g		ST38208910	C	Yes	Hillslope
02371s		ST03847494	D	No	Hillslope
02372s	ST FAGANS	ST10887854	E	No	
02459s		ST03807494	U	No	
02492s		SS99807810	U	No	
02524g	BEDD Y GWR HIR	SO24621338	B	No	Hillslope
02532s		ST04707490	C	No	Hillslope
02549s		SS98107780	U	No	Hillslope
02791s	PENCOEDTRE 1	ST13197063	U	No	Hillslope
02792s	PC 2	ST13087053	E	No	Hillslope
02834s	WEST OF EAST LODGE, DYFFRYN WP 5	ST10007243	D	No	Hillslope
02992s	FRIARS POINT	ST11176593	E	No	Coastal
03809s	BREACH FARM 3	SS97027388	C	No	Hillslope
03810s	COG BRIDGE MOUND	ST16656931	U	No	
03811s	CWM NASH	SS90606980	U	No	
03814s	THE TUMP	SS99556665	E	No	Coastal
03815s	Y FRON SOUTH	ST08757705	U	No	Hillslope
03816s	Y FRON NORTH	ST08757710	U	No	Hillslope
03817s	ST BRIDES MAJOR	SS89307370	U	No	
03818s		SS90707310	E	No	
03820s	ST FAGANS	ST11107790	C	No	Hillslope
03821s	ST FAGANS	ST11807780	C	No	Valley Base
04191m		SS91607260	C	No	Coastal
04440g	THORNWELL ROUND BARROW	ST53989167	C	No	Local summit
04548g		ST23908880	U	No	Summit
04549g		ST23908880	U	No	Summit
04552g		ST25808480	E	No	Local summit
05237g		SO48101420	U	No	Hillslope
06187g	GARN WEN	SO28012565	U	No	
06878g		SO14519068	C	No	Plateau
06926g		SO21570867	U	No	Plateau
06927g		SO21520840	U	No	Plateau
06929g		SO15820886	U	No	
07740g	MILL FARM ?LANGSTONE	ST39559184	U	No	
07743g	COALPITS NORTH, ST PIERRE	ST49359302	U	No	
07755g		ST44439045	U	No	
08115g	THREE WELLS ROUND CAIRN, HATTERALL HILL	SO31502370	B	Yes	False crest

08414g		SO19680439	C	No	Upland plateau
08415g	DERI MERDDOG ROUND BARROW PAIR	SO19280474	B	No	Hillslope
08416g	DERI MERDDOG ROUND BARROW PAIR	SO19290477	B	No	Hillslope

#### *Lost or doubtful examples*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
01345m		SO1303	Grid reference supplied too imprecise to allow location
02089g	CARN Y CAPEL	SO27100820	Place name. No evidence of any ancient feature
08430g		SO21211048	A natural mound

#### *Comments*

The vast majority of round barrows are in lowland locations, principally lowland Gwent and the Vale of Glamorgan. This comes as no surprise, for these are environments where soils are relatively thick and accessible stone correspondingly sparse. The reverse of this situation can be seen below in the distribution of cairns. However, it is not necessarily possible to separate barrows from cairns on the basis of the type of investigation employed in the project fieldwork, *ie* superficial inspection coupled with limited probing. In the absence of positive evidence to the contrary, all mounds in which stone could not be seen or felt have been classed as barrows, creating a numerical bias towards this type.

Where barrows have been excavated, the internal structure has often been shown to be more complex than simply a mound of earth. At Marlborough Grange (PRN 00305s), for example, the mound of turf and clay was enclosed by a drystone revetment wall: a similar feature was present at Sutton 268FT (PRN 00285s). Rings of stakeholes were present at Sheeplays 293FT (PRN 00288s), Six Wells 267FT (00290s) and Six Wells 271FT (00289s). The Crick round barrow (PRN 01057g) incorporated a ring of stones, including two cup-marked examples.

Sites have also produced evidence for multiple phases, including the Sant-y-Nyll barrow (PRN 00078s), which was found to be built over previous huts. Within one of the cemetery group at Welsh St Donats (PRN 00707s) the primary burial was covered by a turf and earth mound with some use of limestone slabs, later covered by a larger barrow that employed a partial retaining kerb that curiously enveloped only the NE half of the monument. A secondary burial was inserted into the south side of the mound. Other secondary burials have been found within the barrows of Sutton 268FT (PRN 00285s), Sheeplays 293FT (PRN 00288s) and Friars Point 4 (PRN 00599s). The majority of barrows in the study area have not been excavated, and it is to be expected that many would similarly exhibit multiple phases and sophisticated construction.

#### *Rejected sites*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
00089s	ST FAGANS BATTLEFIELD	ST10607780	Antiquarian record; site not located
01512G	CAIRN, TUMP FARM	SO46121940	Place-name evidence
07043g		SO16500750	Dubious earthwork

### **Round barrow (cairn)**

*(Maps 7, and 7a)*

#### *Number of examples*

Seventy-eight cairns show no evidence for any structural features, or in the case of destroyed cairns, are not recorded as having any. There are a further three lost or doubtful sites.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
05342g	THORNWELL	ST53999154	U	No	
05343g	THORNWELL	ST54009147	U	No	
06001m	MYNYDD BACH CAIRN	ST16799182	D	No	Hill slope



06385g		SO29000475	U	No	
06853g		SO1352908087	U	No	
06858g		SO1287108505	U	No	
06923g		SO12700799	U	No	
06945g	EBBW VALE	SO15750961	U	No	
06950g		SO15651241	U	No	
06955g		SO14441339	U	No	
06956g		SO14471332	U	No	
06967g		SO20120458	C	No	Hillslope
06997g		SO14680565	U	No	
07057g		ST4910297556	C	Yes	Ridge crest
07083g		ST4985192018	C	No	Hillslope
07113g		ST4962492475	C	No	Hillslope
08393g		ST47688917	C	No	False crest
00012m	BEGWYNS	ST22389000	C	Yes	Summit
00027g	TWYN PANT-TEG	ST23998885	C	Yes	Hill Summit
00079g	TWYN CAE-HUGH	ST17379150	C	Yes	Plateau
00084g	TWYN YR OERFEL	ST18109069	C	Yes	Ridge crest
00085g	TWYN YR OERFEL	ST18399060	C	Yes	Ridge crest
00116g		ST24359265	C	No	Summit
00138g	WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN 1	ST25119273	C	Yes	Local summit
00139g	WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN 2	ST25109278	C	Yes	Local summit
00140g	WEST OF GRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN 3	ST25109272	C	Yes	Local summit
00141g	WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN 4	ST25089270	C	Yes	Local summit
00433g	TRE-GARN	ST38419059	E	No	
00526s	WESTWARD CORNER TUMULUS	ST09176690	B/C	Yes	Coastal
00583s		ST16956692	C	No	Summit
00648m	CEFN Y BRITHDIR 2	SO13150327	C	No	High plateau
00678m	GARNEDD LWYD	ST10739038	D	Yes	Hillslope
00685m		ST16979246	U	No	
00686m		ST17029260	D	No	Summit
00707m	GARTH HILL 1	ST10268347	C	Yes	Summit
00708m	GARTH HILL 2	ST10348350	B	Yes	Summit
00709m	GARTH HILL 3	ST10368350	D	No	Summit
00710m	GARTH HILL 4	ST10428354	D	Yes	Summit
00711m	GARTH HILL 5	ST10608360	D	Yes	Summit
00724g	LOWER HALE WOOD 2	SO52050095	C	Yes	Hillslope
00725g	LOWER HALE WOOD 3	SO51960091	C	Yes	Hillslope
01574m		ST09999108	C	No	Local summit
01748g	LOXIDGE TUMP, LLANTHONY	SO28872922	C	No	Hillslope
01754g	GARN WEN	SO28062561	C	No	High Plateau
01774g		SO26981186	C	Yes	High plateau
01776g	CARN BLORENGE	SO27341227	C	No	Summit
01790g	BEACON MOUNTAIN	SO18390902	C	No	Summit
01942m	PANT WAUNCORRWG	ST10409060	U	No	
01977g	DERI MERDDOG	SO19100480	C	No	Hillslope
02081g	CARN Y DEFAID	SO27060997	C	Yes	False Crest
02303g	WEST OF BLACK DARREN	SO28902970	B	No	Plateau
02414m	GARNEDD LWYD	ST10709030	D	Yes	Hillslope
02416m	TYWN HYWEL	ST10009110	E	Yes	Hillslope
02424m	NL4	SO09700798	U	No	

03081g	CRUCORNY FAWR	SO29332943	C	No	Plateau
03758g	MYNYDD ISLWYN	ST19459981	U	No	
03940g	LOWER HALE WOOD 1	SO52090091	C	Yes	Hillslope
05341g	THORNWELL	ST54039163	U	No	
08396g		SO26971183	D	No	Ridge crest
08398g		ST49319292	C	No	Hillslope
08399g		ST49319292	C	No	Hillslope
08400g		ST47688917	C	No	False crest
08401g		ST43829351	C	No	False crest
08405g		SO27090981	C	No	Plateau
08406g		SO27710874	C	No	Hillslope
08407g		SO27080846	D	No	Ridge crest
08410g	LOXIDGE TUMP NORTH	SO28872957	C	No	Hillslope
08411g	GRAIG DDU NORTH	SO28412660	B	No	Plateau
08412g	GRAIG DDU WEST	SO28282639	C	No	False crest
08418g		ST25619116	D	No	Hillslope
08419g		SO20211504	C	No	Hillslope
08428g		SO21470989	C	No	Hillslope
08429g		SO21401013	C	No	Hillslope
08434g	CARNEDDI LLWYDION I	ST1052892056	C	No	Upland
08435g	CARNEDDI LLWYDION II	ST1051592022	C	No	Upland
08443g	HATTERALL HILL CAIRN 1	SO31402430	B	Yes	
08444g	HATTERALL HILL CAIRN 2	SO31402430	B	Yes	
08445g	GARREG LAS, CRUCORNEY	SO30902568	B	Yes	
08446g	GARREG LAS, CRUCORNEY	SO30902560	B	Yes	

#### *Lost or doubtful examples*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
01345m		SO1303	Grid reference too imprecise to enable location.
02089g	CARN Y CAPEL	SO27100820	Place-name evidence only
08430g		SO21211048	Heap of stones, possibly a collapsed sheepfold

#### *Comments*

For the problems of distinguishing barrows from cairns under the circumstances of the present survey see above, under round barrows.

The distribution of cairns (as indeed for other classes of round barrow such as ring cairns) in which stone was the principal component, is strongly biased towards upland locations. There are virtually none in the Vale of Glamorgan, or in lowland Gwent.

Larger cairns, over 10m in diameter, have been identified as funerary with a fair degree of confidence. The main problem lies with smaller cairns, particularly in areas where field clearance for agriculture may have been a factor. In general, well marked and well shaped cairns have been recorded as potentially funerary whilst slight or shapeless cairns have been rejected, but future excavations could show that these judgements, which may be over-influenced by taphonomic factors, are incorrect.

#### *Rejected sites*

The following PRNs are entered as cairns on the regional SMR but were rejected as a result of the field visit.

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
01634g		SO30292029	Probable quarry spoil
02088g	CARN Y BIG FACH	SO27790873	Place-name evidence only

07734g	YEWTREE COTTAGE, NEWCHURCH	ST46619733	Modern dump of stone
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### Round barrow (kerb cairn)

(Map 8)

#### Number of examples

Only two examples of kerb cairns are known within the survey area.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
08408g	CARN MILGATW	SO13461184	B	No	Hillslope
08420g		SO27792638	C	No	Hillslope

#### Comments

The results of the survey to date suggest that the distribution of kerb cairns barely impinges into Glamorgan and Gwent. The two examples lie in the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains respectively, at the extreme northern edge of the survey area. The lack of examples makes any meaningful discussion impossible., but the examples from this year's fieldwork have raised the number of definite examples known in the Glamorgan-Gwent area from three to five.

### Round barrow (ring cairn)

(Map 8)

#### Number of examples

There are nine examples of known or probable ring cairns. A further two are classed as lost or dubious ring cairns.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled	Siting
00676m	TYCANOL NORTH	ST10849206	U	No	Hillslope
00681m	THE BRYN	ST13659099	U	No	
01982g	TWYN-Y-BLEIDDIAID	SO18650268	D	No	Hillslope
03146m	BLAENCARNO	SO08870890	U	No	
03812s	CAER DDYNNAF	SS98377432	C/D	No	Summit
06000m	WAUN DEILIAID	ST12939162	U	No	
06002m	PONT BREN GWYN	ST17089194	C/D	No	Hillslope
07041g		SO14500645	C	No	False crest
07042g		SO17130590	C	No	Upland plateau

#### Lost or doubtful examples

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00402s	NASH POINT BARROW B	SS91376926	D	Yes	Coastal/ Hillslope
00685m		ST16979246	U	No	

#### Comments

It is difficult to comment in any great detail on this class of monument, for of the nine sites within the Year 3 study area, four were not found. This is perhaps partly a consequence of the general character of the ring cairn, which is typified by an earthwork or stonework bank that often is significantly lower than for a round barrow or cairn. They are perhaps more easily destroyed, and certainly the ring cairns viewed during the present year invariably survived as barely perceptible features. The lost site at Waun Deiliaid (PRN 6000m) was last described as being 0.2m high, and thus failure to locate this monument is unsurprising.

Overall the distribution favours upland locations, although not exclusively so, for there is a probable example within the hill fort of Caer Ddynnaf, Vale of Glamorgan.

### Round barrow (structured cairn)

(Map 9)

#### Number of examples

In 16 cairns there is definite evidence for structure:

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	STATUS	Siting
00645m	CEFN Y BRITHDIR 1	SO12980308	C/D	No	High plateau
00675m	CWMELDEG	ST10489223	B	No	Hillslope
00682m	THE BRYN	ST13689082	B	Yes	Hillslope
00684m		ST16799197	C	Yes	Hillslope
00986g	GRAY HILL CAIRN	ST43399355	C	No	Ridge summit
01002g	GRAY HILL	ST44139321	C	No	Hillslope
01368m		SO13150339	C	No	Hillslope
01751g	GRAIG DDU	SO28452645	C	No	False crest
01755g	LLANTHONY	SO28022553	C	No	Local summit
02081g	CARN Y DEFAID	SO27060997	C	Yes	False Crest
02500g	WAUN CYRN	SO21301403	C	No	Local summit
03783g	CARN Y DEFAID	SO27081003	C	Yes	False Crest
06879g	CARN STWPA	SO14510068	C	No	Summit
06958g		SO14441254	C	No	Hillslope
08421g		SO28132639	C	No	Hillslope
08424g		SO31212322	B	No	False crest

#### Comments

Structural features take the form of kerbs and cists. Possible kerbs are only noted in three monuments (00675m, 06879g, 8424g), but only in one of these (Carn Stwpa; 06879g) can they be confidently identified as such. The remaining sites exhibit cists in various states of preservation.

### Round barrow cemetery

(Map 10)

#### Definition

A group of two or more round barrows or ring-ditches within reasonably close proximity to each other, possibly associated with other monument types.

#### Sub-types

Round barrow cemetery (pair): Two round barrows in close proximity and assumed to be associated

Round barrow cemetery (cairnfield): A group of small cairns within close proximity, assumed to be associated

#### Number of examples

Ten sites fall clearly within the definition of a simple barrow cemetery. An eleventh site is of dubious authenticity.

PRN	Name	NGR	Scheduled?
01003g	GRAY HILL ROUND BARROWS	ST44199320	No
01004g	GRAY HILL ROUND BARROWS	ST44039327	No
03827s	WELSH ST DONATS	ST04117495	No
03825s	BREACH FARM	ST97007388	No
3828s	FRIARS POINT	ST11066600	No
3829s	NASH POINT	SS91346930	No
4613m	GARTH HILL	ST10348350	No

08397g		SO26971183	No
08409g	LOWER HALE WOOD	SO52090091	No
08413g	GRAIG DDU	SO28452646	No
08439g	WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN	ST25119273	Yes

*Lost and doubtful*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
08426g		SO31272325	Probably extinct field boundary

*Comments*

In contrast to the Year 2 fieldwork, several barrow cemeteries have been encountered during the present year. The number of features incorporated within the cemeteries is variable, and in cases can be very small: PRN 08397g, for example, covers only three cairns. The Breach Farm group in the Vale of Glamorgan comprises a compact series of four or five sizeable monuments (depending on one's interpretation of the rather confused references to the site). The most impressive cemetery is also in the Vale, near to Welsh St Donats. Once again it is difficult to be certain as to the original number of monuments, but it is clear that at least 12 round barrows (and perhaps several more), occupied an extensive area on shallow hillsides and the adjacent valley base. The Nash Point and Friars Point groups represent cemeteries in striking coastal locations, although the latter group is now largely destroyed.

*Rejected*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
01941s	PENCOETRE WOOD	ST12447045	Site of Roman date

**Round barrow cemetery (cairnfield)**

(Map 10)

*Number of examples*

Three cairnfields, considered unlikely to be prehistoric cemeteries, were visited during the present year.

*Lost or doubtful examples*

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
00672m	MYNYDD EGLWYSILAN	ST11539227	
00967m	BRYN OWEN FARM CAIRNS	ST14409080	Probable clearance cairns
01943m		ST11109230	

*Comments*

There is insufficient evidence for a discussion of this monument type within the present study area.

*Rejected sites*

The following PRN is entered as a cairnfield on the regional SMR but was rejected as funerary as a result of the field visit:

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
00687m		ST16859199	A cairnfield, thought likely to be the product of land clearance

## Round barrow cemetery (pair)

(Map 10)

### Number of examples

There are 12 pairs of round barrows or cairns, and another one lost or dubious pair:

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?
00670m	CARNEDDI LLWYDION	ST10539204	C	Yes
01036s		SS92007070	E	No
01949g	CAREG CROES-IFOR	SO24751062	E	No
03823s	MONKTON	SS932707	C	Yes
03824s	SOMERSET FARM	SS938696	D	No
08113g	HATTERALL HILL	SO31402430	B	Yes
08114g	GARREG LAS ROUND	SO30902560	B	Yes
08417g	DERI MERDDOG	SO19280474	B	No
08440g	NW OF WENTWOOD	ST416945	C	Yes
08441g	GARN WEN	SO280256	C	No
08442g	CARN Y DEFAID	SO270100	C	Yes
08454g	FIVE LANES	ST45059090	C	No

### Lost or doubtful examples

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
06961g		SO13461186	Probably remnants of post-mediaeval structures

### Comments

These cemeteries consist of two barrows situated close to each other (normally within 100m), and consist of monuments of the same type. The cemeteries are distributed fairly evenly across the study area, and across lowland and upland environments.

## STANDING STONE

(Map 11)

### Definition

One, or less frequently two, adjacent upright or originally upright stones of unknown function, set in a stonehole; standing stones found in association with funerary and ritual monuments of Neolithic to middle Bronze Age date may more readily be assumed to have a ritual function.

### Sub-types

None defined in the survey area

### Number of examples

There are 31 definite or probable standing stones, with a further 5 lost or doubtful sites.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
00002g	DRUIDSTONE	ST24118342	B	Yes	Local summit
00044g		ST25898776	U	No	
00250g	LANG STONE	ST37708960	B	No	Local summit
00269s	Y CARREG WEN	SS99797446	M	No	Hillslope
00358g	LLANGYBI	ST38049638	B	Yes	Valley base
00370s	REDLAND	ST07817382	E	No	Hillslope
00372s	COTTRELL PARK	ST08037414	M	No	Hillslope
00468g	SOUTH OF BENCROFT	ST44518776	B	Yes	Flood plain

00693g		SO50220635	U	No	
00697g		SO50100744	U	No	
00701g	PEN Y GARN	SO51500954	A	No	Hillslope
00854g	HAROLD'S STONES	SO49930514	C	Yes	Plateau
00951g		SO499013	U	Yes	
01022m		SO14910045	U	No	Hillslope
01944m		ST12409340	C	No	Hillslope
01950g	CARREG MAEN-TARO	SO23821133	B	No	
02070g	DUKE'S TABLE	SO11411437	B	No	Valley base
02304g	HATTERAL HILL	SO30602600	U	No	
02433s	TINKINSWOOD	ST09277327	E	Yes	Hillslope
02434s	TINKINSWOOD	ST09247327	B/C	Yes	Hillslope
02493s	CARREG LLWYD	ST00207900	B	No	Plateau
03214g		SO27802520	C	No	Hillslope
03731g		SO26002760	U	No	
03813s	DRUIDSTONE	ST04957165	U	No	
05565g	PWLL DU	SO24401120	U	No	
08402g		ST44099327	B	No	Hillslope
08403g		ST44089329	B	No	Hillslope
08404g		ST44159314	B	No	Hillside
08423g		ST08097471	M	No	Valley base
08431g		SO21401028	C	No	Hillslope
08432g	CARREG GWYIR	SO21191034	B	No	Ridge crest

*Lost or doubtful examples*

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition
01020m	THE MARRYING STONE	SO14680023	U
01240g		SO5113	E
01994g	HOAR STONE	SO3501	U
02090g	BUNKERS HILL	SO2005	U
03235g	TRILEY (TRILLECH)	SO3117	U

*Comments*

The main problem in discussing standing stones is to be certain how many are ancient, and how many were set up later as boundary stones or other markers, cattle-rubbing stones, or simply as picturesque features; and also, from the ancient stones, whether some date to the early medieval period rather than the Bronze Age. Physical condition is not a reliable guide, for rocks weather at differing rates according to their lithological character. Stones of 2m or over in height have been accepted as prehistoric unless there is documentary evidence to show that they were erected relatively recently.

The size, and the proximity of other prehistoric monuments, enables confident identification of the Gray Hill standing stone (00988g) as being of genuine prehistoric origin. There is also little doubt about stones such as Y Carreg Wen (00269s) or Cottrell Park (00372s) even though both monuments have been relocated in modern times. On the basis of the historical evidence relating to the Langstone monument, this stone also seems genuine.

Several others are much more dubiously prehistoric. The Pen-y-Garn stone might equally be a post-medieval boundary marker, as might Carreg Llwyd (02493s). Although their close proximity to definite prehistoric monuments points towards a contemporary origin for the stones at Tinkinswood (02432s) and Carreg Gwyir (08432g) there is nothing diagnostic in their form which confirms that this is the case. The large stones comprising 01944m, whilst certainly imposing, need be nothing more than naturally outcropping boulders.

Although reasonably numerous, standing stones were less common within the Year 3 study area than in West Galmorgan (covered during Year 2). It is also notable that this type of monument seems one of the most vulnerable to modern destruction, particularly in agricultural areas such as the Vale of Glamorgan; of the 32 definite or probable standing stones, 11 could not be found during fieldwork visits (although admittedly several were only implied by place-name evidence).

## STONE CIRCLE

(Map 11)

### Definition

Circular setting of free-standing and normally spaced stones assumed to represent a ritual monument of later Neolithic to middle Bronze Age date. The definition also covers square settings of four stones which are likewise stones assumed to represent a ritual monument of later Neolithic to Middle Bronze Age date. The definition also includes settings of pits shown by excavation to have once held standing stones, and also covers stone circles which may form part of a henge.

### Sub-types

Stone circle (kerb circle) A circle of edge-set stones which are abutting to form a more or less continuous kerb. Internal features may or may not be visible or present. Variations include the presence of an external ring bank and/or a 'portal'.

### Number of examples

There is a single definite example of a kerb circle, but none of spaced free-standing stones.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition	Scheduled?	Siting
0987g	GRAY HILL CIRCLE	ST43809353	C	Yes	Hillslope

### Lost or doubtful examples

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
01752g		SO281254	A stone circle 50m in diameter was described in 1972, but has not been seen since; it may have been a misidentification of a group of erratic boulders.

### Comments

The only type of stone circle represented in the survey area is the kerb circle. As far as can be ascertained, stone circles formed by spaced free-standing stones never occurred in the area, and references to them are almost certainly mistaken, usually because a group of natural boulders has been misinterpreted (see below). The lack of examples makes any meaningful discussion impossible.

### Rejected sites

The following PRNs are entered as stone circles on the regional SMR but the identification cannot be sustained.

PRN	Name	NGR	Notes
00346g	CEFN CARNAU	ST360954	Bradney (1921) suggested that the name Cefn-carnau came from some ancient standing stones, since removed and broken up, but no trace has ever been found of any.
06519g		SO21131048	The stone circle decided on the 1st edn OS 6" map is an erratic natural scatter of boulders

## STONE ROW

(Map 11)

### Definition

One or more rightly parallel rows of three or more upright stones set at intervals presumed to have been used for ritual activity of Bronze Age date.



*Number of examples*

Only a single example is known.

PRN	Name	NGR	Condition
00988g	GRAY HILL	ST43769357	B

*Comments*

Little can be said about this type of monument, as there is only one convincing example.

## CONCLUSION

Although no attempt has been made here to discuss sites by unitary authority, given the fact that the seven local authorities within the Year 3 survey area do not correspond to any topographic character areas (see above), a crude breakdown of monument type (including antiquarian and other dubious examples) may be given as follows:

<i>Type</i>	<i>B. Gwent</i>	<i>Caerphilly</i>	<i>Cardiff</i>	<i>Monmouthshire</i>	<i>Newport</i>	<i>Torfaen</i>	<i>Vale</i>
Chambered tombs	0	1	1	4	1	0	4
Cists	0	3	1	0	1	0	1
Clearance cairns	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cremations	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Henges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henges (hengiform monuments)	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Inhumations	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
Long barrows	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Prehistoric monument complexes	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Ring ditches	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Round barrow cemetery	0	0	0	17	1	4	4
Round barrow cemetery (cairnfield)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Round barrow cemetery (pair)	1	1	0	11	0	3	6
Round barrows	5	9	3	20	3	1	96
Round barrows (cairns)	12	23	5	40	1	2	5
Round barrows (ring cairns)	1	7	0	0	0	0	1
Round barrow (kerb cairn)	2	1	0	3	0	0	1
Round barrows (structured cairns) THERE ARE 16!	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Standing stones	1	3	0	22	3	0	8
Stone circles	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Stone rows	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Many of the monument types occur in numbers which are too low for any further comment. However, certain classes, most prominently the round barrow (including sub-types such as cairns, and also the cemetery groupings) are present in sufficient quantities to enable meaningful comment. Further work in Year 4 of the project will result in the data for an examination of the range of factors leading to the type, location and viewshed of the various types of monument, which will hopefully lead to the formation of hypotheses on the place of these monuments within the landscape.

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## APPENDIX 1: SITES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL POTENTIAL

Peat has been recorded at the following sites. It should be noted, however, that the majority of fieldwork carried out within the Caerphilly unitary authority was during a time when the ground was frozen. It is likely that peats exist in this area, but were not recorded during the present study.

PRN	Name	NGR	Value	Nature of peat deposits
01748g	LOXIDGE TUMP, LLANTHONY PRIORY	SO28872922	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
01754g	GARN WEN	SO28062561	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m
01755g	LLANTHONY	SO28022553	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
01774g		SO26981186	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
01776g	CARN BLORENCE	SO27341227	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
02299g	HATTERALL RIDGE	SO29702880	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
02303g	CAIRN WITH CIST, WEST OF BLACK DARREN	SO28902970	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
03081g	CAIRN AND CIST, CRUCORNY FAWR	SO29342942	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
08115g	THREE WELLS ROUND CAIRN, HATTERALL HILL	SO31502370	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m
08396g		SO26971183	M	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick between 50m and 100m
08443g	HATTERALL HILL CAIRN (1 of 2)	SO31402430	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m
08444g	HATTERALL HILL CAIRN (2 of 2)	SO31402430	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m
08445g	GARREG LAS ROUND CAIRN, CRUCORNEY	SO30902568	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m
08446g	GARREG LAS ROUND CAIRN PAIR, CRUCORNEY	SO30902560	H	Peat 0.5-1.0m thick within 50m

## APPENDIX 2: SITES WITH RECORDED FINDS

Finds have been recorded at the following sites:

PRN	Site name	NGR	Monument type	Finds
00003s	CHAMBERED LONG CAIRN, MAESYFELIN (or GWAL Y FILIAST)	ST10097230	Chambered tomb	Human bone, pottery
00017s	VIANSHILL	ST10717401	Round barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during
00078s	SANT Y NYLL	ST10087829	Round barrow	Cremation (pottery, lithics, animal bone from huts underneath)
00237s	CANT ERW WEST 2	SS 93607132	Bound barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
00238s	CANT ERW WEST 3	SS93867135	Bound barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
00285s	SUTTON 268 FT	SS95067226	Round barrow	Cremation, unburnt human bone, pottery, Copper alloy object, lithics, bone object, animal bone
00287s	SHEEPLAYS 279 FT	SS96007204	Round barrow	Cremation
00288s	SHEEPLAYS 293 FT	SS96027200	Round barrow	Cremation in pottery vessel, copper alloy object, lithics, charcoal
00289s	SIX WELLS 271 FT	SS95597189	Round barrow	Cremation in pottery vessel
00291s	MORFA HOUSE 1	SS95967008	Round barrow	Pottery, charcoal
00292s	MORFA HOUSE 2	SS95967008	Round barrow	Pottery, charcoal
00303s	BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 2	SS96957378	Round barrow	Cremation, copper alloy object, lithics, stone object
00305s	MARLBOROUGH GRANGE SOUTH	SS97357351	Round barrow	Cremation, pottery, charcoal
00325s	MAES-Y-HWY AID NORTHWEST	ST03657555	Round barrow	Pottery, lithics, bone object
00374s	TINKINSWOOD LONG CAIRN	ST09217331	Chambered tomb	Pottery, lithics, human bone, animal bone
00470m	NORTON, OGMORE-BY-SEA	SS87467578	Ring ditch	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
00478s	BOVERTON FARM WEST	SS98486726	Round barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
00559s	FRIARS POINT 4	ST11066600	Round barrow	Cremation, lithics, animal bone
00560s	FRIARS POINT 5	ST11066604	Round barrow	Lithics, animal bone
00561s	FRIARS POINT 2	ST11046603	Round barrow	Cremation, pottery, lithics, animal bone
00593s	LESSER GARTH CAVE	ST12558210	Inhumation (cave)	Human bone, lithics, pottery
00707s	WELSH ST DONATS ROUND BARROW 1	ST04117495	Round barrow	Cremation, pottery, copper alloy object, lithics, human bone (unburnt), charcoal
01015g	ROUND BARROW, ST BRIDES	ST43309035	Round barrow	Copper alloy object, lithics
01057g	CRICK ROUND BARROW	ST48449025	Round barrow	Cremation, cupmarked stones, lithics
01147g	HESTON BRAKE CHAMBERED TOMB	ST50528866	Chambered tomb	Pottery, human bone, animal bone
01751g	GRAIG DDU CAIRN	SO28452645	Round barrow (structured cairn)	Pottery, human bone, lithics
02371s	MAES-Y-WARD	ST03847494	Round barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
03814s	THE TUMP	SS99556665	Round barrow	Lithics collected from surface of field during visit
04432g	THORNWELL FARM LONG BARROW	ST53959167	Chambered tomb	Pottery, human bone, lithics

**APPENDIX 3: SITE RECORD FORM**

## GAZETTEER

The following gazetteer contains information and descriptions of all proven and probable funerary and ritual sites within the Year 3 study area, including those sites that are now destroyed or which could not be located. Unless otherwise indicated, the wording for the results of excavations has been taken directly from RCAHMW (1976).

PRN: 00001s Site name: ST LYTHANS HOUSE TUMULUS

NGR: ST11227353 GPS reading: ST1122273530

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 101 no. 406 Status:

A low, poorly defined circular mound within a domestic garden. The monument is grassed, and no stone could be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 17m; height 0.7m Altitude: 120m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00002g Site name: DRUIDSTONE

NGR: ST24118342 GPS reading: ST24188357

Type: Standing Stone UA: Newport

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact/ Moved

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 32

A large standing stone, aligned NE-SW, situated amongst five mature beech trees adjacent to a house and garden shed. The stone has a wide sub-rectangular base, a relatively straight SW side and a gently sloping NE side. The SE face is flat and wide. The NW side is also wide but more rounded. Directly to the SW edge of the stone is the remnants of a modern wall.

Dimensions: diameter 2.6m x 1m; height 2.7m Altitude: 340m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: SSE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00003s Site name: CHAMBERED LONG CAIRN, MAESYFELIN (or GWAL Y FILIAST)

NGR: ST10097230 GPS reading: ST10097230

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 39 no. 42 Status: SAM Gm 8;Guardianship

In 1976 RCAHMW described the monument in the following terms. The site is in the same state to the present day:

The remains comprise a rectangular chamber set in the E end of a long mound, which is spread to about 27 m E-W by 11m, with a maximum height of about 1m. The sides of the flat top seem parallel, about 7m apart, and the W end tends to have a square shape, suggesting that the whole monument may have resembled Tinkinswood in plan, but there is no trace of revetment. The burial chamber is also similar in position and general form, though more trapezoid in plan, and with greater minimum internal height of 1.8m at the W. Both sides are formed by single massive slabs, which are earthfast only at their E ends; the end slab is triangular, leaning inwards and tapering almost to a point. All three slabs support the single great capstone, which is pitched slightly upwards to the E; all are of the same mudstone used at Tinkinswood, but were probably available locally.

Dimensions: Altitude: 70m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: SSE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 374s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00012m Site name: BEGWYNS

NGR: ST22389000 GPS reading: ST2237590020

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 71

Substantial mound on the summit of Mynydd Machen. The barrow is circular in plan, with moderately defined edges, although the base is a little spread. The top is very slightly dished, and now houses a modern triangulation point. It is grassed, but numerous small stones protrude through the turf and more can be detected through probing. There is some damage to the monument from motorbike tracks.

Dimensions: diameter 24m; height c 2.5m Altitude: 400m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00017s Site name: VIANSHILL

NGR: ST10717401 GPS reading: ST1070674017

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 101 no. 405 Status:

Two round barrows situated on the crest of a gentle NW-facing slope. Both are well plough spread and poorly defined, to the extent the smaller example (recorded in 1982 as being 10m diameter and 0.1m high) is now impossible to measure effectively. When excavated in 1965 two distinct elements were found:

i) an earlier small mound, 10.7m in diameter with a surrounding ditch 0.3m deep

ii) a later larger mound, overlying the ditch of the earlier mound on the E. It was 23m in diameter, with a surrounding ditch 1.5m-2m wide and 0.6m-0.8m deep

Both mounds were built of earth and stone. No burials or artefacts were found, although a few worked flints including a scraper were picked up from the surface near to the mounds. Irregular shallow pits at the centre of the cairns indicate robbing.

Reference: Savory, HN, 1965, *Bull Board Celtic Stud* 21, 368-71

Dimensions: diameter c27m; height 0.3m Altitude: 120m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00027g Site name: TWYN PANT-TEG ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST23998885 GPS reading: ST23998885

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 65

A substantial grassed mound standing on the top of a ridge between the Rhymney and Ebbw valleys. The cairn is roughly circular, well-defined, with steep sides and a flattish top. There is a large stone showing on the E side, and others showing on the sides. On the W side is an excavation trench, c 1m wide, 0.5m deep and 5m long.

Dimensions: diameter 15m; height 1.2m Altitude: 200m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment: GPS coverage poor; no reading taken

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00044g Site name:

NGR: ST25898776 GPS reading: ST25898776

Type: Standing Stone UA: Newport

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1895 a cup marked stone (the first reported for South Wales) was said to lie within an old enclosure near some ruins which seemed to have been those of a cottage, or small farm near Rhiwderin. OS Record Card (1979) contains a sketch of the stone by C.Fox dated to 1936. In 1957 the stone was described in the following terms: 'a mass of mill stone grit, earth fast, the slanting surface of which appearing above the surface, being about 3ft wide and 4ft long. On the upper half of the surface is a group of 12 cups from 1.5 inches to 2 inches in diameter and about 1 inch deep. There were no quartz pebbles in the stone of a size to account for the marks by weathering.' It was not found in 1979, nor during the present study when the NGR given was found to be centred in a pasture field in which no standing stone was visible. A search of the immediate area did not highlight any cup-marked stone or ruined cottage.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00061g Site name: GWERN-Y-CLEPPA

NGR: ST27638505 GPS reading: ST27678503

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Newport

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 22

The present visit noted 7 stones situated in a slight hollow on a local summit in Cleppa Park. The site comprises 1 capstone, 5 upright stones (orthostats) and a 6th beneath the capstone. S recumbent stone-diameter; 1.2m x 0.5m height; 0.7m. W orthostat-diameter; 0.9m 0.6m height; 0.85m. 2 central stones-diameter; 0.6m x 0.5m and 0.8m x 0.4m. NW orthostat-diameter; 0.5m x 1m height; 0.5m. SE orthostat-diameter; 1.2m x 0.5m height; 1.1m. The capstone is a conglomerate, as are the others, and leans to the W on a 45 degree angle over a recumbent stone that appears to have originally stood upright. The triangular shaped capstone is quite small (2.2m x 1.8m x 0.3m), has collapsed to the SE over the recumbent stone, and would only cover half of the barrow chamber thus indicating a loss of at least half of the stone in antiquity. The mound is aligned NW-SE whilst the alignment of the chamber is N-S (6.5m NE-SW x 4.5m SE-NW). The perimeter of the mound is regular, steeply sloping to the S, while the N side has a negligible gradient. The Chambered Tomb has commanding views over the Severn Estuary.

Dimensions: diameter 17m; height 1.2m Altitude: 60m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: E Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00073s Site name: LECKWITH TUMULUS

NGR: ST15367433 GPS reading: ST15357433

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 413 Status:

A small circular mound situated against a modern field boundary that cuts through the mound's S extremity; there was no evidence for a ditch or kerbstones around the mound's regular perimeter. Andrew Roberts, the brother of the proprietor, believes the mound is the spoil from the construction of a well, the whereabouts of which is unknown.

Dimensions: diameter 10m N-S; height 0.8m Altitude: 105m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00078s Site name: SANT Y NYLL

NGR: ST10087829 GPS reading: ST1008178297

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100-1 no. 402 Status: SAM Gm 204

A prominent, well defined round barrow situated on the summit of a ridge with impressive views to the N,E and S. Human remains are recorded on the OS map as having been found here in 1872, but of these nothing is known. The barrow was partially explored in 1940 by EJ Mason, and fully excavated in 1958 by HN Savory. It proved to be much ploughed down and disturbed, but had originally consisted of a cairn of stones some 9-10m in diameter, surrounded by a berm (?) and an outer flat-bottomed ditch, 2.8-3.7m wide at the top, 1.5m wide at the bottom and 2.1m deep. The outer edge of the ditch formed an oval, 21m in diameter from E to W and 22.3m from N to S.

At the centre of the mound was a post-hole, probably representing the site of a marking-out post.

Underneath it was a shallow circular pit, 0.4m in diameter, capped by a slab of sandstone and a small cairn of stones, and containing the cremated remains of an adult female and a child. The central part of the mound also covered three systems of post holes representing oval huts:

(1) Hut A occupied the actual centre and was 4.6m long by 3.7m wide, defined by a ring of post-holes at average intervals of 1.2m. Other post-holes may have represented a central line of roof supports on the longer axis of the hut.

(2) North-east of the centre and partly overlapping Hut A was Hut B, 2.8m long by 2.3m wide, defined by posts only 0.6m apart and in places by a shallow groove, perhaps the bedding trench of a wall of wickerwork. Internal post-holes at right angles to the longer axis suggested a different method of roof support from Hut A, and some of them showed evidence of renewal.

(3) Hut C, south of the centre, was similar in plan and size to Hut B. The average spacing of the post-holes was 0.9m.

All three huts were associated with an occupation layer containing animal bones, flints and pottery. There was some evidence, however, that Hut A was later than Hut B and that its framework at least was still in position at the time of the burial and the erection of the cairn. Of some 500 animal bones found, most were of sheep but ox and wild boar were also well represented; three claws of brown bear were also found. The flints comprised part of a plano-convex knife and a number of scrapers and flakes. The pottery included a small number of fragments of hemispherical bowls of secondary neolithic tradition; three pieces of food vessels; and a large number of sherds from urns of overhanging-rim type.

The excavator concluded that the huts underlying the cairn were domestic rather than ceremonial in character; that they belonged to an early-bronze age settlement which may have extended far beyond the limits of the cairn; and that the erection of the latter was only one incident in the history of the settlement.

Reference: Savory, HN, 1958, *Morgannwg* 2, 67-9

Dimensions: diameter 14.3m; height 0.8m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (best to N-E-S)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00079g Site name: TWYN CAE-HUGH

NGR: ST17379150 GPS reading: ST1738991516

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 33

Well preserved and well defined round barrow, roughly circular with steep sides. The top, 7m in diameter, has been hollowed out to a depth of c 1m; a hole on the N side of the hollow reveals large stones lying underneath the turf. The barrow is bracken covered and has a ruined dry-stone wall running along its W side. There are no indications of a surrounding ditch.

Dimensions: diameter 24m; height 3m Altitude: 370m

Siting: High plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00084g Site name: TWYN YR OERFEL

NGR: ST18109069 GPS reading: ST1811090704

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 70

The westernmost of two cairns situated on a rocky ridge SE of the summit of Mynydd y Grug. The monument is well defined, being roughly circular with steepish sides, and is covered by turf and ferns. There is a hollow in the top of the cairn, offset slightly NE of the centre, c 5m in diameter and 0.5m deep. Sandstone cobbles can be seen within the hollow, and more are visible on the surface of the SW side. The central hollow has been present for many years, but there is evidence of more recent damage, notably on the NW side which has been partially eroded by a motorbike track

Dimensions: diameter 15m; height 2m Altitude: 370m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (originally; modern forestry)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 85g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00085g Site name: TWYN YR OERFEL

NGR: ST18399060 GPS reading: ST1840190602

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 70

The easternmost of two cairns situated on a rocky ridge SE of the summit of Mynydd y Grug. A lowish mound, roughly circular in plan, with a hollowed centre 3.5m in diameter and 0.3m deep. The edges are moderately well defined. The monument is covered by grass, bracken and gorse, but stone can be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 12.5m; height 1.5m Altitude: 370m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (originally; modern forestry)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00089s Site name: ST FAGANS BATTLEFIELD

NGR: ST10607780 GPS reading: ST10607780

Type: Round Barrow UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 101 no. 403 Status:

An account of 1877 states that 'On the outskirts of the battlefield (Battle of St Fagans; ST 17 NW 4), there is a tumulus twenty-five or thirty feet in diameter and a few feet in height. A trench was cut into the centre, and it was found to be on the site of an extensive cremation, there being a thick layer of charcoal intermingled with charred bones. Rock was found only a foot or so below the natural soil level at the base of the mound'. It is impossible to locate this barrow from this information; it is unlikely to be a duplication of PRN 78s, for this latter site was excavated in 1958 and no rock was reported beneath the surface. The location of the St Fagans Battlefield barrow remains unknown.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00090s Site name: TYNEWYDD (NEWHOUSE FARM)

NGR: ST11357780 GPS reading: ST11357780

Type: Cist UA: Cardiff

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 101 no. 404 Status:

The site of a cist grave found during the cutting of a trench for a water pipe in 1900. A large slab 1.4m square by 0.1-0.2m thick was found to cover a hole 23cm deep, containing two crouched skeletons accompanied by a beaker, a funnel-neck western variant of Clarke's Developed S. British Group. It is now in the National Museum of Wales. No evidence of this feature can now be seen above ground, but whether the cist was reburied or destroyed is not clear.

Dimensions: Altitude: 40m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00116g Site name:

NGR: ST24359265 GPS reading: ST24359267

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Torfaen

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Grass covered cairn 10m in diameter and 0.6m high. Slightly dug into on top. Its E edge is on the lip of the ditch that surrounds the Norman motte 115g (OS Record Card 1957). The mound is situated on a summit and has a level top with a 4m wide hollow at its centre. The mound has steeply sloping sides to the N and more gently sloping sides to the S. No ditch or kerbstones were evident.

Dimensions: diameter 11.3m; height 1.1m Altitude: 410m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 115g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00138g Site name: CAIRN WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN (1 OF 4)

NGR: ST25119273 GPS reading: ST25119273

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Torfaen

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 45

A large bell shaped mound situated in dense forestry standing quite high and with a regularly defined perimeter; no ditch or kerbstones were evident. The top of the mound has been excavated to a depth of 2m, recent colluvial movements have exposed a predominantly stone layered internal construction. The top of the mound is moss and grass covered while the rest of the mound, shielded from the sun by the forestry plantation, is covered in leaf litter. The general area of forestry is currently being harvested; the mound has been fenced off with high visibility tape.

Dimensions: diameter 21.3m; height 2.35m- 2.6m Altitude: 335m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: Part of: 8437g

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PRN: 00139g Site name: CAIRN WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN (2 OF 4)

NGR: ST25109278 GPS reading: ST25109278

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Torfaen

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 45

A circular cairn situated in dense forestry with a well-defined perimeter and evidence for a ditch or kerbstones. The cairn has a highly disturbed interior with many slight depressions. 3 large limestone boulders define the centre of the mound. The cairn's sides are short but quite steep and indicate that the cairn stood much higher and is now heavily disturbed. The cairn is composed of many boulder-sized stones and has had many pine trees growing within its perimeter, although only 3 trees remain. The general area of forestry is currently being harvested; the mound has been fenced off with high visibility tape.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 1m (centre) x Altitude: 335m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: Part of: 8437g



PRN: 00140g Site name: CAIRN WEST OF GRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN (3 OF 4)

NGR: ST25109272 GPS reading: ST25109272

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Torfaen

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 45

An oval cairn situated in dense forestry surrounded by a low earthen bank and possible inner ditch to the W and a natural false crest to the E; no ditch was evident outside of the low earthen bank. Inside the low earthen bank the cairn has an irregularly defined perimeter no visible kerbstones, the centre of the cairn is defined by an excavated hollow most probably the main burial however no cist was evident. The mound stands 0.95m high in the centre, is composed of boulder sized stone (0.2m-0.6m), and has gradually sloping sides to the base of the raised bank to the W and the lip of the false crest to the E. Two large stones are located to the exterior of the N raised bank and to the SSE edge of 141g perimeter.

Dimensions: diameter 16.5m; height 0.95m Altitude: 335m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: Part of: 8437g

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PRN: 00141g Site name: CAIRN WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN (4 OF 4)

NGR: ST25089270 GPS reading: ST25089270

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Torfaen

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 45

A circular mound under 16 mature pine trees, which inclines to the E, situated in dense forestry. It has a well-defined perimeter with steeply sloping sides to the N-S&W and a more gradual slope to the E. To the S of the mound is a large stone. The perimeter of the mound is heavily forested and disturbed with no evidence for a ditch or kerbstones. There is a scattering of boulders to the mound's SW perimeter these are most likely from agricultural ground clearance prior to the plantation of the forest.

Dimensions: diameter 10m N-S; height 1.1m Altitude: 335m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: Part of: 8437g

PRN: 00152g Site name:

NGR: ST25479109 GPS reading: ST25479109

Type: Round Barrow UA: Torfaen

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible barrow sites, with groups centred at ST 25479109 and ST 25039080. During the present study permission to visit the site was not obtained.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00185s Site name: THE TWMPATH (GOLDEN MILE BARROW)

NGR: SS95547616 GPS reading: SS9555176151

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 305 Status:

The Twmpath, or Golden Mile Barrow. A mound that was probably originally circular in plan, but has been badly mutilated by repeated excavations during the 19th and 20th centuries. During the last of the 19th century investigations the excavators 'turned over the entire barrow, with the exception of a small portion of the northwest end.' The barrow is now shapeless, and covered by mature trees, brambles, ivy and moss.

Aside from the main stony mound (which exhibits a large cut or depression in the centre) other smaller undulations in the ground are present, which presumably represent spoil heaps from the excavations. A low stone wall curves around, and retains, the earthwork on its E, S and W sides.

Dimensions: diameter c20m; height 2m Altitude: 85m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00186s Site name: MYNYDD BYCHAN TUMULUS

NGR: SS96637560 GPS reading: SS96637560

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 306 Status:

A barrow at this location was dug away in 1865. It was recorded as 5.5m wide at the base and 3m high. These dimensions are very unusual for a Bronze Age barrow, but there is no doubt of its authenticity, for at 1.2m below the summit a large cinerary urn was discovered, covered by a flat stone and containing burnt matter and half charred human remains. The site is now partly at the side of, and partly cut by, the modern B4268 road.

Reference: Note in *Archaeol Camb* (vol for 1865), 207

Dimensions: Altitude: 85m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00217s Site name: CRACK HILL

NGR: SS94787642 GPS reading: SS94787642

Type: Hengiform Monument UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 304 Status:

On Crack Hill, N of Colwinston, on level ground at 90m above OD. A circular enclosure, 21.3m in diameter, defined by a slight bank, 2.5m wide and 0.2m high, with an external ditch mostly about 2.1m wide. The ditch is barely visible on the S and W, but is clear on the N and E where it is 2.8m wide and 0.5m deep. There is no sign of an entrance or of internal features. Small depressions outside the ring on the NW and SW appear to be recent. Examination of the internal ground surface in 1970 yielded no trace of ancient activity, thus increasing the possibility that this is a recent copse enclosure. Permission to visit the site was not obtained during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 90m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00226s Site name: MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 1

NGR: SS92207063 GPS reading: SS9219970645

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 309 Status: SAM Gm 262

A very indistinct mound within an arable field. Measurements taken over the last 50 years show that the barrow has never been of great height during this period, but it is now almost now unrecognisable as a feature. It is extremely plough spread, and is likely to be entirely destroyed in only a few years.

Dimensions: diameter uncertain; height c0.2m Altitude: 75m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NW Viewshed: E-NE-N-NW-W-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 227s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00227s Site name: MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 2

NGR: SS92217068 GPS reading: SS9221970696

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 310 Status:

A roughly circular earthwork with poorly defined edges, standing within a ploughed field. The barrow appears to have been built mainly of earth, for whilst the ground here is somewhat stony, it is no more so than is the surrounding land.

Dimensions: diameter c18.5m; height c0.7m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides (limited to S & SE)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 226s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00228s Site name: MONKNASH CHURCH NORTHEAST 3

NGR: SS92387080 GPS reading: SS9238870805

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 311 Status:

A low, roughly circular earthwork within a ploughed field. The edges of the monument are poorly defined and it is difficult to discern the diameter of the barrow. The monument appears to be built of earth rather than stone.

Dimensions: diameter c20m; height 0.4m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: N Viewshed: E-NE-N-NW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00230m Site name: HEOL Y MYNYDD 1

NGR: SS88417513 GPS reading: SS88417513

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 84 no. 264 Status:

During the present visit no remains of this suggested barrow were visible.

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 231m Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00231m Site name: HEOL Y MYNYDD 2

NGR: SS88427516 GPS reading: SS88417512

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 84 no. 265 Status: SAM Gm 242

A low small circular mound situated W of the road in an area of common land. The mound is characterised by undulating grass tummocks, as is the surrounding area, creating a very uneven surface. The mound's perimeter is irregularly defined with no evidence for kerbstones or ditch.

Dimensions: diameter 10.5m; height 0.6m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 230m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00236s Site name: CANT ERW WEST 1

NGR: SS93827131 GPS reading: SS9381971353

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 316 Status: SAM Gm 111

A very low earthwork, visible only as a slight undulation near the edge of an arable field. This barrow was described by RCAHMW 1976 as being 39.6m in diameter and 0.9m high, and therefore seems to have been badly damaged by ploughing in the intervening years. When the barrow still survived as a substantial earthwork, its SE side was said to have been truncated by the line of the modern road.

Dimensions: diameter not known; height <0.2m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 237s, 238s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00237g Site name: PENTWYN FARM

NGR: ST25039082 GPS reading: ST2501790768

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1957 Ordnance Survey fieldworkers identified a possible cairn within a field belonging to Pentwyn Farm, Rogerstone. Nothing is now visible in the field that might be the remnants of such a feature, but on the W (lowest) margin is a substantial tree-grown, stony mound. This mound appears to be a recent agricultural clearance cairn rather than an ancient feature. Some stone has been removed from the mound in recent years for the building of a wall.

Dimensions: length 7m; width 3m; height 0.5m Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: NW-W-SW-S-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00237s Site name: CANT ERW WEST 2

NGR: SS93637129 GPS reading: SS9393671296

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 317 Status: SAM Gm 111

A substantial earthwork within an arable field. The barrow appears roughly circular, although the edges are poorly defined and somewhat difficult to discern. Very little stone is visible on the ground surface, and thus it seems that the monument was mainly built of earth. In contrast to the nearby barrow PRN 238s, this example does not seem to have been reduced or spread by ploughing since the 1976 survey by RCAHMW. During the field visit a flint fragment was found approximately 20m to the NW of the edge of the barrow (NGR SS 93604 71325).

Dimensions: diameter 41.2m; height 1m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 236s, 238s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00238s Site name: CANT ERW WEST 3

NGR: SS93867135 GPS reading: SS9386671360

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 318 Status: SAM Gm 111

A low, poorly defined and very plough spread round barrow, its SW side truncated by the modern road. The barrow is stated by RCAHMW 1976 as being 33.5m in diameter and 0.9m high; it therefore seems that the monument has been reduced in height and further plough-spread in the past 25 years. A scatter of stones is present on the ground surface, but are unlikely to be structural, for such concentrations seem present across the entire field. During the field visit a single flint fragment was found a few metres to the SE of the barrow.

Dimensions: diameter 44.3m; height 0.6m Altitude: 115

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 236s, 237s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00239s Site name: MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 1

NGR: SS93207066 GPS reading: SS9319370665

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 313 Status: SAM Gm 109

Part of barrow cemetery 3823s. A roughly circular mound within a pasture field. The barrow is grassed, and whilst a few stones can be detected beneath the turf, it seems unlikely that they are structural. The edges of the monument are quite poorly defined, though somewhat more distinct than for adjacent feature PRN 240s.

Dimensions: diameter 33.5m; height 0.7m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 240s, 241s, 3823s Contains: Part of: 3823s



PRN: 00240s Site name: MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 2

NGR: SS93227075 GPS reading: SS9322670760

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 314 Status: SAM Gm 109

Part of barrow cemetery 3823s. Low grass-covered mound. The edges are poorly defined, and it is difficult to ascertain the diameter of this monument. No stone could be felt underneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c 28.2m; height c 0.8m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 00239s, 3823s Contains: Part of: 3823s

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PRN: 00241s Site name: MONKTON EAST ROUND BARROW 3

NGR: SS93267048 GPS reading: SS9326870492

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 315 Status:

Low grass-covered round barrow. The monument is spread, with poorly defined edges.

Dimensions: diameter 21m; height 0.6m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal Plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 239s, 240s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00242s Site name: CROES HEOL Y SPLOTT

NGR: SS94687059 GPS reading: SS9467370596

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 319 Status: SAM Gm 187

A round barrow within a ploughed field, close to the B4265 between Wick and Llantwit Major. The monument is roughly circular, with poorly defined edges. The surface of the barrow is notably stonier than the surrounding ground, with abundant large cobbles and small boulders lying present. Even allowing for differences in measuring techniques, ploughing seems to have reduced the height of the barrow since the last surveys in 1976 and 1986.

Dimensions: diameter 23.5m; height 0.5m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides to medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00250g Site name: LANG STONE

NGR: ST37708960 GPS reading: ST37698961

Type: Standing Stone UA: Newport

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A standing stone located in the middle of an arable field. "The long stone gives its name to the parish...the lang stone is mentioned in the 10th century in connection with a gift by a certain Asser, son of Marchiad to the see of Llandaff the village of Segan (Langstone) with nine modii of land"(Rees 1932; Bradney 1932). It is sub-rectangular in form and lying on its largest flat side, it most probably stood upright as a menhir, the stone has a soil build up on its NW side due to modern colluviual movements. It is a sedimentary rock with two large fracture lines running vertically against the sedimentation lines, NE side, perhaps indicating stresses caused by the suggested 'breaking' of the menhir (Rees 1932; Bradney 1932).

Dimensions: dia 1.6m x 1.4m; hght 0.4m x 0.5m Altitude: 30m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: NE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00263g Site name: HUMAN CRANIUM AND ANIMAL REMAINS, ALEXANDRA DOCKS

NGR: ST31608425 GPS reading: ST31608425

Type: Inhumation UA: Newport

Form: Finds Condition: Moved

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

During the construction of the entrance to the New Dock at Newport, 1910-11, a human skull was found associated with animal bones in a gravel bed at a depth of 42ft below the land surface and 30ft below the sea level. No worked implements of any type were found to help in assigning an age to the fauna. It is said that worked flints, apparently of Neolithic type were found: this fact has not been definitely authenticated. Fauna included Bos, Wild Boar, Red Deer, Sheep, Wolf, Horse and Whale. One animal bone may have been opened for marrow. The skull was dated on an assumed rate of silt deposition and land subsidence to 6000 BP, and was therefore associated with the Neolithic period.

Reference: OS Record Card, 1957, ST 38 SW 1

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 492g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00269s Site name: Y CARREG WEN

NGR: SS99797446 GPS reading: SS9980574465

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Moved

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 124 no. 560 Status:

A limestone monolith, named Carreg Gwynm y Bontfaen by Iolo Morganwg. It now stands in two portions, either side of a 19th century house in Cowbridge named Rhoscelyn. The S stone is situated within a small flint-gravelled garden, and is 1.6m high, 0.6m wide and 0.5m thick. The N stone is 1.3m high (but another 1.2m is said to be buried below ground), 0.7m wide and 0.5m thick. A circular channel 0.2m in diameter across the NW face appears natural, but may have contributed to the original choice of stone. The N stone is unattractively surrounded by a setting of stone and some yellow brick in concrete.

Dimensions: Altitude: 30m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: Urban setting; viewshed not

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00284s Site name: DOMEN FAWR ROUND BARROW

NGR: SS98527103 GPS reading: SS98527103

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 92 no. 334 Status: SAM Gm 189

The barrow is described as being situated at the northern end of a large field at the present cultivated, with wheat growing on it. It is a large, low mound, c.22m in diameter and c.0.8m high. Access could not be gained to this monument during the present study and it was only viewed at a distance, from the farm gateway.

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00285s Site name: SUTTON 268 FT

NGR: SS95067226 GPS reading: SS95067226

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 320 Status:

The site was excavated by Fox and was found to be a composite structure consisting of the following elements:

- i) At the centre was a rock-cut pit, 3.8m by 3m, and 0.7m deep. On its floor a rectangular setting of boulders, 2.5m by 0.6m, formed a rough cist containing the crouched skeleton of an adult male (cephalic index 83.0), lying on the left side with head to the N. Accompanying the burial were a beaker, seven barbed-and-tanged flint arrowheads and a chert scraper. The beaker is of Clarke's North British/ Middle Rhine group.
  - ii) Around the burial and over the pit was raised a U-shaped cairn of stones, open to the SE. This was then covered by an earthen barrow, 7.9m long from NW to SE by 6.7m wide, the outer edge of which was defined by a kerb of piled slabs which sloped down into a rock-cut ditch, 1.1-1.7m wide and up to 0.6m deep. At two points piled stones formed causeways across the ditch.
  - iii) At the base of the cairn on the N a cremation burial was inserted, and covered with a mass of slabs. It was accompanied by an inverted pigmy cup, a bronze knife-blade 8cm long and a bone bead. At the foot of the cairn and partly merged with this burial was the inhumed skeleton of a child, which suggested to the excavator a human sacrifice.
  - iv) Outside the ditch to the N a cremation burial (C) was deposited, accompanied by a tripartite cinerary urn, a tongue-shaped object of smoothed bone, a barbed-and-tanged flint arrowhead and a plano-convex flint knife. A mass of stones was deposited round the burial, forming an extension to the original cairn. Three cremations of children (D, E and F) in hollows among the stones were again taken by the excavator to be sacrificial in character.
  - v) The whole area was now covered by a greatly enlarged mound; 22.3m long from N to S by 21m wide. The central portion, over the original cairn, was of soil; but the peripheral area was covered with turf, heavily trampled as if by a ritual dance. The topmost slabs covering cremations A and C remained visible at the surface. The base of the new mound was revetted by a dry-stone wall 0.4m high, against which in places was a sloping mass of small rammed stones.
  - vi) A cremation burial (B), of a woman and newly-born infant, in an inverted overhanging-rim urn, accompanied by three flint flakes, was inserted into the mound near the SW horn of the original cairn. Another cremation burial (X), without grave-goods, was found near the SE horn.
- This barrow has since been destroyed, and its site is now covered by a modern airfield hangar. The objects are in the National Museum of Wales.
- Reference: Fox, C, 1959, *Life & Death in the Bronze Age*, 62 & 97.

Dimensions: Altitude: 82m O

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00286s Site name:

NGR: SS95927234 GPS reading: SS95927234

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 90 no. 323 Status:

In 1976 RCAHMW recorded a scarcely visible mound in the grass forecourt of a building on Llandow airfield. It was one of a group of barrows in the immediate locality, all of which are now lost (PRNs 285s-290s). The diameter of this particular mound was given as 15.2m. This part of the airfield is now occupied by the Llandow Industrial Estate and is taken up by industrial units and tarmac roads. Near the cited grid reference there is a small area of grass (at SS95940/72334), but there is no trace of a barrow here, nor is it necessarily the case that this was its location. It must be assumed that the monument has been

Dimensions: Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (obscured by modern

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 285s, 287-290s, 309s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00287s Site name: SHEEPLAYS 279 FT

NGR: SS96007204 GPS reading: SS96007204

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 90 no. 324 Status:

The site was excavated by Fox in 1939-40 and was found to consist of the following elements:

i) A central cremation burial of an adult and a child, enveloped in a reddish substance that may have been a leather bag. 0.9m to the ENE was a second cremation, of a child, deposited after the building of turves round the first burial had begun but before it was completed.

ii) The burials were encircled by a ring of stakes 7.9m in diameter; the stake-holes were 6-8cm in diameter and 25-43cm apart. A few stake-holes in the neighbourhood of the burials may represent the remains of an inner circle or of a ritual hut.

iii) Over and around the burials and the stake-circle was raised a mound of turves, 9.5-9.8m in diameter. This covered a continuous layer of ironpan.

iv) Outside the turf barrow a ring of laid stones 17.1-17.4m in diameter represented a symbolic remnant of a cairn ring.

v) On the E there was some evidence for a ditch some 1.8m outside the stone ring, about 1.8m wide and 1.2m deep.

Reference: Fox, C, 1959, Life & Death in the Bronze Age, 143.

Dimensions: Altitude: 85m O

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00288s Site name: SHEEPLAYS 293 FT

NGR: SS96027200 GPS reading: SS96027200

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 90-1 no. 325 Status:

The site was excavated by Fox in 1939-40 and was found to consist of the following elements:

- i) A central hole 45cm deep and 33cm in diameter, dug into the old surface, and containing an overhanging-rim urn (A) in which the cremated bones of a youth, a bronze awl or pin, and a calcined flint flake. Over the hole had been heaped a small mound of clay, turf and branches. Stake-holes and hollows in the immediate neighbourhood were thought to indicate ceremonial acts of some kind.
  - ii) The burial lay a little W of the centre of turf stack, approximately circular, 11.3-12.2m in diameter, with two rudimentary curved 'wings' on the S. It had steep edges and covered a layer of ironpan, perhaps the result of treading or trampling the turf.
  - iii) With the same centre as the turf stack were four concentric circles of stake-holes with approximate diameters of 5.5, 8.5, 11.6 and 14.6m. The stakes had been 8-9cm in diameter except in the case of the outermost circle where they were only 3-4cm. Their spacing was irregular in the innermost circle; in the other rings it averaged 38-40cm. The edge of the turf stack corresponded with the 8.5m circle on the S, with the 11.6m circle on the E and W, and with the 14.6m circle on the N where moreover a line of outward-canted stake-holes linked the 11.6m and 14.6m circles and indicated a revetment to the bulging edge of the turf stack.
  - iv) The whole was then encased in an earth barrow 20.4m in diameter. Four secondary cremation burials were inserted: B (a woman) and C (an adult) into the turf stack on the NE and SE; D (a child) into the soil barrow on the SE; and E (a child), in a cordoned urn, into the soil barrow near its E edge. To the SW of the last-mentioned was a circular deposit of charcoal with seven wand-holes.
- The excavators interpretation of the stake-circles and turf stack was as follows. The 5.5m circle represented a ring of roof supports for a mortuary hut of wigam type. The 8.5m circle represented the wattled wall of the hut. The 11.6m circle was a wattled fence outside the hut, and the 14.6m circle another slighter fence of wands. The hut was filled with turves and both it and the surrounding fences partly buried in a turf stack. The 'wings' on the S represented curved ramps leading up to the summit of the turf platform, and the outward bulge of the stack on the N 'provided a platform presumably for ritual acts'. The monument has since been destroyed. The objects are in the National Museum of Wales.

Reference: Fox, C, 1959, Life & Death in the Bronze Age, 129.

Dimensions: Altitude: 89m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00289s Site name: SIX WELLS 271 FT

NGR: SS95597189 GPS reading: SS95597189

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 90 no. 322 Status:

The site was excavated by Fox in 1939-40 and was found to consist of the following elements:

- i) A central small circular 'ritual pit' covered with a small dome of soil and clay.
- ii) This was surrounded by a stake-circle 15.2m in diameter. The stakes were 5-8cm in diameter and averaged 39cm apart, but the spacing was irregular, especially on the W where gaps of 0.8m and 1.1m suggested possible entrances.
- iii) The circle was broken on the SSE by a stone cist, about 0.6m square with a capstone, enclosing an urn of Deverel-Rimbury type which contained the cremated remains of a male. The urn is in the National Museum of Wales.
- iv) The whole area was covered with a turf barrow 26.8-27.4m in diameter and 1.8m high. The hard-pan floor on which it lay suggested it had been trampled down during construction, but the central area of the barrow was free from hard-pan.

The barrow has since been destroyed, its site being occupied by the grass over -shoot of an airfield runway.

Reference: Fox, C, 1959, Life & Death in the Bronze Age, 146.

Dimensions: Altitude: 82m O

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00290s Site name: SIX WELLS 267 FT

NGR: SS95577162 GPS reading: SS95577162

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 90 no. 321 Status:

The site was excavated by Fox in 1939-40, prior to its destruction, and was found to consist of the following elements:

- i) At the approximate centre was a cylindrical hole, 35cm in diameter and 48cm deep, lined with clay and filled with earth, and covered with a small clay dome.
  - ii) A ring of stake-holes 8.5-9.1m in diameter surrounded the central area but was broken on the NW by an entrance 2.5m wide. Stake-holes were also found within the ring, especially on the E and S. All the holes underlay the ironpan floor of the barrow and the stakes must therefore have been removed before the mound was raised.
  - iii) The whole was covered with a mound of turf, 13.7-14.6m in diameter. No burials were discovered. The barrow has since been destroyed, its site being occupied by an airfield.
- Reference: Fox, C, 1959, Life & Death in the Bronze Age, 148.

Dimensions: Altitude: 81m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00291s Site name: MORFA HOUSE 1

NGR: SS95967008 GPS reading: SS9595770091

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 326 Status: SAM Gm 188

One of a pair of barrows in the field S of Morfa Farm, near the Roman villa of Caermead. This example survives, but the other (PRN 292s) had been levelled by the Roman builders and is only known through excavation. The barrow is a low grassed mound, roughly circular in plan, rather plough spread and consequently with poorly defined edges. The measurements taken during the present study appear to show that the monument is lower than in 1986 (when the height was given as 0.8m). However, the land has not been ploughed in recent years, and it is likely that the discrepant dimensions arise from differences in measurement techniques rather than from any degradation of the monument.

Dimensions: diameter 27m; height 0.5m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 292s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00292s Site name: MORFA HOUSE 2

NGR: SS95967008 GPS reading: SS95967008

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 326 Status:

One of a pair of barrows in the field S of Morfa Farm, near the Roman villa of Caermead. One example survives (PRN 291s), but this second barrow had been levelled by the Roman builders and was only rediscovered by Storrie's excavation of the villa in 1888. These investigations revealed an urn, covered by a flat stone, and which contained a little charcoal and 'another smaller vessel', suggested to have been a pigmy cup. Both are now lost.

Reference: Storrie, J, *Trans Cardiff Natur Soc* (vol for 1889), 53

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 291s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00299s Site name: BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 5

NGR: SS97137384 GPS reading: SS97137384

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 331 Status: SAM Gm 104D

One of a series of PRNs referring to a group of barrows NW of Old Breach Farm, Llyswyrny. The NGR for this site places it S of the modern road, whilst the accompanying description states that it lies to the N. It was described as being the most westerly of the group, a very low mound, c 0.2m high with an indeterminate diameter. It was not found during the present study. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s, 3809s Contains: Part of: 3825s

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PRN: 00301s Site name: BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 1

NGR: SS96897375 GPS reading: SS9697373798

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 327 Status: SAM Gm 104A

A large, low grassed mound in a pasture field. It has been cut into on the SE side by the line of the road and adjacent hedge, although the majority of the monument remains unaffected. It has been well spread by ploughing and is poorly defined. No stone could be detected beneath the turf. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Dimensions: diameter c35m; height 0.7m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides to medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s, 3809s Contains: Part of: 3825s

PRN: 00302s Site name: BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 4

NGR: SS97207386 GPS reading: SS9720373873

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large, low, grassed mound in a pasture field just to the north of the B4270 road. It is well spread by ploughing and poorly defined. No stone could be detected beneath the turf. On the SE side the road and adjacent hedge cut through the edge of the barrow, although the majority of the monument remains intact. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Dimensions: diameter c25m height 0.5m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides to medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s, 3809s Contains: Part of: 3825s

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PRN: 00303s Site name: BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 2

NGR: SS96957378 GPS reading: SS9712873850

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 328 Status: SAM Gm 104B

One of a series of PRNs referring to a group of barrows NW of Old Breach Farm, Llyswyrny. The monument straddles the boundary between two fields, and there is a well established hedgeline running across it on a N-S axis. The SE side has been damaged by the construction of the modern road. Excavation in 1937 by Grimes showed that the barrow consisted of a composite turf and clay mound, incorporating a circular stone wall, 24.4m in external diameter and varying from 1.5 to 2.1m in thickness, faced on the outside only with stone blocks. A central cremation pit contained bronze implements (two flanged axes and a dagger), a pigmy cup, thirteen barbed-and-tanged flint arrowheads, and two sandstone 'arrowshaft straighteners'. Together with the form of the barrow, these objects suggest an origin for its builders in Brittany, at an Early to Middle Bronze Age date. The finds are in the National Museum of Wales. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Reference: Grimes, WF, *Proc Prehist Soc* (vol for 1938), 107

Dimensions: diameter 40m+ (N-S); height c2m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides to medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s, 3809s Contains: Part of: 3825s

PRN: 00304s Site name: BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 4(?)

NGR: SS97057384 GPS reading: SS97057384

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 330 Status:

This PRN covers a round barrow 19.8m in diameter and 0.9m high. Nothing was found at this precise NGR during the present study. However, the site lies only 20m to the SE of PRN 3809s; this latter barrow is of similar height, although of rather greater diameter (35m). It may be that the two monuments are one and the same, although it is difficult to reconcile the difference between the stated diameters, except in terms of a differing measuring methodology. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s, 3809s Contains: Part of: 3825s

PRN: 00305s Site name: MARLBOROUGH GRANGE SOUTH

NGR: SS97357351 GPS reading: SS9735273504

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91-2 no. 332 Status:

A poorly defined, well plough spread round barrow within a pasture field. The monument was excavated in 1967, with the following results:

The barrow consisted of a mound of turf and clay, enclosed by a dry-stone revetment wall 20.5m in diameter. Outside this, and separated from it by a space ranging from 2m to 9m, was an intermittent flat-bottomed ditch. This was very irregular, the smallest section excavated being 0.8m by 0.3m deep, the largest 3.5m by 0.5m; the excavator regarded it as a quarry rather than a ritual ditch.

The site chosen coincided with a natural hollow in the rock, but this had been completely filled, leaving only a shallow depression. The first act in building the mound had been to dig an oval pit, about 0.8m by 0.5m by 0.3m deep. This was filled with clay in three layers, but contained no relics. It was covered with an oval mound of yellow clay, 18m N-S by 10m, and on this was built a dome of blue-grey clay, 6.5m in diameter. These features were not concentric with the kerb or with each other. The primary burial was then placed on the southern slope of this dome. It consisted of burnt human bones, comprising remains from an adult and two juveniles, on which rested a pigmy cup; a heap of charcoal from the pyre extended down the slope of the dome on to the yellow clay mound, on which lay also charcoal from four larger pieces of timber. After the deposition of the primary burial, the mound was built up of turf, and the revetment wall constructed; its centre lay 2.1m NW of the bones.

Subsequently, two secondary cremation burials were inserted, without grave-goods; they were much disturbed by the plough. A pit was also cut on the line of the revetment wall on the NE. Its filling, including charred grain and animal bones, suggested ritual use; it had been twice recut. Its date is uncertain, but the presence of oats implies Iron Age or later. An occupation layer, containing iron-age-A pottery, was found in the barrow ditch to the SE. The objects are now in the National Museum of Wales. Reference: Savory, HN, *Arch in Wales* (vol for 1967), 7

Dimensions: diameter c32m; height 0.2m Altitude: 70m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSE Viewshed: N-E & S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00306s Site name: FFYNNON Y GROTTO SOUTHEAST

NGR: SS97957307 GPS reading: SS9796273072

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 92 no. 333 Status: SAM Gm 292

A low grassed mound standing near the brow of a slope falling to a brook on the NNW. The barrow is roughly circular in plan with poorly defined edges. No stone was detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 30m; height 0.5m Altitude: 65m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00324s Site name: MAESHWY AID

NGR: ST03507510 GPS reading: ST0358375040

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 97 no. 372 Status: Probably real Gm 321

RCAHMW 1976 records a ploughed-down mound 15m in diameter and 0.6m high, disturbed in 1969 revealing an inner cairn 1.2m in diameter covering a collared cinerary urn containing burnt human bones, a flint flake and a ring-headed bone pin. A subsequent attempt to find the barrow in 1982 was unsuccessful, and it could not be found at the stated coordinates during the present study. However, a few hundred metres to the S is a low, poorly defined earthwork, roughly circular in plan. This may well be the monument in question, although its diameter is larger than that previously recorded. It is certainly a round barrow.

Dimensions: diameter c26m; height 0.5m Altitude: 120m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: SW-S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: ?325s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00325s Site name: MAES-Y-HWY AID NORTHWEST

NGR: ST03657555 GPS reading: ST03657555

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 97 no. 372 Status: SAM Gm 321

A low round barrow in a field, supposedly to the N of Maes-y-Ward Farm. It was dug into by the farmer, and produced a Bronze Age overhanging rim urn, a bone pin and a flint knife. The monument is mentioned in a variety of sources from the 1970s onwards, and was last observed in 1989, when it was described as being 23m in diameter and 0.7m high. It could not be located during the present study. Although there are many undulations within the field which might be the remains of a barrow, nothing is obviously an ancient monument here. It seems unlikely that a mound of this size could be reduced to nothing over the course of the last decade, raising the possibility that the coordinates stated are incorrect. It is also possible that this is a duplicate reference for PRN 324s.

Dimensions: Altitude: 135m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: ?324s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00332s Site name: STALLING DOWN ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST01157490 GPS reading: ST01167491

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 97 no. 373 Status: SAM Gm 230

The mound recorded by RCAHM (1976) is a large circular mound currently under bracken and brambles situated on a false crest. The mound is domed in shape with steeply sloping sides and a regularly defined perimeter; no ditch or kerbstones were visible. The road seems to have eroded away part of the mound's N perimeter.

Dimensions: diameter 15m (E-W); height 1.8m Altitude: 90m

Siting: False crest Aspect: N Viewshed: SW-W-NW-N-NE-E-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00333s Site name:

NGR: ST00067465 GPS reading: ST00067465

Type: Inhumation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Finds Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A skeleton was found with a knife in the grounds of the girls high school, Cowbridge. The bronze knife (or dagger), which was damaged, is described as having a plain ogural blade with bevelled edges and angular butt. The latter retains the semi-lunar markings of the handle and two of its three rivet-holes, with one a rivet. Wheeler describes it as being typical of the Beaker period.

References: Wheeler, REM, 1925, Prehistoric and Roman Wales, 141; Grimes, WF, 1951, The Prehistory of Wales, 197.

Dimensions: Altitude: 30m O

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00338m Site name: DUNRAVEN CASTLE EAST

NGR: SS89357241 GPS reading: SS89357241

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 84 no. 265a Status:

In 1976 it was reported that near Dunraven Castle, 700m to SE, rings are indicated by vegetation marks, not far from the cliff top at 60m above OD. A hundred and twenty metres to the W another ring, 22m in diameter, is bounded by an ill-defined mark 2.5m broad; its artificial origin is not certain, but it seems too wide and blurred to be a fungus-ring (RCAHM, No.265, 1976). (1982) Two U-ring cropmarks near Dunraven Castle, indicated by vegetation marks, not far from the cliff top at 60m above OD. Nothing was found on the ground to account for the air photograph markings (OS Record Card 1982). During the present visit the field was under winter wheat, and as in 1982 the cropmarks are no longer visible.

Dimensions: Altitude: 60m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00346G Site name: CEFN CARNAU

NGR: ST360954 GPS reading: ST360954

Type: Stone Circle UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Bradney (1921) suggested that the word Cefn-carnau ('the ridge of heaps of stones'), preserved in the names of two local farms, derived its appellation from some ancient standing stones which had since been removed from their original situation and broken up. However, no evidence of these alleged standing stones exists, and no traces of cairns were found in the pasture fields along the ridge.

References: Bradney, JA, 1921, History of Monmouthshire, Volume 3, 108; OS Record Card, 1959, ST 39 NE 26.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00358g Site name: LLANGYBI STANDING STONE

NGR: ST38049638 GPS reading: ST38059638

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 106

Described by Bradney (1921) as the most ancient object in the parish, the standing stone is situated in Waen-ffeirad (Priests' Meadow) and is thought to be the stone erected to commemorate the spot where St Cybi pitched his tent upon arrival from the River Usk. The standing stone is a triangular shaped conglomerate situated in improved pasture. The stone is wide at its base, quite thick and rises to a point.

Reference: Bradney, JA, 1921, History of Monmouth, Volume 3, 96

Dimensions: width 1.7m; thickness 0.3-0.5m; Altitude: 5m

Siting: Valley base Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00369s Site name: COED Y CWM

NGR: ST08117378 GPS reading: ST0810873779

Type: Long Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 40 no. 45 Status: SAM Gm 116

A possible collapsed or unfinished burial chamber, comprising three large slabs of highly weathered tabular limestone. The largest slab is c 3m long and a maximum of 1m thick, being markedly thinner (0.4m – 0.9m) at its S end. It lies slightly tilted towards the SW. On its NE side it is propped up by numerous small stones underneath. The two smaller slabs are positioned immediately to the S and are c 1m across and 0.25m thick. The stones are situated on a low ridge, but there is no indication of any mound. It is unclear whether this is a genuine prehistoric monument or a natural feature. These stones may indeed be the last remains of a now denuded long barrow, but excavation in 1936 showed the slabs to rest on a natural gravel formation in which no trace of sockets could be found, which might argue against it having been a built structure (Daniel 1937). However, a polished flint axe was found beneath the surface about 0.5m E of the stones, indicating that at the very least they were the focus of some prehistoric activity.

Reference: Daniel, GE, *Archaeol Camb* (vol for 1937), 287-93

Dimensions: See descriptive text Altitude: 100m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00370s Site name: REDLAND STANDING STONE

NGR: ST07817382 GPS reading: ST07817382

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: ?Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 123 no. 561 Status:

At Redland Farm, W of St Nicholas at 105m OD, a standing stone was recorded on several occasions during the 20th century. RCAHMW 1976 described it as an oval slab of limestone, 1.8m long, 1.2m wide and 0.5m thick. When visited in 1937 the stone was still standing, but by 1950 it had fallen and lay recumbent. Its location was described as being close to a hedge adjacent to the road that ran around the back of Redland Farm. However, during the present survey no trace of this stone was found. The stated NGR would place the stone on the line of a modern hedge of coniferous trees, and it is possible that it was removed during the planting of this boundary.

Dimensions: Altitude: 105m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: N-E-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00372s Site name: COTTRELL PARK STANDING STONE

NGR: ST08037414 GPS reading: ST0804574124

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Moved

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 123 no. 562 Status:

Standing stone, which was originally situated almost opposite the entrance to Cottrell Park, where the main road now runs. It was moved in 1935 and has now been re-erected within a fenced enclosure on the margins of a the field to the SE. It was investigated prior to its removal, but nothing was found (Grimes 1934). The monument comprises a large, weathered slab of limestone, 2.9m long, 0.6m thick and 2.3m high. Reference: Grimes, WF, 1934, *Trans Cardiff Natur Soc* 67

Dimensions: length 2.9m; thickness 0.6m; height Altitude: 95m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: S-W-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00373g Site name:

NGR: ST37449490 GPS reading: ST37449490

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Finds Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1951 the discovery of a Bronze Age funerary urn in the plough soil of a large field W of Tredunnock was recorded. No barrow or artefacts were visible at the time of the present visit.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00374s Site name: TINKINSWOOD LONG CAIRN

NGR: ST09217331 GPS reading: ST0922473315

Type: Long Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 36-8 no. 40 Status: SAM Gm 9; Guardianship

The Tinkinswood long cairn has been extensively studied and described by modern scholars, although the majority of information is derived from Ward's excavation (Ward 1915). The state of the monument has not changed since the RCAHMW description was made in 1976, which reads as follows:

The cairn is 40m long on an axial bearing of 74 degrees, with straight sides diverging slightly from a width of 16.2m at the W end, which is also straight, to 17.8m at the E end, which curves inwards from square corners (as restored from inadequate evidence in Ward's excavations) to form a funnel-shaped fore-court. This outline is defined by well laid dry-stone walling of locally quarried sandy limestone, which was revealed standing to a maximum height of 0.9m when excavated, and probably reached 1.3m originally, if the excavator was correct in regarding all stone in the talus as fallen material; he interpreted the outward displacement and tilt of the extant walling as due to soil pressure, and rejected the possibility of deliberate concealment by extra-revetment material, as observed at some other sites.

The sides of the fore-court decrease in curvature from a width of about 8m to a final width of 4.3m at 5.3m from the end of the cairn, against the E wall of the megalithic chamber. The chamber itself is almost rectangular, about 5m long E-W by at least 3.5m, walled with massive upright slabs except on the S side, which was destroyed by early stone robbers. An inserted pillar now assists in supporting the single capstone, estimated to weigh about 40 metric tonnes, which is pitched gently upward and thickens to the E to enhance its frontal appearance. The internal height of the back of the chamber was 1.5m from original ground level. The use of dry walling to fill gaps between uprights is also attested at the NE corner.

The outer side of the E chamber wall, facing the forecourt, was probably concealed to its full height originally by a stone-faced bank of rubble about 0.6m thick at the base and having a considerable batter, which survives to more than a metre high. The entrance to the chamber was at its NE corner, by a slab-lined passage 0.8m wide leading through this bank. The upper part of the northern member of this chamber wall beyond projects so as to form a rough arch, of which the height has been reduced to about 0.7m by movement from the N. In clearance of the passage, slabs of suitable size for a true lintel and for a door were found, the latter having been trimmed to an oblong shape 0.94 by 0.76m, to fit in a basal slot between two stones of the rough paving.

A detailed examination of the main body of cairn material showed it to consist of local limestone and mudstone blocks generally ranging in size up to about a metre across, the heaviest being those forming a supporting packing around the chamber. There was also a roughly built backing to the outer revetment, with which it formed a band about 1.5m thick overall. The interior contained two series of transverse lines of upright stones set on the ground surface, not always contiguously, measuring up to 0.6m thick and 0.8m high. These divided the N and S halves of the cairn into compartments about 2m wide, which were not exactly opposed, and were only detected in the W end. The filling of rubble tended to be pitched toward the centre of the cairn, and appeared to have been capped, at a level top about 1.2m high, with a clayey soil which had been eroded into the rubble below.

The slabs used in building the main chamber could have been obtained from a quarry nearby, but it is possible that some at least already lay exposed on the site. In the middle of the N half of the cairn was a secondary pit about 2.9m square, lined with thin upright slabs, which were mostly broken, and were missing from the S side. Several large blocks of mudstone lying on top of the cairn to N and W of this pit had probably been removed from the original ground surface, for similar blocks were observed at the base of the cairn elsewhere in the N half and SE of the chamber, indicating the incorporation of a natural scatter of such material.



PRN: 00377s Site name:

NGR: ST09927198 GPS reading: ST09927198

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1953 OS fieldworkers described a small grass-covered mound, 5m in diameter and 0.4m high, without ditch or berm. It was considered to be artificial, and was suggested to be the ploughed-down remains of a round barrow. In the following 50 years ploughing has gradually reduced this monument to nothing. In 1970 OS fieldworkers recorded the mound as being 0.2m high, and by the time of a subsequent visit in 1982 it had been reduced to an almost imperceptible rise in the ground. The field continues to be ploughed, and an inspection during the present study found no trace of any earthwork.

Dimensions: Altitude: 65m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00395s Site name:

NGR: ST06097003 GPS reading: ST06097003

Type: Inhumation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Human remains found in AD 1876. Several small cists, the contents of which were disposed and broken up by workmen. No traces of it remain.

Dimensions: Altitude: 60m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00401s Site name: NASH POINT ROUND BARROW A

NGR: SS91346930 GPS reading: SS9134569311

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 296 Status: SAM Gm 114

The westernmost of four round barrows on a NW-SE alignment near Nash Point. Three of the four have not been ploughed, and this is the largest and best preserved example of the group. It is a substantial grassed mound, circular in plan with well defined edges. RCAHMW suggested that the barrow was stone-built, but no stone was detected beneath the turf during the present visit.

Dimensions: diameter 14.5m; height 1m Altitude: 45m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NE Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 402s-404s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00402s Site name: NASH POINT ROUND BARROW B

NGR: SS91376926 GPS reading: SS9136169289

Type: Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 298 Status: SAM Gm 114

One of a group of four barrows on a NW-SE alignment near Nash Point. This example has been almost completely destroyed, a somewhat curious fact given the substantial character of the adjacent monuments 401s and 404s. Only the rim remains, standing most prominently on the E and W sides and reasonably well defined. The monument is grassed, without detectable stone beneath the turf. It is probably an ordinary round barrow, but the possibility exists that this feature is in fact a ring cairn.

Dimensions: diameter 12m; height 0.5m (max) Altitude: 60m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NE Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 401s;403-4s Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00403s Site name: NASH POINT ROUND BARROW C

NGR: SS91466916 GPS reading: SS9136169289

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 299 Status: SAM Gm 114

One of four barrows on a NW-SE alignment near Nash Point; this monument is the furthest to the SE, slightly detached from the other three members of the group. Although this barrow is no longer under the plough, it has evidently been damaged by this process in the past, being well spread and with poorly defined edges. The mound is covered by grass, and no stone could be detected under the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c32m; height 0.6m Altitude: 60m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NE Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 401-2s, 404s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00404s Site name: NASH POINT ROUND BARROW D

NGR: SS91366928 GPS reading: SS9138269272

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 297 Status: SAM Gm 114

One of four barrows on a NW-SE alignment near Nash Point. This is a well preserved mound, circular in plan, only slightly spread and therefore with moderately well defined edges. The barrow is under grass, and no stone could be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 11.6m; height 0.7m Altitude: 60m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: NE Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 401-3s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00405S Site name: 0

NGR: SS91526832 GPS reading: SS91526832

Type: Inhumation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two inhumation burials discovered and excavated during the summer of 1950. The first burial comprised a skeleton lying extended in a shallow grave with the head to the south-west; the second was a crouched burial of an adult male, lying on the right with the head to the west. No objects were recovered from either grave. The burials lay within infilled ditches, which have been suggested to be the outlying ditches of Nash Point Camp (Iron Age). The fact that these ditches were already partly filled in at the time of the burials implies that the inhumations could be of significantly later date than the camp itself.

Reference: Note in Transactions of the Cardiff Naturalists Society, Vol 79, 59.

Dimensions: Altitude: 15m O

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00408s Site name: CAE'REGLWYS LONG CAIRN (THE OLD CHURCH)

NGR: SS91696824 GPS reading: SS9166868257

Type: Long Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 36 no. 38 Status:

A long barrow on the gently sloping headland near Nash Point. The site was described in 1811 as 'an ancient cromlech, called the Old Church; and which according to tradition was anciently the place of worship belonging to the village.' No ecclesiastical connection can be traced, however. The monument comprises a long ovoid mound covered by rough grass, gorse and brambles. No stone can be detected beneath the turf. The mound is rather mutilated by many irregular hollows, and by a narrow, shallow ditch which encompasses it around the seaward half; this is thought to be a robber trench marking the position of a revetment.

Dimensions: length c60m; width 13m (max, centre) Altitude: 30m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: SW Viewshed: SE-S-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00412s Site name: SOMERSET FARM NORTHWEST 1

NGR: SS93786961 GPS reading: SS9377969606

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 300 Status:

Part of barrow cemetery 3824s. One of two probable barrows in a pasture field NW of Somerset Farm, St Donats. The barrow comprises a very small, poorly-defined grass-covered earthwork. In 1956 it was suggested that traces of a surrounding ditch could be observed, but any such feature is no longer evident.

Dimensions: diameter c 8.4m; height 0.2m Altitude: 80m

Siting: Coastal Plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 00413s, 3824s Contains: Part of: 3824s

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PRN: 00413s Site name: SOMERSET FARM NORTHWEST 2

NGR: SS93896960 GPS reading: SS9389069603

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 301 Status:

Part of barrow cemetery 3824s. One of a pair of barrows in a field NW of Somerset Farm, St Donats. The grass-covered monument has been virtually destroyed, comprising only a slight swelling in the ground c 0.1m high and of undefinable diameter. In 1956 it was suggested that the surrounding ditch could be observed, but no trace of such a feature now survives.

Dimensions: height c 0.1m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Coastal Plain Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides; restricted medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 00412s, 3824s Contains: Part of: 3824s

PRN: 00425M Site name: OLD CASTLE DOWN

NGR: SS90167560 GPS reading: SS90167560

Type: Inhumation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

At least three inhumation burials were discovered by workmen digging for limestone in the parish of St Brides Major in 1818. There remains confusion about the precise location of the find, but recent research suggests it was on Old Castle Down (Toft 2001; Macdonald and Davis 2002).

The burials were associated with daggers (apparently of iron; one, said to have had saw-edges, was 10" long, with a handle 5" long), and 'many heads of spears which lay interred upon a bed of small coal'. Upon the skulls were bronze helmets, which a sketch shows to have been of the conical type borrowed by the Celts from Italy as early as the 5th century BC. Two of the helmets had silver finials, weighing 'about an ounce', from which on each side two wires of twisted gold and silver were carried down to hold up two hinged cheek-guards when not lowered for use; these guards are said to have been of gold alloy, and were ornamented with red enamel. The brims of the two richer helmets were each decorated with a band of blue enamel between bronze beadings. In addition, two skull caps of copper 'near a quarter of an inch thick' and 'one or two pieces of small brass chain' were unearthed. The skull-caps were probably worn under the helmets, which were only 'about one line in thickness'. The presence of blue enamel suggests a date not earlier than the 1st century AD, and it is quite possible that the burials of those of Celtic-speaking chieftains who had found their way into South Wales at or about the period of the Roman conquest. The finds were all lost shortly afterwards; they must have been the richest and most remarkable of their kind known to have been discovered in Britain (Wheeler 1925).

References: Wheeler, REM, 1925, Prehistoric and Roman Wales, 205-6; Toft, LA, 2001, The Nineteenth-Century Discovery and Loss of the 'Ogmore Helmets', *Archaeologia Cambrensis* 47, 68-79; Macdonald, P, and Davis, M, 2002, Old Castle Down Revisited. Some Recent Finds from the Vale of Glamorgan, in Aldhouse-Green and Webster, *Artefacts and archaeology: aspects of the Celtic and Roman world*, 20-32.

Dimensions:

Altitude:

Siting:

Aspect:

Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs:

Contains:

Part of:

PRN: 00432m Site name: RHYLE BARROW

NGR: SS91647264 GPS reading: SS9165172649

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 307 Status: SAM Gm 181

A small, poorly defined mound within a pasture field. The barrow is roughly circular, though plough-spread and with poorly defined edges. No stone was detected beneath the turf. This feature is likely to be that to which PRN 4191 also refers.

Dimensions: diameter 16m; height 0.3m Altitude: 100m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00433g Site name: TRE-GARN

NGR: ST38419059 GPS reading: ST38419059

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Newport

Form: Place-name Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Reported as a site where a heap of stones or a cairn once stood. There are now no physical remains or any satisfactory written record.

Reference: Bradney, JA, 1932, History of Monmouthshire Volume 4 Part 2, 206.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00433m Site name: WICK CHURCH SOUTH

NGR: SS92377199 GPS reading: SS9236471996

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 89 no. 312 Status:

A very low grassed mound, badly plough spread and poorly defined. It presently stands at the end of a rugby pitch, a little removed from the goal posts. The monument seems significantly reduced in height since measured in 1957 (0.4m high) and 1976 (0.3m high), being now barely perceptible. No stone was detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c23m; height <0.2m Altitude: 95m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00438m Site name:

NGR: SS91777278 GPS reading: SS9083373065

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 88 no. 308 Status:

A turf-covered stony mound, probably a round barrow. The shape is rather irregular; the E side is steep and sharply defined, whilst the N,S and W sides are more gradual. The top is flat and 7m in diameter. There is a hollow just outside the mound on the W, but no indications of a ditch.

Dimensions: diameter 18m; height 0.9m Altitude: 95m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00468g Site name: STANDING STONE 252M SOUTH OF BENCROFT LANE

NGR: ST44518776 GPS reading: ST44528776

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 68

During the present visit a triangular shaped standing stone situated in a large pasture field adjacent to the M4 motorway was noted, it is surrounded by a slight hollow with a modern earthen bank to the N. The stone is aligned N-S and leans to the NE; the stone is thicker at the base than at the top, the S edge is almost verticle while the N edge tapers to a point. The stone is a conglomerate and has a red calcite deposit over much its length.

Dimensions: diameter 1.5m x 0.6m (base); height Altitude:

Siting: Flood plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00470m Site name: NORTON, OGMORE-BY-SEA

NGR: SS87467578 GPS reading: SS87467578

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

During the present visit the ring ditch, described by Driver (1997), was not visible in the NE of the interrupted enclosure; the field is currently under arable use and therefore the ring ditch is most likely ploughed out.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00478s Site name: BOVERTON FARM WEST

NGR: SS98486726 GPS reading: SS9848367263

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 302 Status:

A very low mound within a ploughed field W of Boverton Mill Farm. It was described by RCAHMW 1976 as being 27.4m in diameter and 0.3m high, who also noted that in 1954 a surrounding ditch was visible. Despite being reported in 1982 as having been ploughed out, the monument in fact seems little changed to the present day, although the ditch has long since been erased by ploughing. During the present survey two flints were found on the surface of the barrow, adding to another that was found there in 1954.

Dimensions: diameter c25m; height c0.2m Altitude: 60m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 479s, 3814s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00479s Site name: THE TUMP

NGR: SS99646723 GPS reading: SS9965767237

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 87 no. 303 Status:

A very low, roughly circular mound within a ploughed field E of Boverton Mill Farm. It is much plough-spread, and the edges are very poorly defined. The field is generally quite stony, but there is no particular concentration about the barrow. The monument has been reduced significantly in height (from 0.4m to 0.2m) since the last measurements were taken by RCAHMW in 1976.

Dimensions: diameter c32m; height c0.2m Altitude: 65m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 478s; 3814s Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00526s Site name: WESTWARD CORNER TUMULUS

NGR: ST09176690 GPS reading: ST0915366936

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 97 no. 371 Status: SAM Gm 360

A well preserved and well defined round barrow. This grassed monument is now nicely presented within a modern housing estate, surrounded by a fenced enclosure. The mound is steep sided, and excavations on the N side showed it to be composed of limestone rubble and earth. The barrow is encircled by a deep but rather irregular ditch, more prominent on the N side than on the S and E; how much of the ditch is original, and how much the product of modern quarrying, is difficult to discern.

Dimensions: diameter c 9m; height 1.8m Altitude: 50m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment: Site viewed through railings only. Measurements not taken; those cited are from

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00557s Site name: FRIARS POINT 6

NGR: ST11096596 GPS reading: ST11096596

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 400 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). This monument was described in 1873 as being a small mound about 3m in diameter. It was excavated in 1894-5, but without any result.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-561s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00558s Site name: FRIARS POINT 3

NGR: ST11066597 GPS reading: ST11066597

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 397 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). This monument was described in 1873 as being the largest and most southerly of a group of three. At that time it had already been partially destroyed in order to create a level platform; the remaining stones were subsequently removed to make a flagstaff mound.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-562s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00559s Site name: FRIARS POINT 4

NGR: ST11066600 GPS reading: ST11066600

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 398 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). This particular monument was described in 1873 as being the middle one of three mounds. Although it was excavated in 1872 nothing was found. However, Storrie carried out further excavations in 1894-5, and discovered a cremation burial covered by a thin slab and accompanied by a burnt flint flake; a secondary burial with three flakes was also found, along with three horse teeth. At that time the mound measured 6.1m in diameter. The mound had been destroyed by 1953, and probably rather earlier, perhaps as a direct result of the 19th century excavations.

Reference: Allen, J, 1873, *Archaeol Camb* 4, 188-91

Allen, J, 1895, *Archaeol Camb* 12, 7

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-562s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00560s Site name: FRIARS POINT 5

NGR: ST11066604 GPS reading: ST11066604

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 399 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). The monument was excavated in 1894-5, and was found to be encircled by a shallow ditch. The only small finds were two pieces of chert and several horse teeth. The mound had been destroyed by 1953, and probably rather earlier, perhaps as a direct result of the 19th century excavation.

Reference: Allen, J, 1895, *Archaeol Camb* 12, 7

Dimensions:

Altitude:

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-562s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00561s Site name: FRIARS POINT 2

NGR: ST11046603 GPS reading: ST1104966042

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 396 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). This monument was excavated in 1872 by Allen, who found a central cremation burial in an overhanging rim-urn inverted on a flat stone. Subsequent investigations led to the discovery of three more cremations, along with other fragments of pottery, mollusc shells, a horse tooth, as well as evidence of burning (Allen 1873; 1895). The cairn is roughly circular and partially covered by grass. It is composed of earth and stone, although some of the rock that can be seen at the surface is natural outcrop. The centre is dished.

Reference: Allen, J, 1873, *Archaeol Camb* 4, 188-91

Allen, J, 1895, *Archaeol Camb* 12, 7

Dimensions: diameter 7.5m; height 0.5m Altitude: 25m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-562s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00562s Site name: FRIARS POINT 1

NGR: ST11036613 GPS reading: ST1103066122

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976 100 no. 395 Status: SSSI

On Friars Point, a headland on Barry Island, a series of mounds have been recorded. Several are of doubtful origin, and only two remain visible at the present day (PRNs 561s & 562s). The monument is a low ovoid mound, longer on its E-W axis than N-S. It is low and poorly defined, being covered by turf with no stone detectable beneath the surface. It is surrounded on all sides by a shallow ditch no more than 0.1m in depth. Storie excavated the barrow in 1894-5, but there was evidence of previous disturbance, and all that he found was a triangular chert flake and some horse teeth.

Reference: Allen, J, 1895, *Archaeol Camb* 12, 7

Dimensions: diameter 13.7m (E-W), 10.5m N-S; Altitude: 15m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-561s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00568s Site name:

NGR: ST11406630 GPS reading: ST11406630

Type: Inhumation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Finds Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SSSI

Incomplete human skeleton found buried in crouched position (on left side, with head toW) beneath boulder 2.9m down in the sand at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00579s Site name: COLD KNAP 1

NGR: ST10266608 GPS reading: ST10266608

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 99 no. 392 Status:

Two barrows, once situated on the cliff edge but now destroyed by erosion. In 1958 fragments of a 'narrow rim' cinerary urn were found, and, in 1967, a portion of a small collared urn in an inverted position. These rested on a thin layer of charcoal overlain by a layer of rubble 0.3m thick, probably representing the remains of a small barrow almost completely eroded away. The urns are in the National Museum. No trace of either barrow now remains.

Dimensions: Altitude: 10m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-561s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00581s Site name: FRAIRS POINT

NGR: ST10776644 GPS reading: ST10776644

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 394 Status:

During excavations for the harbour pier in 1895, near Friar Point House at the W extremity of Barry Island, a stone cist was discovered contained a crouched female skeleton. The cist was apparently re-erected in the enclosure of St Baruch's Chapel, on the opposite side of the island (ST 1194 6666). There is nothing at the finds site to indicate the location of the discovery, and whilst the re-erected remains were tentatively identified in 1982 at the chapel (heavily overgrown, beyond the SE corner of the building), these were not found during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00583s Site name:

NGR: ST16956692 GPS reading: ST16936692

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 100 no. 401 Status:

A small earthen cairn located on the highest and most E point of Sully Island. The mound is turf covered with some exposed rocks. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter with the E edge being eroded away by the cliff. The N&E edges are quite steep, rising to the mound's levelled top. To the N edge is a small depression that appears to have been excavated into the mound, while the S edge is almost totally eroded away by the cliff.

Dimensions: diameter 10m N-S x 12m E-W; height Altitude: 20m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: SW Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00593s Site name: LESSER GARTH CAVE

NGR: ST12558210 GPS reading: ST12558210

Type: Cave UA: Cardiff

Form: Inhumation Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two excavations in 1912 and c 1922 yielded finds ranging from late Bronze Age Pottery to Dark Age metal work; also human remains in a deep crevice and hearths with Romano-British coarse ware. Excavations in 1963-4 have clarified and augmented the earlier finds and have revealed a long, though intermittent, sequence of use of the cave for various purposes. There is slight evidence that the cave was used before the end of the Middle Bronze Age, to which can be referred a series of bucket- and barrel-shaped urns 'mainly derived from a late stage of the 'Wessex Biconical Urn' tradition. Most of these were found, with several bone tools, in a calcited deposit at one side of the passage between the two main chambers. The excavator regarded the few flints found beneath this deposit and else were as evidence of earlier (Neolithic or Early-Bronze Age) use of the cave for burial, thus accounting for some of at least of the human remains swept into the deep crevices to make room for Late Bronze Age domestic occupation. However, since neither of the two hearths was positively of Bronze Age date, and since Romano-British, and Dark Age use of the cave could account for the clearance, as also for the abundance of animal bones, it remains possible that the Bronze Age purpose was entirely funerary.

Romano-British pottery of the late 1st century and 3rd century date, mainly from the first chamber and its associated crevices, indicated the first certainly domestic use of the cave, perhaps in connection with iron mining on the hill above. The cave was then used as a metal workshop after the end of the Roman period. A sherd of imported pottery of 5th/7th century date was associated in the passage between the main chambers with fragments of crucibles, clinker and a wide range of bronze, iron and silver objects, many of them in fragmentary condition. Finally, casual medieval use is indicated by sherds of 12-century pottery, which give a late date to a burial in the first chamber.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00615S Site name: TRODA CASTLE MOUND (PHASE I)

NGR: ST15608040 GPS reading: ST15608040

Type: Round Barrow UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 421 Status:

The removal of a medieval motte during building operations revealed an earlier turf mound 12.8m in diameter, capped by clayey earth to an overall diameter of about 23m within a ditch. There was a small rectangular setting of stones at the centre, but there was no burial. Small fragments of Bronze Age pottery were found in the ditch silting.

Dimensions: mound 12.8m diameter Altitude: 30m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 615s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00620m Site name: CAERARFAU

NGR: ST07728214 GPS reading: ST0772582144

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Cardiff

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 37, 39 no. 41 Status: SAM Gm 30

The remains of a stone burial chamber, situated on a low spur overlooking the Ely valley to the SW. It is now partly incorporated in a modern wall on the S of a lane, which now forms the driveway to a recently built house. The monument is presently located within the garden flower borders, and is partially overgrown by ivy. It consists of three large slabs of stone – two uprights and a horizontal covering slab, forming a chamber c 1.2m wide and 1.5m high inside. The covering slab, 2m by 1.6m and 0.3m thick, slopes down towards the S and is supported at this end by smaller stones. The upright on the E side is 1.7m high, 2m wide and 0.75m thick at its thickest end nearest the ground. The W slab is 1.7m high, 1.5m wide and 0.3m thick. On the ground inside is a smaller slab, 1m by 0.75m, lying flat. The chamber was regularly limewashed during its use in the past as a coal store; some fragments of limewash are still apparent on the interior surfaces of the chamber.

Dimensions: see descriptive text Altitude: 75m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: S-W-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1532m Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00645m Site name: CEFN Y BRITHDIR 1

NGR: SO12980308 GPS reading: SO1297503097

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 71 no. 166 Status:

An approximately circular mound on roughly level ground to the S of Cefn-y-Brithdir. The edges are poorly defined and difficult to discern, and the S half of the monument is badly damaged. The barrow is covered by grass and ferns but stone can be detected beneath the turf. At the centre, a leaning slab 1.1m long, 0.7m wide and 0.15m thick probably represents the remains of a cist; a few metres to the S a partly buried stone may be the dislodged capstone.

Dimensions: diameter c9m; height c0.7m Altitude: 430m

Siting: High plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00648m Site name: CEFN Y BRITHDIR 2

NGR: SO13150327 GPS reading: SO1317903242

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 71 no. 167 Status:

A circular mound, with a dished centre and moderately well defined edges. The barrow is covered by grass and bilberry, but abundant stone can be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 6.2m; height 0.6m Altitude: 430m

Siting: High plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-E-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00654m Site name: LLANCAEACH ISAF CIST BURIAL

NGR: ST11579615 GPS reading: ST11579615

Type: Cist UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102-3 no. 422 Status:

Cist burial (site of) at Llancaeath Isaf near Nelson, at 150m above OD. Some years before 1901 a stone cist was found in a farmyard which on being opened was found to contain a fragmentary skull, a C or short-necked beaker, and 'ornaments'. The skull proved to be brachycephalic and to have belonged to a child about three years old; it was of further interest in that it showed symptoms of rickets.

The skull fragments, the beaker and the stones are now in the National Museum of Wales. The beaker (Clarke 1857) is decorated with rows of oblique incisions and and stabbed dots, but is tentatively included by Clarke with those with 'barbed-wire' ornament. Gelli-gaer.

Dimensions: Altitude: 150m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00655m Site name: MAEN CATTWG

NGR: ST12699744 GPS reading: ST12699744

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 43 no. 49 Status: SAM Gm 176

A weathered, approximately rectangular block of stone, lying flat within a pasture field. The block is 2.6m long NE-SW, 1.7m wide and 0.6m thick. On its upper surface there are in excess of 40 cup-marks, varying from 40-115mm in diameter, and from 5-60mm deep, depending on the extent of weathering of the surface. RCAHMW reported two more stones visible under the W corner of the main stone, and suggested that the cup-marks were made on the capstone of a cromlech, now collapsed.

Dimensions: lgth 2.6m; wdt 1.7m; thick 0.6m Altitude: 260m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: E-S-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00668m Site name: TWYN HYWEL

NGR: ST10019106 GPS reading: ST10019106

Type: Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 423 Status:

RCAHMW 1976 records that in 1753 several tumuli on 'Eglwysilan Common' were opened, and a number of urns containing burnet bones were found within them. This PRN apparently refers to one of these cairns, which RCAHMW 1976 describes as being 6.4m in diameter and 0.3m high. No such monument could be found at these coordinates during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 380m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1659m;2415-6m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00670m Site name: CARNEDDI LLWYDION

NGR: ST10539204 GPS reading: ST10539204

Type: Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 426-7 Status: SAM Gm 302

A pair of well preserved ring cairns (PRNs 8434g and 8435g), 1.5 km W of Mynydd Eglwysilan.

Dimensions: Altitude: 325m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8434g, 8435g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00671m Site name: TWYN YR ARIAN

NGR: ST10189177 GPS reading: ST10189177

Type: Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 424 Status:

RCAHMW (1976) described a small cairn 6.1m in diameter and 0.6m high, built from rounded stones, standing on the top of a local summit NNE of Cefn Eglwysilan. In 1979 Ordnance Survey fieldworkers reported that the area had been cleared and drained, and that there was no trace of the cairn. During the present survey no feature could be located at the grid reference given, but a small ovoid mound 5m x 3m was identified approximately 100m distant at ST 10201 91857: the nature of this feature is unclear, but it is remotely possible that it is the remnants of the cairn described by RCAHMW.

Dimensions: Altitude: 350m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00672m Site name: CAIRNFIELD ON MYNYDD EGLWYSILAN

NGR: ST11539227 GPS reading: ST11539227

Type: Cairnfield UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 118 no. 507 Status: SAM Gm 352

RCAHMW (1976) described 13 small cairns on unenclosed ground on the SW slopes of Mynydd Eglwysilan, the group being distributed on either side of the earthwork remains of the Senghenydd Dyke, albeit predominantly on the N side. The site was revisited by Whittle (1985) and a similar situation described. At the time of the present survey not all of the 13 cairns could be found. Five definite cairns were located, along with a further four probable monuments. The area is heavily used by off-road motorbikes, which have left wide tracks across the ground. Some of the cairns may have been destroyed, but as much of the remaining land is heavily bracken-covered, this should not be automatically assumed. The cairns that were observed were typically between 3m and 5m in diameter, moderately well-defined, and 0.3m-0.4m high. All were covered by a combination of grass and bracken, with abundant stones beneath the turf. The definite examples were located at NGRs ST 11550/92300, 11540/92296, 11529/92294, 11546/92279 and 11505/92262.

Dimensions: diameter 3m-5m; height 0.3m-0.4m Altitude: 305m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: ESE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00675m Site name: CWMELDEG SOUTHEAST

NGR: ST10489223 GPS reading: ST1049092241

Type: Round Barrow (?Kerb Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 425 Status:

Circular cairn, covered by grass but comprised of sandstone cobbles and boulders, many of which protrude through the turf. There is a small hollow in the N quadrant of the monument. Three large boulders at the N edge, and another to the SW; these may represent kerb stones (and have previously been interpreted as such by OS fieldworkers) although it is notable that stones of similar size and character can be found within the interior of the monument.

Dimensions: diameter 11m; height 0.6m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: NW-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00676m Site name: TYCANOL NORTH

NGR: ST10849206 GPS reading: ST10849206

Type: ?Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 428 Status:

RCAHMW (1976) described a possible ring cairn north of Tycanol, comprising a low stony bank about 1.2m wide and 0.15m-0.30m that formed the E and W quadrants of a ring measuring 11m in diameter. At the time of the present survey the ground was under heavy bracken cover and this low earthwork could not be located.

Dimensions: Altitude: 300m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: S-W (medium) -W-NE (unrestricted)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00678m Site name: GARNEDD LWYD

NGR: ST10739038 GPS reading: ST1073390380

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 429 Status: SAM Gm 462

A low, poorly defined mound built of rounded sandstone cobbles, representing the base of a destroyed cairn. The rim survives to the greatest extent, standing in places up to 0.4m. The monument has been greatly reduced by robbing, and it seems likely that much material was taken to build the adjacent field walls. However, much of the stone in these walls is too flaggy to provide a match with the remaining cobbles in the cairn, and must have been quarried more recently, and from a different source.

Dimensions: dia 18m; height 0.4m (max, rim) Altitude: 320m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00681m Site name: ROUND CAIRN ON THE BRYN

NGR: ST13659099 GPS reading: ST13659099

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 430 Status:

In 1976 RCAHMW described a ring cairn within forestry. The ring was bracken-grown and with an overall diameter of 13.4m; the ring itself varied from between 1.5m-2.8m in width and was up to 0.4m in height. On the NW was a break 1.8m wide; a break on the S side was thought to be of later date. The location was visited during the present survey, but the site was not found. Much of the ground is badly disturbed by tracked vehicles, and it is quite likely that the feature has been destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 300m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1584m; same as 1583m Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00682m Site name: THE BRYN, PAIR OF CAIRNS

NGR: ST13689082 GPS reading: ST13689082

Type: Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 431 Status: SAM Gm 463

A large, well-preserved cairn, located in a clearing within an area of modern forestry. The monument is round and steep sided, with a deep hollow in the centre of the mound. Coniferous trees grow on the earthwork ring, but the centre of the monument remains clear of vegetation. The mound is composed entirely of stones, of which many can be seen within the central hollow; at the bottom of the hollow the NE side slab of a cist is exposed.

In 1976 a second cairn was recorded, lying 7m to the north. The dimensions cited were 3.5m diameter and 0.5m high. The cairn was noted again in 1994, but no details were given. During the present study, however, this monument could not be located; the ground about the main cairn has been much disturbed by heavy vehicles, and it is likely that the small mound has been entirely destroyed during forestry activities.

Dimensions: diameter 23.5m; height 2.5m (N & Altitude: 430m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: N-W-S (no views now - in deep

Site visit comment: No GPS coverage

Related PRNs: 681m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00684m Site name:

NGR: ST16799197 GPS reading: ST1678991977

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 149

Large, well-defined mound, with moderately steep sides and well defined edges. The top is flat, though much disturbed by more recent activity. Two large exposed stone slabs represent the remains of a cist, within a depression slightly offset to the NE of the centre. The monument is largely composed of stone; many boulders protrude through the turf which covers the barrow. To the W is an area of quarrying.

Dimensions: diameter 15m; height 1m Altitude: 360m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00685m Site name:

NGR: ST16979246 GPS reading: ST16979246

Type: Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1963 a cairn 23m in diameter and 1m high was recorded by OS fieldworkers. A fragmentary rim was visible but within the rim mutilation was extensive and the mound was of irregular height and plan. No cist was visible. The cairn was partly grass covered. The site was visited during the present study but no monument was found at this location. However, weather conditions were very poor, and its destruction should not be assumed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00686m Site name:

NGR: ST17029260 GPS reading: ST1703292614

Type: Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low earthwork, poorly preserved and poorly defined; the centre is robbed to ground level, and only the outer rim survives to any great extent. The monument is covered by grass and gorse; some stones protrude through the turf, suggesting that it was built primarily from stone.

Dimensions: dia c15m; hght 0.5m (max, E side rim) Altitude: 350m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00687m Site name:

NGR: ST16859199 GPS reading: ST1679892009

Type: Cairnfield UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, no. Status: SAM Gm 196

A cairnfield, thought likely to be the product of land clearance during the 1840s. There are no traces of cists, and the field has not produced any prehistoric artefacts. The majority of the cairns are reported to have been removed during the early 1970s; only was identified during a visit to the site in 1982, although a survey in 1985 claimed to have found two such features. The site was inspected as part of the present survey, during very bad weather, and only a single low, poorly defined stony mound was located.

Dimensions: diameter c3.5m; height c0.3m Altitude: 360m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00688m Site name: GROES-WEN CIST

NGR: ST12608738 GPS reading: ST12608738

Type: Cist UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 415 Status:

Ploughing in 1950 revealed a rectangular stone cist, 1m long, 0.6m wide and 0.7m deep, orientated NE-SW. It contained the remains of a cremation burial accompanied by a beaker, the decoration of which has been identified as belonging to the 'barbed wire' tradition. RCAHMW (1976) described the cist as being in very poor condition, comprising an upright broken slab in a small hollow, with two other broken pieces of slab also visible. In 1979 Ordnance Survey fieldworkers visited the site, and commented that it was gradually becoming covered by vegetation. This process appears to have continued in recent decades, for despite its appearance on OS maps and the detailed grid reference, the monument could not be located during the present study.

Dimensions: length 1m; width 0.6m; depth 0.7m Altitude: 240m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: SW-S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00691m Site name: ABERTRIDWR TUMULUS

NGR: ST12168940 GPS reading: ST12168940

Type: Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 414 Status:

Tumulus, destroyed during the erection of houses in King Street in 1904. A 'small rude cup' was found in it.

Dimensions: Altitude: 150m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00693g Site name:

NGR: SO50220635 GPS reading: SO50220635

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A central stone, surrounded by several slightly small, shorter orthostats. There is little existing documentation regarding this site, which was only viewed from a distance during the present study because permission to access the site could not be gained.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00697G Site name: NOT KNOWN

NGR: SO50100744 GPS reading: SO50100744

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1855 it was reported that a menhir had stood on the common, on a mount surrounded by a slight fosse, but that it had been broken up to mend the roads. The road junction at SO 50100744 is locally known as 'The Pecked Stone' and a Post Office letter box there also bears the name. However, no trace of the stone has been found and no information was obtained upon it during investigation (OS 1958).

References: Wakemen, T, 1855, *Archaeol Camb* 1 (3rd series), 121; OS Record Card, 1958, SO 50 NW 27.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00701g Site name: PEN Y GARN STANDING STONE

NGR: SO51500954 GPS reading: SO51500952

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An upright standing stone located within a modern stone wall, adjacent to a mature but coppiced tree. The stone is a conglomerate which stands over 1m in height and is sub-rectangular in plan. There is an old millstone quarry to the east and many unfinished millstones can be observed. The date of the standing stone is difficult to determine and could be prehistoric monument or a post-mediaeval boundary marker. This stone is probably not connected to the 'cross base' described by both OS workers (1958) and Bradney (1913), which is located NE of the stone.

Dimensions: dia 1.3m x 0.65m x 0.35m hght; 1.3m Altitude: 195m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: NW-W-SW-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00707m Site name: GARTH HILL 1

NGR: ST10268347 GPS reading: ST1025883481

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 416 Status: SAM Gm 107

One of a group of five mounds, which lie in an almost straight line on the summit of Garth Hill. The monument is a low mound, covered by grass and reeds. It has moderately defined edges, and a concave centre 3.5m in diameter and 0.7m deep. RCAHMW (1976) noted that this was the only one of the group that had not been opened.

Dimensions: diameter 20.5m; height c1.5m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 708m, 709m, 710m, 711m Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00707s Site name: WELSH ST DONATS ROUND BARROW 1

NGR: ST04117495 GPS reading: ST0411674955

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 390A

One of three round barrows located within a pasture field at Welsh St Donats (see also PRNs 707s & 708s).

This example survives only as an indistinct, poorly defined grassed mound. It was excavated during 1977 (Price & Ehrenburg 1977), and clearly demonstrated several structural phases:

a) A shallow central pit, capped with yellow clay, containing a compact elongated human cremation, apparently deposited in a cloth or leather bag, and accompanied by a small rivetted knife-dagger. A burnt piece of timber lay over this deposit. To the E and on the old ground surface were two crouched inhumations, one lying between two parallel lines of limestone blocks and the other accompanied by a bronze awl, 2 flint flakes and part of a pottery vessel. A cremation partly overlay the first inhumation. SE of the inhumations an empty, apparently robbed cist was found. There was no evidence for the stratigraphical relationship between these features, but all preceded, and were covered by:

b) a turf and earth mound, about 9m in diameter, the S and W half of which was covered with limestone slabs.

c) This was later covered by a larger mound, 18m in diameter. On the S and W it consisted of orange, sandy earth surrounded by a carefully built limestone kerb, which survived up to 5 course in places, and on the NE half, of stones and brown earth without a continuous kerb.

d) A small semi-circular stone cairn covering an urned cremation burial was added to the S of the mound. Another secondary burial in an urn and four other pottery vessels were also found outside the mound on the S and SE sides.

About 600 worked and unworked flints were found, including some Mesolithic types, and a chipping floor was identified to the north of the mound. A fragment of the blade of a decorated razor-knife was found at the bottom of the ploughsoil, above the barrow.

Reference: Price, J & Ehrenburg, M, 1977, *Morgannwg* 21

Dimensions: diameter c 30m; height 0.1m Altitude: 130m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00708m Site name: GARTH HILL 2

NGR: ST10348350 GPS reading: ST1034583508

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 417 Status: SAM Gm 107

The largest of a group of five mounds, which lie in an almost straight line on the summit of Garth Hill. It is a steep-sided grassy mound with well defined edges. The top is flat, with a modern OS survey station present near the centre. There are occasional small sandstone fragments visible over the surface of the summit.

Dimensions: diameter 38m; height c5.5m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707m, 709m, 710m, 711m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00708s Site name:

NGR: ST04157493 GPS reading: ST0415174940

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 390B

One of three round barrows located within a pasture field at Welsh St Donats (see also PRNs 707s & 709s). This barrow is a low, round, grassed mound, with poorly defined edges. There are no indications of stone beneath the surface.

Dimensions: diameter c25m; height 0.6m Altitude: 130m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00709m Site name: GARTH HILL 3

NGR: ST10368350 GPS reading: ST1036783504

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 418 Status:

One of a group of five mounds, which lie in an almost straight line on the summit of Garth Hill. The monument is a round earthwork, contiguous to the large cairn 708m on its SE side. It survives as a low, grass-covered mound, with a concave reed-filled hollow in its centre, 4m in diameter. Despite the damage, the mound remains reasonably well defined. In 1976 a modern wooden post was present in the centre of the monument, but this is no longer extant. RCAHMW (1976) recorded that the mound has been opened.

Dimensions: diameter 10.2m; height 0.9m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707m, 708m, 710m, 711m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00709s Site name:

NGR: ST04227491 GPS reading: ST0421774914

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of three round barrows located within a pasture field at Welsh St Donats (see also PRNs 707s & 708s). This example comprises a low, poorly defined earthwork, covered mainly by grass but with some bramble and hawthorn bushes. The monument used to lie partially underneath a field boundary, but the course of this hedge now deviates slightly in order to avoid the barrow. Some damage, in the form of a narrow depression, has resulted from the presence of the hedgeline. A pile of stones, rather overgrown, is extant near the centre of the barrow, but is of modern origin.

Dimensions: diameter 22m; height 0.5m Altitude: 135m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00710m Site name: GARTH HILL 4

NGR: ST10428354 GPS reading: ST1042883563

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 419 Status: SAM Gm 107

Low grassed earthwork, one of a group of five mounds that lie in an almost straight line on the summit of Garth Hill. The edges of the monument are not sharply defined, and the centre has a concave reed filled hollow 4m in diameter and 0.3m deep. RCAHMW (1976) recorded that the mound has been opened.

Dimensions: diameter c 19; height 1.5m (S side) Altitude: 300m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707m, 708m, 709m, 711m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00711m Site name: GARTH HILL 5

NGR: ST10608360 GPS reading: ST1061083669

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Cardiff

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 102 no. 420 Status: SAM Gm 107

One of a group of five mounds, which lie in an almost straight line on the summit of Garth Hill. The monument is a round grassy mound with a flat top and well defined edges. The top is 7m in diameter, with a hollow in the centre, 2m in diameter and 0.8m deep. A recent small cut in the western side of the monument reveals a thin covering of soil lying over a greater depth of earth and small sandstone fragments. RCAHMW (1976) recorded that the mound has been opened.

Dimensions: diameter 26m; height c 5m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707m, 708m, 709m, 710m Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00717s Site name:

NGR: ST13106740 GPS reading: ST13126740

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 310

In 1982, on level waste ground alongside an occupation road within the Atlantic Trading Estate, there was a low, round, flat-topped, earthen mound obscured by grass and small bushes growing on it. It measured 10.0m in diameter and 0.4m high, and a hole 2.5m in diameter and 0.2m deep had been dug into it just to the north-west of the centre. No surrounding ditch was discernible, nor was there any trace of a stone-lined passage; nonetheless this appeared to be a barrow.

At the time of the present visit a low roughly circular mound, situated in a dense mature hedgerow thicket, was located close to the E fence of a stone mason's yard. The mound has a depressed hollow (width 2m x 2m depth) in the centre of a level top; the sides are short but steeply sloping. No ditch or kerbstones were evident at the time of the visit. There are numerous modern spoil heaps located quite close to the mound. The proximity of the spoil heaps would indicate that eventually the mound will be destroyed by one of these.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00724g Site name: CAIRN, LOWER HALE WOOD (2 OF 3)

NGR: SO52050095 GPS reading: SO52070095

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 191

This highly eroded cairn is a member of the Lower Hale Wood Round Barrow Cemetery. (1982) OS workers described a circular cairn much robbed for road metal situated in dense woodland, and at the time of the present visit the cairn is in much the same state. The cairn is circular in form with a well-defined perimeter; there is some migration of the mound to the E but the sides still remain quite steep and the mound quite high. The centre of the cairn has been removed to ground level and the SW side has been robbed away to leave a flattened access route to the interior. The mound's remaining sides are heavily forested and comprise limestone boulders. To the NE of the mound is a low small oval cairn (3m x 1.4m) which is most likely a modern spoil heap.

Dimensions: diameter 22m E-W height; 2m N-E-W Altitude: 225m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 725g; 3940g Contains: Part of: IRg

PRN: 00725g Site name: CAIRN, LOWER HALE WOOD (3 OF 3)

NGR: SO51960091 GPS reading: SO51960091

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 191

This cairn is a member of the Lower Hale Wood Round Barrow Cemetery and is the best preserved of the 3 cairns. The mound, tentatively described by Cadw workers (1992) as a Bronze Age burial mound, is a quite large oval cairn of exposed moss and pine needle covered stones, situated in dense woodland on the opposite side of the road to 3940g & 724g. The perimeter of the cairn is irregularly defined with steeply sloping sides to the S&SW and more gently sloping sides to the N. The cairn has an uneven and disturbed surface with many small pockmarks; these features appear to be the result of uprooted trees that were once growing over the mound. The central-E area of the cairn contains a small hollow that is slightly larger than the pockmarks around it; the cause is unclear although it may be the result of a robbing event in antiquity.

Dimensions: diameter 15m E-W height; 1.6m E, 2m Altitude: 210m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 724g; 3940g Contains: Part of: 8409g

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PRN: 00755s Site name:

NGR: ST04077505 GPS reading: ST0403475054

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A moderately well preserved mound, circular in plan with poorly defined edges, situated in a paddock behind Trevithyn House, Welsh St Donats. The earthwork is covered by rough grass, with no indications of stone beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter 27m; height 0.7m Altitude: 0

Siting: Valley base Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00761s Site name: ROUND BARROW, NEAR PENTRE MEYRICK

NGR: SS96257612 GPS reading: SS96257612

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1976 it was reported that scrapers, core fragments, waste flakes and other flints were found near Pentre Meyrick, indicating a possible settlement site of Early Bronze Age date. There was also said to be a possible ploughed-out barrow in the same field, but no earthwork was visible when the site was visited during the present survey.

Reference: Dowdell, G, 1976, *Arch in Wales* 16, 7.

Dimensions: Altitude: 275m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides (limited from medium)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00764s Site name: NEW MILL FARM

NGR: SS91086953 GPS reading: SS9107769527

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A very low earthwork mound, barely visible within a pasture field. The barrow edges are very poorly defined, the monument having presumably been spread by ploughing. The mound is entirely grassed, and no stone could be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c8.5m; height c0.2m Altitude: 75m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: SW Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00854g Site name: HAROLD'S STONES

NGR: SO49930514 GPS reading: SO49930514

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 17

The stone row was described by OS workers in 1956 as the remnants of a possible cromlech or stone circle standing some distance around a large sepulchral mound. The stone row is comprised of three upright menhirs that are situated within a pasture field at the S end of the village of Trellech adjacent to the B4293. The stones are a conglomerate, sometimes called pudding stone, aligned NEE-SWW and decline in individual height from the largest in the W to the smallest in the E. The stone row is edged by two raised linear banks aligned N-S and E-W, the latter having been an old and now extinct field boundary by the appearance of many mature hedgerow trees growing upon it. The most W stone is the largest; it is rectangular at its base and tapers to a point at its top. The stone leans to the SE and has dimensions of (base) 1.3m x 0.8m (height) 3.8m. The centre stone is slightly smaller and is cylindrical in form at the base and tapers in to its top. The stone leans to the NW and has dimensions of (base) 0.9m x 0.7m (height) 3m. The E stone is the smallest and is rectangular at its base and tapers to its top. It leans slightly to the W and has dimensions of (base) 1.1m x 0.45m (height) 2.5m.

Dimensions: see descriptive text Altitude: 240m

Siting: Plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00895g Site name:

NGR: SO47000700 GPS reading: SO47000700

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible barrow or cairn, suggested by an unknown and undated source, and not found during a visit by OS fieldworkers in 1958. A visit during the present study also failed to locate any prehistoric monument at this location.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00916s Site name:

NGR: ST04507488 GPS reading: ST0448874827

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Part of a group of barrows surveyed by Cardiff University Archaeology Department in 1977-8. This is a prominent barrow standing within a ploughed field. It has been well spread by ploughing and is poorly defined. The ground was not noticeably stonier on the barrow than in the surrounding field, implying that the monument was substantially earth-built. The initial survey in 1978 noted a slight mound c 30m to the W of 916s: this was not observed during the present study visit.

Dimensions: diameter 35m; height 0.8m Altitude: 130m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00917s Site name:

NGR: ST04207539 GPS reading: ST0421675322

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of barrows surveyed in 1977/8 by members of the Archaeology Department, University College Cardiff, part of a dense cluster of cluster of such monuments in the immediate locality. This example was described as being 'a small but well defined round mound in the middle of a field sloping gently to the S, from which the barrow can best be seen.' Its location is no longer clear, although the landowner states that the land use around the farm has not changed from pasture for at least the last 7 years and probably considerably longer. S of the farm buildings, and a little to the E of the hedge line is a small mound, cut on its N side (and sharply defined by) a shallow linear E-W depression. The mound seems roughly circular in plan, but whether it represents the remains of a barrow (and in particular PRN 917s) is far from certain.

Dimensions: diameter 21m (E-W); height 0.6m Altitude: 135m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides to medium distance only;

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00918s Site name:

NGR: ST04207520 GPS reading: ST04207520

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of barrows surveyed in 1977/8 by members of the Archaeology Department, University College Cardiff, part of a dense cluster of cluster of such monuments in the immediate locality. Although this example was described in 1978 as 'a fairly prominent barrow in the middle of a field ... 32m in diameter and 0.75m in height', there is nothing at the stated coordinates that resembles an earthwork of any type. The field is presently grassed, with several rows of apple trees at its E margin.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00919s Site name:

NGR: ST04007510 GPS reading: ST0400875101

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of barrows surveyed in 1977/8 by members of the Archaeology Department, University College Cardiff, part of a dense cluster of cluster of such monuments in the immediate locality. In 1978 it was described as either two barrows set very close, or as a single large mound that had been split by what appears to have been a field ditch (itself now virtually destroyed). There is now no trace of this split, and the monument now appears as a single low mound within a grassed field. It is plough-spread and the edges are poorly defined and difficult to discern.

Dimensions: diameter c43m; height c0.5m Altitude: 140m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only;

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00920s Site name:

NGR: ST04127508 GPS reading: ST0412475092

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low, poorly defined grassed mound, in the NW corner of an orchard field. The edges of the barrow may in fact extend beneath the modern field boundaries. The earthwork is now planted over by regularly spaced fruit trees.

Dimensions: diameter c25m; height 0.5m Altitude: 140m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only)

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00921s Site name: CORRWG

NGR: SS97297522 GPS reading: SS9729175225

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A slight mound on a hill crest, within a pasture field. The monument has poorly defined edges, and although it seems roughly circular in plan, its diameter is difficult to discern. The best definition is on the S side. No stone was detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c13m; height 0.4m Altitude: 100m

Siting: Hill crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00929s Site name:

NGR: ST05007670 GPS reading: ST05007670

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 105 no. R (xlvi) Status:

During the present visit no evidence for the four disc barrows was found (RCAHM 1976), however there was a rather conspicuous low mound a few meters NW of the NGR given. This mound may be associated with the suggested disc-barrows, however it may just as easily be a part of the natural topography.

Dimensions: diameter 4m E-W height; 0.2m Altitude: 85m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00934s Site name:

NGR: ST06257330 GPS reading: ST06287331

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A fine example of a portal dolmen funerary monument. The dolmen is a large conglomerate of the same lithology as PRN 3s and is currently situated in the corner of a pasture field between two mature trees. The S tree has been uprooted and has exposed a surface of stone cobbles. The capstone is quite large (4.3m x 2.2m x 0.5m) and is resting on the ground to the E and on a much smaller rectangular stone to the W, giving the capstone a 20 degree tilt to the E. The dolmen is situated on a slight mound; no ditch or kerbstones were visible.

Dimensions: dia; 4.3m E-W x 2.2m N-S, hght; 0.2m Altitude: 70m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: E Viewshed: NW-N-NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 00947s Site name: GREAVE ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST12467331 GPS reading: ST12477331

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 101 no. 407 Status: SAM Gm 183

The site, recorded by RCAHM (1976), is a large earthen mound situated on a false crest in a pasture field. It is sub-circular (verging on sub-rectangular) in form with a domed top and gently sloping sides. The mound's perimeter is irregularly defined and is further confused by the field's undulating topography. No ditch or kerbstones are evident. There is a sub rectangular mound to the SE situated on the lip of a false crest, but this latter feature appears natural.

Dimensions: diameter 16m E-W height; 1.6m Altitude: 60m

Siting: Ridge summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00951G Site name: 0

NGR: SO499013 GPS reading: SO499013

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Trelleck Grange is mentioned in the Liber Landarensis by the name of 'Llanmaenvon in Trilleck' and elsewhere as 'Ecclesia Maenvon id est Villa Gwiton'. The name Maenvon raises the possibility that there was a menhir in this locality, but no trace of a barrow or any other prehistoric remains have yet been found to support this conclusion.

References: Note in Archaeologia Cambrensis, 1855, vol. 1 (3rd series), 122; OS Record Card, 1958, SO 40 SE 9.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 00967m Site name: BRYN OWEN FARM CAIRNS

NGR: ST14409080 GPS reading: ST14409080

Type: Cairnfield UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 120 no. Rvii Status: SAM Gm 51

In 1976 RCAHMW described a group of five stony mounds derived from clearance of the ground. They were all approximately 10m in diameter and between 0.9m and 1.8m in height. They were considered to be classic examples of their type. The area is now dense forestry and no access could be gained to the location of the mounds. Their state of their preservation is not known.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 00986g Site name: GRAY HILL CAIRN

NGR: ST43399355 GPS reading: ST43399355

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A stone- and turf-covered circular mound, with a partially defined perimeter. The mound takes advantage of the natural topography of a summit for its N bank, and is defined by a low earthwork bank to the S. The remnants of a possible cist are visible within the central-E portion of the mound. The cist is horseshoe-shaped in plan, with the open end facing the S.

Dimensions: diameter 20m N-S, height; 1m Altitude: 270m

Siting: Ridge summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8395g

PRN: 00987g Site name: GRAY HILL CIRCLE

NGR: ST43809353 GPS reading: ST43809353

Type: Stone Circle UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 31

A stone circle comprising of 14 visible stones. Nine of these form the circle and appear to be laid on their sides, end to end. Three can be found in the interior and the final stone, 3.6m NE of the stone circle, appears to anchor the circle with the stone row PRN 988g. It appears the anchor stone has a special relationship with the stone circle and stone row. There is a further sub-rectangular stone NE of the anchor stone that may also be related to the circle.

Located within the centre of the stone circle under a dense layer of vegetation is an earthwork bank aligned NW-SE; this may be the cairn that was described in 1889, although the vegetation has grown with such vigour that clearly identifying its form is difficult. Three stones can be viewed within the interior of the stone circle; the first SE of the centre is 2.4m long and is aligned NE-SW. The second is 0.5m long and is lying partly beneath the first. The third, SW of the centre, is 1.6m long and is aligned N-S. Both the first and third stones are elongated and from the manner of their position appear to have once stood upright. The stones are a sedimentary rock with easily identifiable sediment stratification and rich calcite inclusions. The monument has commanding views of the Severn estuary, at the Second Severn crossing, and the English shore is visible even on a day of poor weather.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 0.4m-0.6m Altitude:250m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSW Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of: 8457g  
& 8395g

PRN: 00988g Site name: GRAY HILL STANDING STONE

NGR: ST43769357 GPS reading: ST43799357

Type: Standing Stone/ Stone Row UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 31

A standing stone (menhir) of sedimentary rock, with large calcite inclusions, located in upland heath. The menhir stands quite high and leans to the NE; around the base is a circular depression probably formed by the attentions of sheep, the menhir is also wider at the base than it is at the top. 24m NNW is a small rectangular stone; 0.2m in height with dimensions of 0.3m x 0.2m, of the same sedimentary rock as 00988g, which is situated in an area absent of other rock outcrops.

The menhir 00988g appears to be the northernmost member of a row of three standing stones, which are aligned SSE. The second menhir 35m SSE of 00988g is positioned on its side, is rectangular in form (1m NNW-SSE x 0.5m NNE-SSW x 0.25m in height) and it seems most likely it was thus placed in antiquity. It is worth noting that the stone's horizontal position reflects the nature and form found in the construction of the stone circle 00987g. The final menhir in the row is 59m SSE from 00988g and 3m NE of the stone circle 00987g; it stands to a height of 1.9m, is 0.5m thick, 1m across the base and 0.6m across the top. It would seem that the position of this final menhir is significant, anchoring both row and circle together, indicating the intimate relationship shared by both monuments. The stone row and circle command a spectacular view of the Severn estuary at the Second Severn crossing, and the English shore is visible even on a day of poor weather.

Dimensions: diameter 1m (base) x 0.4m; height Altitude: 250m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSW Viewshed: SW-S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of: 8453g  
& 8395g

PRN: 01002g Site name: GRAY HILL ROUND BARROWS

NGR: ST44139321 GPS reading: ST44139322

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthworks Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Cairn cemetery, described by OS fieldworkers in 1956. Due to the dense cover of the vegetation it was only possible to find one round barrow at the given NGR. The mound is circular in form, with the centre appearing to have been excavated, being depressed to a depth of 1.2m. Within the centre are two positioned stones that may be the remains of a cist. To the SWW there is an interruption in the mound, two faced stones are visible on its NW edge which may be the remains of an entrance.

Dimensions: diameter 14m N-S. height; 1.1m S and Altitude: 200m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8395g

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PRN: 01003g Site name: GRAY HILL ROUND BARROWS

NGR: ST44199320 GPS reading: ST44199320

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The site of a barrow cemetery containing 4 cairns described by OS fieldworkers in 1956, of which 3 structured cairns are now visible. Only four stones define the boundary of the first cairn (ST44199323); these stand 0.3m high and have a diameter of 10.8m. Three stones define the perimeter of the second cairn (ST44199324), standing 0.1m high and 11m in diameter. Two stones define the third cairn (ST44199325), standing 0.2m high; the diameter of this latter feature are unclear, but an estimate would be about 10m. The fourth cairn was difficult to identify due to the dense growth of heather, bracken and brambles. Most of the kerbs around the three located cairns were identifiable by a change in vegetation from bracken and brambles to heather.

Dimensions: see descriptive text Altitude: 200m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8395g

PRN: 01004g Site name: GRAY HILL ROUND BARROWS

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1956 OS fieldworkers described a group of 5 ruined cairns; each had contained a small cist, and 1 or 2 were complete except for a capstone. Unfortunately during the present visit the dense cover of heather, bracken and brambles inhibited the identification of the features described.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8395g

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PRN: 01015g Site name: ROUND BARROW, ST BRIDES

NGR: ST43309035 GPS reading: ST43309035

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: Descheduled

A gently sloping low circular mound with an undefined perimeter. The mound appears to have spread outwards, most probably due to modern ploughing, which may explain why it measures a greater dimension than when recorded in the 19th century. The mound merely appears as an undulation within the modern field, such is the extent of the modern erosion. When dug in 1860, the mound was recorded as 27.3m in diameter and 2.7m high. Trenching proved a 'low wall' of stones found on S side, and two post holes on the N. Fragments of a dagger and sheath, and flint flakes were found. The monument was excavated again in 1973, when two ditches were found.

Dimensions: diameter 46m (N-S); height 1m Altitude: 25m

Siting: Flood plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01020g Site name: ROUND BARROW, NORTHWEST OF WENTWOOD LODGE (1 OF 2)

NGR: ST41669455 GPS reading: ST41669455

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 167

Part of barrow cemetery 8440g. A large circular mound with a well-defined perimeter situated in woodland; it has a gently sloping side to the N&E, with rather steeper sloping side to the S&W. The mound stands quite high, is turf covered and has a strip of exposed cobble sized stone (0.05-0.1m) aligned E-W. This damaged is due to a motorcycle track eroding the mound. There seems to have been recent clearance of woodland and scrub growing on the mound, with the top of the mound now defined by felled trees presumably hindering any future motorcycle use.

Dimensions: diameter 24m N-S height; 1.7m S, 1.1m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: West Viewshed: N-NE-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01021g, 8440g Contains: Part of: 8440g

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PRN: 01020m Site name: THE MARRYING STONE

NGR: SO14680023 GPS reading: SO14680023

Type: Standing Stone UA: Caerphilly

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1949 a cupped stone locally known as 'The Marrying Stone' was described in the allotment of a certain David Thomas, Llancayo Street. An attempt to locate the stone in 1957 met with failure, and it has not been reported since.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01021g Site name: ROUND BARROW, NORTHWEST OF WENTWOOD LODGE (2 OF 2)

NGR: ST41699455 GPS reading: ST41699455

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery UA: Newport

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 167

Part of barrow cemetery 8440g. A large circular mound with a well-defined perimeter situated in woodland, it has uniform steeply sloping sides, a level top and no visible ditch. The mound stands quite high, is turf covered and has a strip of exposed cobble sized stone (0.05-0.1m) aligned E-W; this damage is due to a motorcycle track eroding the mound. The site has had at least four large trees growing on the mound and some smaller woodland scrub that has been recently removed. The larger tree trunks, now placed on their sides, define the top of the mound, presumably to prevent more erosion by motorcycles. 15m to the W is another mound, 01020g.

Dimensions: diameter 24m N-S height; 2.5m Altitude: 300m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: West Viewshed: N-NE-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1020g, 8440g Contains: Part of: 8440g

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PRN: 01022m Site name:

NGR: SO14910045 GPS reading: SO14910045

Type: Standing Stone UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large 'cup stone', reported in the vicinity of Pentwyn in 1949, and supposedly similar to Maen Cattwg at Gelligaer (PRN 655m). The area was perambulated in 1956 and the stone was not found, and the landowner knew nothing of this monument. The stone was not located during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S, SW Viewshed: E-SE-SSE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 01031g Site name: ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST45079091 GPS reading: ST45079091

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 179

A gently sloping circular mound with a 6m x 4m concrete platform and water trough defining the top. The concrete platform is now raised 0.3m from the top of the mound, which gives some indication of the level of erosion since the last visit in 1987. The mound has an indistinct perimeter and no ditch is apparent; perhaps a spring or mid summer visit would highlight the mound's boundary and possible ditch.

Dimensions: diameter 45m E-W height; 1.2m Altitude: 10m

Siting: Flood plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01032g Contains: Part of: 8454g

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PRN: 01032g Site name: ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST45019090 GPS reading: ST45019090

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low gently sloping sub-circular mound that is located 40m to the W of 01031g. The mound has a poorly defined perimeter and has suffered from modern agricultural practices. The top of the mound is roughly level.

Dimensions: diameter 36m; height: 0.8m E, 0.35m Altitude: 15m

Siting: Flood plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01031g Contains: Part of: 8454g

PRN: 01034s Site name:

NGR: SS96757708 GPS reading: SS96757708

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible round barrow located near Penllyn, noted in 1976. Nothing is visible on air photographs, and subsequent visits in 1982 and during the present survey have failed to find any trace of such a feature. Reference: Archaeol in Wales 1976 (16), 7

Dimensions: Altitude: 65m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01036s Site name:

NGR: SS92007070 GPS reading: SS92007070

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1958 a pair of round barrows were reported at this location. One was recorded as being 60-70ft in diameter and 4 ft high, whilst the other, 20m to the W, was of similar diameter but less than 1 ft in height. A visit to the site in 1982 found no earthworks, and an inspection under good conditions during the present study also failed to identify any trace of these monuments. The barrows stood in arable land, and it must be assumed that they have been ploughed out. Nothing of the monuments is apparent on air photographs.

Dimensions: Altitude: 70m

Siting: Coastal Plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment: Visited in dry, sunny conditions, with low crop. No reason why any surviving

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01056g Site name:

NGR: ST49559050 GPS reading: ST49559051

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An oval shaped earthwork containing a raised circular mound at its W end. The centre of the mound has a 0.4m deep depression in the top. The monument is situated between two modern farm buildings, which appear to have encroached somewhat upon it, and there is a farm track running through its NW edge. To the E of the mound is a low convex earthwork which may be the edge of a much larger mound; however the possible edges of this mound are also obscured by the farm buildings.

Dimensions: diameter 29m; height 0.4m Altitude: 55m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: NW-W-SW-S-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01057g Site name: CRICK ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST48449025 GPS reading: ST48439026

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 151

A large grass covered circular mound situated within a pasture field. The barrow is composed primarily of earth, despite the stone elements described in detail below. Two kerb stones can be seen, both 13.5m from the centre of the barrow, one to the E (c1m x 0.2m) and one to the SE (0.4m x 0.1m); these may be part of the stone ring described by RCAHM (1979; see below). The N area of the mound appears to have been flattened, creating a platform c0.3m below the top of the mound. The top of the mound is uneven but predominantly level and the sides are gently sloping. There are linear depressions aligned N-S and E-W that mark the 1979 excavations (RCAHM 1979). The outer ditch is not visible; however its course may be identified by the abundance of nettles growing around the mound's perimeter, whereas the mound itself is nettle-free.

The 1979 excavations consisted of two 4ft trenches, N-S, and E-W, cut across the mound. The primary burial was situated about 7ft ESE of the centre, and contained imperfectly calcined bones in a coagulated mass surrounded by charcoal. There were no grave goods. A secondary burial, a bundle of cremated bones, was found in a pit dug through from the top of the mound. Within the mound was a stone ring, a single circle of stone blocks about 92ft in diameter, and 2ft-2ft6" average height. Two cup-marked stones formed part of the ring on the E side, the larger having 23 cup marks, the smaller 17. The ditch would have originally been 10-12ft wide with a berm 10ft-13ft wide. Finds included: flint plano-convex knives, flint flakes, a fine leaf shaped arrowhead, a thumb scraper, and a flint core.

Dimensions: diameter 46.5m; Height 1.7m Altitude: 20m

Siting: Valley base Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01140g Site name: GAERLLWYD

NGR: ST44809670 GPS reading: ST44769674

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 13

Whittle (1987) describes this chambered cairn in much the same state as is recorded during the present visit. The monument is of the 'portal dolmen' type. The portal dolmen consists of 11 conglomerate stones, 10 utilised as perimeter and upright supports and the final being a triangular shaped capstone. The capstone is situated on a 45-degree angle (to the NW) and has its broadest face frontwards.

Dimensions: See descriptive text Altitude: 65m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01147g Site name: HESTON BRAKE CHAMBERED TOMB

NGR: ST50528866 GPS reading: ST50538867

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 18

An excavated chambered tomb situated on natural summit within a pasture field. The monument is aligned NE-SW; 2 upright orthostats define the E end and a horseshoe-shaped chamber to the W. The E chamber has 3 stones remaining. It is difficult to determine the mound's perimeter as it takes advantage of a steep slope to the N and the undulating topography to the S. The S of the 2 E orthostats is triangular in plan; several cup-marks are visible on the stone's level top. The N orthostat is a sub-rectangular in plan. Around the base of the 2 E orthostats is a compact surface of small stones. The W chamber is the best defined, with its open end facing the 2 E orthostats. Visible in the first S stone of the horseshoe chamber is a hole which appears to have been artificially bored through the stone. The 4th N stone of the horseshoe has another hole bored through the N side, this hole however has not breached the interior side of the stone. The N-S alignment of these peculiar holes may hold some cosmological significance.

Dimensions: diameter 22m x2.2m; height 1.5m Altitude: 30m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01240G Site name: 0

NGR: SO5113 GPS reading: SO5113

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The possible presence of a standing stone is implied by the modern place name Longstone Farm, and by the field names Hither Longstone and Middle Longstone, which are recorded on an estate map of 1765 (prior to the construction of the farmhouse). However, a study in 1958 obtained no information concerning the site of this stone.

Reference: OS Record Card, 1958, SO 51 SW 55.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01289s Site name:

NGR: ST03607510 GPS reading: ST03607510

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Find Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1970 the landowner informed the Cardiff Archaeological Society that he believed that he had found a second barrow, close to a previously known barrow (PRN 324s). The existence of this second monument is said to have been confirmed by H. N. Savory, but a description of what was found is not currently available. A visit during the present study failed to locate any upstanding earthwork at this location, in what is presently a pasture field.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: SW-S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 324s, 325s, 2371s, 2459s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01345m Site name: 0

NGR: SO1303 GPS reading: SO1303

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Described by the OS as a cairn with a cist. There is no further information regarding this monument, and the grid reference supplied is too imprecise to enable it to be relocated.

Reference: OS Record Card, n.d., SO 10 SW 41.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01368m Site name:

NGR: SO13150339 GPS reading: SO1315203399

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular mound, with a slightly dished centre and well defined edges. The barrow is covered by grass and bilberry, but the composition is clearly of stone; a large upturned stone slab (probably the remains of a cist) is exposed in the centre, and six other large stone fragments are also evident. Many smaller stones are visible on the surface or can be detected by probing.

Dimensions: diameter 8.5m; height 0.5m Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: N-E-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01437g Site name: ROUND BARROW, MIDDLE HENDRE

NGR: SO45401378 GPS reading: SO45401378

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 112

Access to the site could not be gained during the present study and the monument has only been observed from a distance. The barrow is situated on a ridge, in the corner of a field, with steep slopes below it to the N and E. It has been ploughed, but at present is under pasture. It is a low, gently sloping mound, reported to be c 1.5m high and c 18m in diameter. The mound was trenched about the end of the 19th century upon the instigation of Lord Llangattock. Nothing of any archaeological significance was found. A later attempt at excavation was made during the 1950s by pupils of a local school, but was stopped before completion when it was found that the barrow had been scheduled.

Dimensions: Altitude: 90m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01512G Site name: CAIRN, TUMP FARM

NGR: SO46121940 GPS reading: SO46121940

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Placename Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The origin of the name Tump Farm is not known, and no earthworks been found at this location, or in the more general locality of Coedanghred Hill, although admittedly the latter is partly heavily covered with trees and overgrowth.

References: OS Record Card, 1957, ST 41 NE 14; Lillie, MC, 1991, Bronze Age Gwent, 59.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 01574m Site name:

NGR: ST09999108 GPS reading: ST0999391085

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low earthwork immediately to the SE of a local summit on Cefn Eglwysilan. The cairn is predominantly grassed, with some reed cover. Some stone cobbles and small boulders protrude through the turf. The centre of the cairn is considerably disturbed.

Dimensions: diameter 8m; height 0.5m Altitude: 380m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides except SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01580m Site name:

NGR: ST10509215 GPS reading: ST1050492159

Type: Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. 430 Status:

A low, roughly circular earthwork, with moderately defined edges. The mound is covered by grass and bracken. A few sandstone cobbles can be seen protruding through the turf, and many more stones can be detected by probing.

Dimensions: diameter c8m; height 0.8m Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NE Viewshed: NW-N-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01582m Site name:

NGR: ST11389225 GPS reading: ST11389225

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small turfed mound, described by OS fieldworkers in 1979. The mound lay a little to the W of a probable sepulchral cairn group (PRN 00672m), but its age and purpose are uncertain; it is suspected to be a clearance cairn. The mound was not located during the present survey; the ground hereabouts has been much disturbed in recent years and it is possible that this feature has been destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01583m Site name: THE BRYN RING CAIRN

NGR: ST13619105 GPS reading: ST13619105

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 103 no. 430 Status:

This PRN refers to the same feature as PRN 681m.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1584m; same as 681m Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01584m Site name:

NGR: ST13629104 GPS reading: ST13629104

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1979 OS fieldworkers described a small mound a few metres from another barrow (PRN 1583m). Probing of the mound revealed that it consisted of black earth and the fieldworkers concluded that it could have been a natural feature. The site lies in forestry, on ground badly disturbed by machine tracks. Neither it nor the adjacent cairn could be located.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment: Poor GPS coverage

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01600g Site name:

NGR: SO30772554 GPS reading: SO30772554

Type: Hengiform (Monument) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large hengiform earthwork situated on plateau between the two cairns of PRN 8114g. A circular 1m high turf covered stone earthwork encloses a level interior sloping to the S. The monument commands dominant views in a extensive arc; the siting and elevation with the associations with PRNs 8114g and 04513.0g make this an important monument in understanding the funerary and ritual landscape of the E Black Mountains.

Dimensions: diameter 56m; height 1m Altitude: 535m

Siting: High plateau Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8113g ,8114g, 8115g, 04513.0g Contains: Part of: 8447g

PRN: 01748g Site name: LOXIDGE TUMP, LLANTHONY PRIORY

NGR: SO28872922 GPS reading: SO28812921

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

During the 1970s OS fieldworkers described a small earthen mound under grass with a suggestion of a kerb. The mound is circular in form and has an irregularly defined perimeter; there are now no obvious kerbstones evident, but there is one small stone to the N of the mound's perimeter. The mound has a depression in its centre which is horseshoe in shape, with the open end facing S (diameter 2m NNW-SSE), most probably the result of robbing.

Dimensions: diameter 6m; height 0.75m Altitude: 570m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01751g Site name: GRAIG DDU CAIRN

NGR: SO28452645 GPS reading: SO28452646

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An excavated round barrow cist which is circular in form with quite steeply sloping sides and a depressed interior. The mound's perimeter is well defined although no kerbstones or ditch was visible. The sides of the mound are under turf, whilst the levelled interior exposes stone. A large sandstone slab, aligned E-W, dominates the central S area of the cairn's interior. This is presumably the remains of the cist excavated in 1981; the upper most edge of this slab is all that is now exposed.

Dimensions: diameter 15.2m; height 1.2m-1.4m Altitude: 480m

Siting: False crest Aspect: SWW Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8411-3g Contains: Part of: 8413g

PRN: 01753g Site name: CWM BWCHEL

NGR: SO27592720 GPS reading: SO27592722

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The cairn described by OS workers (1975 & 1979) is a partially destroyed round barrow cist situated in open heathland. The mound is circular in form, the N area is almost level whilst the SE area is more substantial in height. It would appear that the N-NW-W of the mound has been robbed away leaving a slight curved earthwork around the cairn's former boundary. To the central S area of the cairn is an impressive cist (diameter; 2m x 1.2m x height; 0.65m) of two long parallel flagstone slabs aligned NE-SW, with smaller slabs (0.4m) defining each open end. There is a linear incision mark (0.16m long) on the inside of the S cist slab that does not appear natural; the incision is 'V' shaped and may have been caused by prehistoric stone rubbing. To the S of the cist is the only area of exposed boulders.

Dimensions: diameter 15.5m; height 1.4m (max) Altitude: 490m

Siting: Plateau Aspect: SW Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment: Please send a report for the owners interest.

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01754g Site name: GARN WEN

NGR: SO28062561 GPS reading: SO28072561

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Part of barrow cemetery 8441g. A substantial mound situated next to the public footpath, 50m N of Garn Wen. The mound is circular in form with a depressed centre and quite steeply sloping sides. It has a dense cover of heather and sphagnum; a hard surface can be felt when probing through the vegetation and thin soil layer. No kerb stones or ditch was evident at the time of the present visit. This cairn is well preserved and forms one of a pair; it is an important monument within a rich prehistoric landscape.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 1m Altitude: 475m

Siting: Plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1755g, 8441g Contains: Part of: 8441g

PRN: 01755g Site name: LLANTHONY

NGR: SO28022553 GPS reading: SO28032554

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Part of barrow cemetery 8441g. In 1957 OS fieldworkers described a heather covered cairn with a modern stone turret built on its top; the present visit describes much the same. The feature is a large elevated circular cairn which has been highly disturbed. There is a sheepfold or shelter located in the S area of the cairn and a comparatively modern circular tower dominates the centre. To the NW is a possible robbed out rectangular cist (1.5m x 1.6m). The cairn has a regularly defined perimeter although no ditch or kerbstones are evident. The cairn's sides are steeply sloping, quite short and covered by heather. It is composed of stone. 50m to the N on the E edge of the public footpath is another cairn, 1754g; these two cairns are most probably associated and are considered as a pair.

Dimensions: diameter 27.5m; height 1.4-2.0m Altitude: 475m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1754g, 8441g Contains: Part of: 8441g

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PRN: 01774g Site name:

NGR: SO26981186 GPS reading: SO26551121

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 219

A sub-circular stone cairn consisting of large cobble and boulder sized stones (sandstone) with no vegetation cover. The cairn's perimeter is well defined although no kerb stones are easily visible. The mound is quite substantial and appears to be in a good state of preservation.

Dimensions: diameter 6.5m NW-SE; height 1m Altitude: 515m

Siting: High plateau Aspect: South Viewshed: NE - NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01776g, 8396-7g Contains: Part of: 8397g

PRN: 01776g Site name: CARN BLORENGE

NGR: SO27341227 GPS reading: SO26991186

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An oval cairn with an irregular perimeter and a disturbed interior. The site is constructed mainly from cobble and boulder sized stone (sandstone). Some larger boulders help to define the irregular perimeter and could be possible kerb stones. The cairn utilises a natural outcrop to define its northern extremity. The cist, which was described by OS fieldworkers in 1975 as 1.4m long with an average width of 0.7m and a depth of 0.9m, survived to 1996 when the measured survey was made, but is no longer visible. However a collection of irregularly shaped stones appear to define its location. Directly NE and abutting the cairn is a curious sub-circular structure of regularly laid cobble and boulder sized stones which is most likely a sheepfold. Directly 0.5m south of 01776g is a circular cairn 6m x 6m standing 0.4m high with an interior cut down to the natural ground level; this cairn, unlike 1776g, has a more modern and temporary appearance to its construction.

Dimensions: diameter 24m (max); height 2m Altitude: 560m

Siting: Summit Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01774g, 8396-7g Contains: Part of: 8397g

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PRN: 01781g Site name: LLANFOIST MOTT

NGR: SO28501358 GPS reading: SO28511360

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1957 OS fieldworkers described a possible artificial mound. The present survey found the mound to be roughly circular and of monumental size. It has a level top and the S area is partially under woodland scrub. Two small hollows define the N area of the mound's top. The first hollow has a spoil heap on its N edge, presumably due to soil removal from the excavation of the hollow: no spoil is evident around the second depression. The W-N-E sides of the mound are under grass. Two goat shelters abut the mound's W perimeter whilst a forestry plantation delimits the mound's E perimeter. The mound's perimeter to the N is ill defined and the sides slope gently into the adjacent field. The side to the S utilises the natural steep slope although a modern fence marks the mound's extreme boundary. This creates a bias in height from the lower N slope (0.3m) compared to the much higher S slope (7.8m). It would appear that this mound is most probably of mediaeval or post-mediaeval date.

Dimensions: diameter 80m N-S height; 0.3m N x Altitude: 50m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01790g Site name: CAIRN, BEACON MOUNTAIN (BLAENAU HILL)

NGR: SO18390902 GPS reading: SO18390903

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular mound located on the summit of Mynydd Carn y Cefn, with an easily identifiable perimeter. Both the perimeter and the interior are seriously disturbed. The mound stands quite high to the N but it has been eroded to ground level at the S. The interior has a depressed central hollow (0.3 in depth) with much disturbance in the outer central area.

Dimensions: diameter 15.5m; height 1.4m (max) Altitude: 528m

Siting: Summit Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01839g Site name: ROUND BARROW, NORTH OF TY-CANOL

NGR: SO35100800 GPS reading: SO35100800

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 81

A large circular earthen mound within a field currently under wheat stubble. The mound still stands quite high (1.5m) but its perimeter is ill defined due to the extent of erosion caused by modern ploughing. The mound has no visible ditch or kerbstones and has gently sloping sides. There appears to be a high concentration of river worn cobbles over the mound and the field in general.

Dimensions: diameter 33.5m; height 1.5m Altitude: 45m

Siting: Flood plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 01939m Site name:

NGR: ST10709200 GPS reading: ST10709200

Type: ?Clearance Cairn UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1987 Capel & Owen-John described a previously unrecorded clearance cairn c 10m in diameter, overlain by the stone field boundary wall 1945m. The cited grid reference is imprecise, and inspection of the ground either side of the wall in the general locality revealed no feature matching the description. The pasture field on the S side of the wall is very undulating, with large and small mounds present that relate to natural rock outcrops beneath the thin soil; one of these may have been mistaken for a cairn by Capel & Owen-John.

Dimensions: Altitude: 360m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01941m Site name:

NGR: ST10109120 GPS reading: ST10109120

Type: ?Clearance Cairns UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1987 a group of five mounds, from 3m – 10m in diameter were described. It was tentatively suggested that these were clearance cairns, perhaps incorporating material from the largely destroyed cross dyke that lies nearby. At the time of the present survey there was a heavy bracken cover, and the cairns could not be located.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: N-E-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01941s Site name: PENCOETRE WOOD

NGR: ST12447045 GPS reading: ST12447045

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

At the time of the present study the '3 additional Bronze Age round barrows found in the Pencoetre Wood barrow cemetery' (Parkhouse 1984) fall within the construction site of a modern housing estate. No evidence for the cairn's existence were discovered and they are thus presumed destroyed. It is perhaps unlikely that any of these three features were prehistoric monuments; many of the other Pencoedre Wood sites have been shown to be Roman, and none is definitely of Bronze Age date.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01942m Site name: PANT WAUNCORRWG, CAIRN

NGR: ST10409060 GPS reading: ST10409060

Type: ?Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two possible clearance cairns were identified in this area, between 6 and 8m in diameter. Subsequent attempts, both in 1987 and during the present survey, have failed to relocate these monuments.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01943m Site name:

NGR: ST11109230 GPS reading: ST11109230

Type: Cairnfield UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1987 eight mounds of between 3m and 6m diameter were identified, and interpreted as a probable group of clearance cairns (Capel & Owen-John 1987). At the time of the present survey the area was under heavy bracken cover. Three probable cairns of the original eight were located; others are likely to lie under the bracken but could not be found. The best example was at ST 11178 92361, and comprised an ovoid mound 5m x 3m and 0.5m high.

Dimensions: diameter 6-8m; height c 0.5m Altitude: 360m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01944m Site name:

NGR: ST12409340 GPS reading: ST1137092450

Type: Standing Stone UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two large boulders, suggested by Capel & Owen John (1987) to be a possible pair of standing stones. The boulders are of local Pennant Sandstone, and are characterised by close parallel bedding. Despite their monumental character there is no specific evidence that these are prehistoric standing stones; other smaller boulders can be seen throughout the field, and it seems likely that all merely represent natural rock outcrops. The fact that the bedding planes lie parallel to the ground surface reinforces this notion, for it shows that the boulders are the correct way up in geological terms.

Dimensions: n/a Altitude: 360m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01949g Site name: CAREG CROES-IFOR  
NGR: SO24751062 GPS reading: SO24751062  
Type: ?Barrow cemetery (Pair) UA: Torfaen

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two cairns were reported at this location, but they have not been described since 1960 (when they comprised a mere scatter of stones). During the present visit no evidence for any prehistoric features was discovered, the ground being highly disturbed by modern industrial activities - principally open-cast coal mining.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01949s Site name: ROUND BARROW, NORTH OF LITTLE GREEN

NGR: ST13807080 GPS reading: ST13807080

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1984 the site of a possible round barrow was identified to the north of Little Green, St Andrews Major. No description was made of the monument itself at that time, and no trace of it was found at this location during a visit made for the present study. The landowner also has no knowledge of any monument existing here.

Dimensions: Altitude: 25m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01950G Site name: CARREG MAEN-TARO

NGR: SO23821133 GPS reading: SO23821133

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Near Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The monument comprises an irregularly shaped stone, 1.7m high with average sides of 0.7m and 0.4m. The presence of inscribed letters on the stone, and the fact that it stands on a turning point of the parish and county boundaries, suggests that it is a medieval or post-medieval boundary marker. This conclusion is supported by the relative lack of weathering of the stone and absence of an associated mound.

Reference: OS Record Card, 1957, SO 21 SW 9

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01977g Site name: DERI MERDDOG

NGR: SO19100480 GPS reading: SO19130477

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Deri Merddog is the name applied to an area on the E side of Cefn Yr Arail. During the present visit a small oval cairn situated at the base of a sheltered local hollow was recorded. The hollow is located within a W facing hillside, under a vertical cliff face. The cairns perimeter is well defined although no kerbstones or ditch was evident. What remains of the cairn is horseshoe in form, due to extensive robbing of the cairn's centre leaving a hollow 1.6m wide, and showing the cairn to be composed of boulders. The cairn has only one view out from its enclosed hollow, NNW, through a 'V' shaped cut in the W rock outcrop. Whether this was a deliberate cosmological or terrestrial alignment is unclear.

Dimensions: diameter 6.5m; height 0.5m Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: Level Viewshed: NNW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 01982g Site name: TWYN-Y-BLEIDDIAID

NGR: SO18650268 GPS reading: SO1866102681

Type: Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The monument comprises a low but reasonably well-defined cairn ring. The ring is grass-covered. It is built of stone, some of which is visible through the grass, but the majority of which was detected by probing. The SW quarter of the monument has been destroyed by a small quarry, one of two in the immediate vicinity and probably of post-medieval age.

Dimensions: diameter 12m; height 0.1m-0.2m Altitude: 410m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: All sides (restricted to SE from

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 01994g Site name: HOAR STONE

NGR: SO3501 GPS reading: SO3501

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1884 a 'hoar stone' was mentioned in the boundaries of land belonging to Tintern Abbey. No knowledge of the character or whereabouts of this stone now exists.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02070g Site name: DUKE'S TABLE STANDING STONE

NGR: SO11411437 GPS reading: SO11401436

Type: Standing Stone UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large recumbent standing stone situated in a level local valley bottom in a slight hollow on a raised sub-circular bank. The stone is of limestone and is aligned N-S; there is a scattering of small rocks around its perimeter and some larger stones delimiting a semicircle 1m around the menhir's perimeter.

Dimensions: dia 2.9m (max); height 1m (max) Altitude: 430m

Siting: Valley base Aspect: Level Viewshed: NW-N-NE-SE-S-SW (E&W Valley

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02081g Site name: CARN Y DEFAID

NGR: SO27060997 GPS reading: SO27050997

Type: Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Torfaen

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 29;BBNP;SSSI

Part of barrow cemetery 8442g. A large circular mound, one of a pair. The cairn is quite high with a regularly defined perimeter, although no kerb-stones are visible. The mound consists of cobble and boulder sized stone. The cairn is situated on a raised natural outcrop. The cairn's interior is heavily disturbed; to the central N end is a hollow 1.6m in depth which may have contained a cist although all evidence of such has been destroyed by the excavation of the hollow. To the central S end is another hollow although this is only 0.4m in depth.

Dimensions: diameter 20m (max); height 3.4m Altitude: 500m

Siting: False crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3783g, 8442g Contains: Part of: 8442g

PRN: 02089g Site name: CARN Y CAPEL

NGR: SO27100820 GPS reading: SO271082

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Torfaen

Form: Place-name Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Carn y Capel, meaning 'Chapel Cairn' is an exposed ridge of limestone facing SE towards the now demolished 16th century 'Capel Newydd' (PRN 2079g), a Chapel-of-ease for the large parish of Llanover (Bradney, J 1907, pp 402) . The exposed ridge appears natural and does not appear to be a prehistoric monument.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8406g, 8407g, 2088g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02203g Site name: ROUND CAIRN, NORTH OF RISCA

NGR: ST25659055 GPS reading: ST25639056

Type: Round Barrow UA: Newport

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 46

An earthen mound situated adjacent to housing in a pasture field, currently under bracken and brambles. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter with no evidence for kerbstones or a ditch. A large stone (1m x 0.4m) dominates the N edge of the mound's 6m wide level top.

Dimensions: diameter 15m; height 0.8m (max) Altitude: 190m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 02277s Site name:

NGR: ST13206720 GPS reading: ST13206720

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The site described below is now beneath a large building in the Atlantic Trading Estate:  
During extensions to the camp prior to its transfer from British to American control in 1942, the laying of a sewer/drainage pipe cut through the centre of a low mound, in the centre of which was found an abnormally tall skeleton surrounded by upright stones. Other burial in alcoves at the sides of the main chamber were of women and children. Apparently the National Museum was involved in this discovery, which has come down to us as that of a chieftain and his family, and the site of a burial mound. The remains were either reinterred there or close by with a service conducted by the Bishop of Llandaff. This report bears similarities to PRN 1458s, but has also been associated with the round barrow 717S; it is more likely to refer to the well structure, but may equally indicate yet another burial location in the western part of the Estate.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02299g Site name: HATTERALL RIDGE

NGR: SO29702880 GPS reading: SO29842871

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Jones (1978) describes a grassed over cairn adjacent to the Offa's Dyke Path. The cairn is a large sub-circular mound and is located to the E of the path, which appears to have eroded away part of the mound's W edge. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter enclosing a central hollow (2m x 1m x 0.8m depth); no kerbstones or ditch were evident. The mound has gently sloping sides and is currently under heather and grass.

Dimensions: diameter 16m NNE-SSW height; 1.4m Altitude: 0

Siting: Plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02303g Site name: CAIRN WITH CIST, WEST OF BLACK DARREN

NGR: SO28902970 GPS reading: SO28862977

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Jones (1976) noted a cairn with a central cist W of Black Darren with a recumbent stone close by. The present visit located a modern cairn and marker stone at the suggested location SO28912965 (608m OD). However a small circular mound with a domed shaped top, located E of the Offa's Dyke path, was noted further to the NW. The path appears to have eroded the W edge of the mound, exposing cobble sized stones. On this side the mound's side is quite steeply sloping, but to the NE & SE the sides are more gently sloping. The cairn appears in a good state of preservation and may contain a prehistoric landsurface and deposits. No recumbent stone was visible in the general vicinity.

Dimensions: diameter 4.6m N-S height; 1.1m Altitude: 0

Siting: Plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02304g Site name: STANDING STONE, HATTERAL HILL

NGR: SO30602600 GPS reading: SO30602600

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large upright stone standing to a height of 1m has been noted on the N slope of Hatteral Hill. Permission to visit the site was not obtained during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02305g Site name: STONE CISTS, KEMEYS INFERIOR

NGR: ST37209170 GPS reading: ST38419059

Type: Cist UA: Newport

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

After the construction of the A449 trunk road the track to Abernant Farm was re-aligned, at which time (probably 1973), at least two stone cists were discovered, one of which can still be seen in the S bank of the approach road. The cist is constructed of sandstone slabs, and has an approximate length of 1.80m, having lost its north end. It is reported to have contained bones when first discovered. Possibly part of the group excavated by Mein in the 1990s (PRN 6259g); associated with Roman and Iron Age pottery. Permission to access the site was not obtained during the present study and the cist was only observed from a distance.

Reference: Vyner, BE, 1976, *Arch in Wales* 40, 25

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02332g Site name: ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST38208910 GPS reading: ST38158914

Type: Round Barrow UA: Newport

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 170

A large sub-circular mound located in a heavily grassed field N of Underwood rugby pitch, currently under rough pasture. The mound has domed top with a poorly defined perimeter; no ditch or kerb-stones are evident.

Dimensions: diameter 17m E-W height; 0.7m Altitude: 20m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02371s Site name:

NGR: ST03847494 GPS reading: ST0384874942

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low, poorly defined barrow. The monument is very plough spread, and the edges poorly defined. It is roughly circular in plan. Measurement of the diameter is therefore difficult and the figure cited must be regarded as approximate. A flint was found on the surface of the monument, and a second 30m to the NE. This PRN may relate to the same monument as PRN 2459s, the latter assigned to a mound 40m to the W, but of which no trace could be found.

Dimensions: diameter c30m; height ?0.1-0.2m Altitude: 125m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: N-E-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707-9s;755s;916-20s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02372s Site name: CROPMARK, ST FAGAN

NGR: ST10887854 GPS reading: ST10887854

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Cardiff

Form: Cropmark Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Circular feature shown on RAF aerial photographs. The coordinates place the cropmark within a small area of woodland. Neither this area, nor the adjacent fields, yielded any evidence of an archaeological feature. The location, at the base of a shallow valley, makes it perhaps unlikely as the site of a barrow.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02390s Site name:

NGR: ST13826771 GPS reading: ST13826771

Type: Cist UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: ?Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

At an unspecified date human remains were noted in a slab-lined grave with capstone during the laying of a drain south of the police houses in Hayes Road. These are assumed to have been destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02414m Site name: GARNEDD LWYD

NGR: ST10709030 GPS reading: ST1050490691

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 462

Grassed remains of a robbed earthwork. The rim survives to the greatest extent, with the centre of the monument having been hollowed out and now being reed-filled. The cairn is poorly defined, particularly on the SW (uphill) side: the rim stands to a greater height and with better definition on the downhill side.

Dimensions: diameter c 19m; height 0.5m (max) Altitude: 390m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: E-S-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02416m Site name: TYWN HYWEL CAIRN

NGR: ST10009110 GPS reading: ST10009110

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 456

SAM Gm 456 relates to a cross-ridge dyke. N of the E half of the dyke a small cairn is noted though not described. This latter feature could not be located during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 668m;2415m Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02417s Site name: LLANCADLE SOUTH (B)

NGR: ST03726799 GPS reading: ST03726799

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two sub-round ditches, the largest 15m in diameter and incomplete to the E, showing on air photographs. The field was walked as part of the Romano-British settlement survey (1999) and nothing relating to any prehistoric monument was found. An inspection during the present study met with similar results.

Dimensions: Altitude: 25m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02419s Site name: KENSON WOOD WEST

NGR: ST04566876 GPS reading: ST04566876

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A ring ditch c 20m in diameter, incomplete to the NW, showing on an air photograph. The site lies within a ploughed field, in which no traces of a monument can be observed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 35m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02421s Site name: CWM (1 OF 2)

NGR: ST05606851 GPS reading: ST05606851

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of two sub-round ring ditches showing on air photographs. This is the larger of the pair and the more easterly. The field was walked as part of the Romano-British settlement survey (1999) and nothing relating to any prehistoric monument was found. An inspection during the present study met with similar results.

Dimensions: Altitude: 45m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 2422s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02422s Site name: CWM (2 OF 2)

NGR: ST05606851 GPS reading: ST05606851

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of two sub-round ring ditches showing on air photographs. This is the smaller of the pair and the most westerly. There is a partial outer ditch visible to the N of this cairn. A site visit during the present study failed to find any traces of this monument on the ground.

Dimensions: Altitude: 45m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 2421s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02423s Site name: TREGOGAN ROAD NORTH

NGR: ST06206854 GPS reading: ST06206854

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A ring ditch c 5m in diameter showing on air photographs. Due to practical constraints, this site was not visited during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 50m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 02424m Site name: NL4

NGR: SO09700798 GPS reading: SO09700798

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Stone spread Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low stone spread, possibly the remnants of a prehistoric cairn. Due to practical constraints, the site was not visited during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02432s Site name: CHAMBERED TOMB, TINKINSWOOD

NGR: ST09327327 GPS reading: ST0933373286

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 9

The remains of a chambered tomb, lying a short distance SE of the Tinkinswood long cairn. The monument comprises a capstone 4.8m x 2.8m x 0.5m, resting on what is probably a recumbant orthostat. The stones rest on a substantial, approximately circular grassed mound, in which the tops of three more large stones (also probably orthostats) are visible.

Dimensions: Altitude: 100m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only;

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 374s, 376s, 2431-4s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02433s Site name: STANDING STONE, TINKINSWOOD

NGR: ST09277327 GPS reading: ST09277327

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 9

Although included within SAM Gm 9 (Tinkinswood Chambered Long cairn and associated features) this standing stone is not described by RCAHMW 1976. It was recorded by OS fieldworkers in 1957 as being about 7ft wide and 4ft high, set vertically in the ground. The coordinates cited by the OS would place this large stone within an open pasture field to the SE of the long cairn. However, although there are outcrops of tabular stone protruding from the turf within this part of the field, there is nothing that resembles a standing stone.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 374s, 376s, 2431-4s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02434s Site name: STANDING STONES, TINKINSWOOD

NGR: ST09247327 GPS reading: ST0924973283

Type: Standing Stones UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 9

Two stones placed parallel to each other, each 1.2m high, 1.2m wide and 0.3m thick, separated by a distance of 0.4m. The stones straddle the fenceline between the enclosure for the Tinkinswood long cairn and the farmland to the S. It is not clear whether these standing stones have an ancient origin, although their close proximity to other prehistoric monuments does increase the likelihood of this being the case.

Dimensions: height 1.2m; width 1.2m; thick 0.3m Altitude: 100m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides (to medium distance only;

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 374s;376s;2431-3s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02459s Site name:

NGR: ST03807494 GPS reading: ST03807494

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthworks Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible round barrow in a field S of Maes-y-Ward Farm. There is no evidence of any earthwork at this location, but a barrow is present 40 to the E (PRN 2371s); the two PRNs may relate to the same monument.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02492s Site name:

NGR: SS99807810 GPS reading: SS99807810

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible round barrow, for which access to visit could not be gained during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02493s Site name: Carreg Llwyd

NGR: ST00207900 GPS reading: ST00237875

Type: ?Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

No standing stone was visible at the suggested NGR. However there is a parish boundary marker dividing Penllyn and Llanharry situated within the hedge of Windy Ridge Cottage. The stone is located on the inside of the hedge W of the cottage's main vehicle entrance. Bizarrely, at the time of the visit, a mock mediaeval stock stood directly adjacent to the stone.

Dimensions: diameter 1m x 0.7m height; 1.2m Altitude: 125m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02494s Site name: MEAR STONE

NGR: ST00407960 GPS reading: ST00407960

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible standing stone, for which details are currently unavailable. Access permission to view the site could not be obtained at the time of the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02500g Site name: CAIRN, WAUN CYRN

NGR: SO21301403 GPS reading: SO21301403

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: BBNP;SSSI

A circular cairn situated in an area abundant with exposed natural outcrops next to a modern path and opposite new gas pipeline workings. The cairn stands quite high and has a heavily disturbed interior although cist was visible. To the E is what appears to be deliberate entrance with 2 considerable sized stones parallel to one another defining the S&W sides. The cairn's perimeter is well defined although no kerbstones were visible; there were however many curious interrupted depressions defining the cairn's boundary. The cairn's interior is composed of cobble and boulder sized stone. The dominant view is of the barrow cemetery on the summit of Tŷr-Pen-cyrm.

Dimensions: diameter 13m E-W; height 1.5m Altitude: 475m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02524g Site name: BEDD Y GWR HIR

NGR: SO24621338 GPS reading: SO24621339

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small oval mound situated between the road and a substantially eroded stone wall of some antiquity. The mound is on the W side of the road, has a well defined perimeter with gently sloping sides and a domed top. There is no evidence of any kerb stones or ditch. The mound appears substantially intact and may contain archaeological deposits and landsurfaces; however, which period these fall into is at present unclear.

Dimensions: diameter 2.3m E-W; height 0.45m Altitude: 280m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02532s Site name:

NGR: ST04707490 GPS reading: ST0482574881

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of barrows surveyed in 1977/8 by members of the Archaeology Department, University College Cardiff. This example is an outlier of the dense cluster that lies to the W. There is no barrow evident at the location previously cited for this monument. However, there is a prominent mound within the same field, 150m to the SE. This latter feature is round in plan, though plough spread and poorly defined at its edges. The ground surface of the mound is markedly stonier than the surrounding field, but its regular plan and position well away from any field boundary argues against it being a clearance cairn.

Dimensions: diameter c30m; height 0.9m Altitude: 140m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NW Viewshed: SW-W-N-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02549s Site name:

NGR: SS98107780 GPS reading: SS98107780

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Finds Condition: Unkown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

During the present visit, no trace of this 'possible barrow' was discovered (for which existing texts were unavailable). However 5m to the W was a sub-rectangular hollow (diameter; 3.5m x 2.5m x height; 0.4m) situated in the side of the hillslope that is thought to be modern. The general area is defined by N-S linear field boundaries of some antiquity.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: W-N-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02791s Site name: PENCOEDTRE 1

NGR: ST13197063 GPS reading: ST13197063

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Described in 1994 as a low mound 8m in diameter, possibly a round barrow or spoil heap, adjacent to a quarry pit or pond. Access could not be gained to the precise location of this feature, although it is suspected that it has been destroyed during development work associated with Gilbert Manor.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: N-E-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 02792s-02795s, 02810s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02792s Site name: PC 2

NGR: ST13087053 GPS reading: ST13087053

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: ?Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An archaeological assessment of land at Pencoedtre, near Barry, reported a series of mounds in the vicinity (South-East Vale Survey archive). Excavation showed several to be of probable Roman origin, but others – the present example included – were not investigated. The feature was described as a slight mound within an agricultural field, approximately 8m in diameter and overlain by or adjacent to a boundary hedge. A visit to the site during the present study failed to locate this mound.

References: South-East Vale Survey archive, GGAT

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: SW-S-SE-E-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 02791s, 02793s-02795s, 02810s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 02833s Site name: DUFFRYN ENCLOSURE

NGR: ST10077225 GPS reading: ST10077225

Type: ?Henge (hengiform monument) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular turf covered earth and stone bank that is interrupted in many places. The enclosure has a shallow ditch (1m in diameter) around the bank's circumference. Five mature trees and many smaller hedgerow trees define the enclosure's perimeter. The enclosure's interior is even and slightly raised creating a subtle dome effect. The E part of the bank has eroded exposing layered cobbles and boulders (0.1m-0.3m). The proximity of the portal dolmen to the N (PRN 3s) and the many other prehistoric monuments in the locality demonstrate the wealth of prehistoric activity in the area, and for that reason the authenticity of this monument cannot be easily dismissed.

Dimensions: diameter 40m; height; 1m Altitude: 90m

Siting: False crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W-NW-N-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 02834s Site name: WEST OF EAST LODGE, DYFFRYN WP 5

NGR: ST10007243 GPS reading: ST0994272366

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The Ordnance Survey 25" maps of 1878 and 1900 (1st and 2nd Edition respectively) show a burial mound lying in the enclosure to the west of the East Lodge, Duffryn. The field is undulating, with several stands of mature oak trees. No burial mound is immediately obvious, but a slightly raised and roughly circular earthwork probably represents the low, poorly defined, remains of this monument. The barrow is under grass; no stone could be detected underneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c20m; height c0.4m Altitude: 75m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: S-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 02992s Site name: FRIARS POINT

NGR: ST11176593 GPS reading: ST11176593

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: ?Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible barrow, surviving as a large low mound, was reported at this location. The date and reliability of this report is not known, and no monument could be found here during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-562s, 568s, 581s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03081g Site name: CAIRN AND CIST, CRUCORNY FAWR

NGR: SO29332943 GPS reading: SO29342942

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: BBNP;SSSI

In 1976 OS fieldworkers described a cairn and a cist W of the Offa's Dyke path. During the present visit no cist was visible although a large sub-circular mound with a small stone walled enclosure defining its NW edge was located. The mound is located E of the Offa's Dyke path. The mound's top is highly disturbed, the sides are short but quite steep leaving a generally disturbed but large level central area. The perimeter is irregularly defined with no visible evidence for kerbstones or a ditch. The mound is partially turf covered leaving an exposed area of boulder sized stones.

Dimensions: diameter 19m; height; 1.4m Altitude: 590m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03146m Site name: BLAENCARNO COMMON

NGR: SO08870890 GPS reading: SO08870890

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Remnants of a small a doughnut shaped cairn c.3-4m in diameter and about 1m high built of medium sized stone rubble probably Bronze Age in date.

Dimensions: diameter 4m (max); height 1m Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03214g Site name:

NGR: SO27802520 GPS reading: SO27782521

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1976 OS fieldworkers described a standing stone of a prehistoric date situated SW of Garn Wen. The stone is a sub-rectangular weathered recumbent standing stone with the probable top to the SE. The stone is of sandstone covered in a silver moss situated in heather and grass. 35m to the NE (SO27812519) is another curious collection of sandstone rocks, although these look natural in their setting.

Dimensions: 1.2m x 1.8m x 0.7m high Altitude: 430m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03235g Site name: TRILEY (TRILLECH)

NGR: SO3117 GPS reading: SO3117

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Documents Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The place-name Triley, at one time called Trillech, is suggested to have taken its name from the existence of a monument comprising three meini-hirion. If this is the case, then the monument has long since been destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03731g Site name:

NGR: SO26002760 GPS reading: SO26002760

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1981 a roughly shaped vertical orthostat 1m in height NW of Bal Mawr was noted. It could not be located during a visit as part of the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03758g Site name: CAIRN, MYNYDD ISLWYN

NGR: ST19459981 GPS reading: ST19459981

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1979 Ordnance Survey fieldworkers described a circular mound, 27m in diameter and 2m at its highest. It was situated near a field boundary on the highest point of gently rising ground. Almost the whole of the NW and SW quadrants, and a portion of the NE, had been removed. The remaining portion was composed entirely of boulders and smaller stones covered by a thin layer of soil and turf. Access to the site was not obtained during the present study but there is no reason to doubt its continued existence. It is notable, however, that the position of the barrow shown on the 1st edition OS map differs from the NGR which is presently given for this feature.

Dimensions: Altitude: 270m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03783g Site name: CARN Y DEFAID NORTH

NGR: SO27081003 GPS reading: SO27081004

Type: Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Torfaen

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 29;BBNP;SSSI

Part of barrow cemetery 8442g. A sub-circular cairn of the Carn y Defaid pair, situated on a false-crest N of 2081g. The cairn consists of cobble and boulder sized stone (0.1m-0.5m), has a regularly defined perimeter, although no kerb-stones are easily identifiable, and the mound stands quite high and has a disturbed interior. Within the centre is an exposed rectangular cist situated in a central hollow 1.5m in width (E-W) and 1.1m in depth. Towards the central W area of the cairn there appears to be the elevated remains of the original sloping mound, which now disturbed, has left a high semi-circular stone feature. To the E and SE are three circular depressions of well faced stone, 1m in diameter and 0.2m in depth, that appear less permanent and more likely modern shelters. The E area of the cairn has migrated down the slope 1m-1.5m.

Dimensions: diameter 14m; height; 1.1m-1.3m Altitude: 490m

Siting: False crest Aspect: NE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 2081g, 8442g Contains: Part of: 8442g

PRN: 03809s Site name: BREACH FARM 3

NGR: SS97027388 GPS reading: SS9702273884

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: RCAHMW 1976, 91 no. 329 Status:

This is a new PRN to cover a fifth round barrow NW of Old Breach Farm, Llyswyrny (previously, or perhaps mistakenly, referred to as PRN 300s). The barrow survives as a round grassed mound of moderate size, occupying the same pasture field as PRN 301s (Breach Farm NW 1). It is well spread by ploughing and is poorly defined. No stone could be detected through the turf. This monument may be that to which PRN 304s refers. Part of barrow cemetery 3825s.

Dimensions: diameter c34m; height 1m Altitude: 95m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides to medium distance

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 299s-304s Contains: Part of: 3825s

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PRN: 03810s Site name: COG BRIDGE MOUND

NGR: ST16656931 GPS reading: ST16656931

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large grassy swelling reported to lie at the W end of a pasture field on ground which rises to the W and N. It measured 40m (N-S) by 29m and 1.3m high. The mound was turf covered and its flat top was slightly hollowed. It appeared to be joined by causeways. During the present visit permission for access to the site was not obtained.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03811s Site name: CWM NASH

NGR: SS90606980 GPS reading: SS90606980

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible barrow situated on the cliff edge, showing on aerial photographs. Nothing of this monument was seen during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03812s Site name: CAER DDYNNAF

NGR: SS98377432 GPS reading: SS9836574323

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low stony ring, within Caer Ddynnaf hillfort, on a hill crest above land that falls very sharply to the N. Immediately to the W is a relict N-S field boundary wall, now ruinous. The ring is fairly well defined, partially covered by turf, and is broken on the N side by a small quarry. The centre of the monument is slightly dished; it is covered by grass, but there is abundant stone beneath the turf. This feature could plausibly be a prehistoric monument.

Dimensions: diameter 15.8m; height 0.7m Altitude: 110m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03813s Site name: DRUIDSTONE

NGR: ST04957165 GPS reading: ST04957165

Type: Standing Stone UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Structure Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An unsourced report in 1984 described a 'Druidstone'. By that date it was recumbent, and there was no trace of a mound. At the time of Malkin's survey there were three stones. Nothing was found at this location during the present study. The coordinates place the stone in the W corner of a large arable field, which is intensively ploughed up to the hedgeline. There is no trace of a large stone, either within the field or along its margins. The landowner at nearby Llanvythan Farm has no knowledge of any monument standing here.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03814s Site name: THE TUMP

NGR: SS99556665 GPS reading: SS99556665

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1984 it was recorded that a round barrow called 'The Tump' once stood at this location. There may have been some confusion about the identity and location of this monument, since PRN 479s (500m to the N) bears the same name. No earthwork was found at the coordinates given for HVs, but it is notable that a flint was found within 10m of its supposed location during a visit as part of the present survey. A barrow probably once did exist here, and has been destroyed by ploughing; more comprehensive fieldwalking of the site might resolve this question.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: S Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 478s, 479s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03815s Site name: Y FRON SOUTH

NGR: ST08757705 GPS reading: ST08757705

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The suggested cropmarks of a ploughed-out round barrow were not visible at the time of the visit.

Dimensions: Altitude: 50m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3816s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03816s Site name: Y FRON NORTH

NGR: ST08757710 GPS reading: ST08757710

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The suggested cropmarks of a ploughed-out round barrow were not visible at the time of the visit.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3815s Contains: Part of:



PRN: 03817s Site name: ST BRIDES MAJOR

NGR: SS89307370 GPS reading: SS89307370

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

During the present visit the possible group of five ploughed-out round barrows were not distinguishable from a generally undulating field.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03818s Site name:

NGR: SS90707310 GPS reading: SS90707310

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Cropmark Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible ploughed-out round barrow seen on aerial photographs (CPE/UK 1871, 3055-6 and 4049-50). There is no evidence on the ground of this feature, within what is presently a level pasture field.

Dimensions: Altitude: 80m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03819s Site name: ST FAGANS

NGR: ST11807740 GPS reading: ST11807740

Type: Cremation UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Finds Condition: ?Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

At an unspecified date a possible Beaker 'cist', with Beaker and hone or wristguard (all lost) was found on 'site of the old church' in St Fagan's Park. These are presumed destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03820s Site name: ST FAGANS

NGR: ST11107790 GPS reading: ST1109677907

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A low, poorly defined, but nevertheless fairly prominent round barrow situated on a slight ridge within a pasture field. The monument is roughly circular in plan. It is grassed, and no stone could be detected beneath the turf.

Dimensions: diameter c25m; height 0.5m Altitude: 0

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03821s Site name: ST FAGANS

NGR: ST11807780 GPS reading: ST1187377838

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A grassed mound within an agricultural field, which probably represents the remains of a ploughed down round barrow. The monument is roughly circular with a broad flat top 5.5m wide. The edges are moderately well defined on the E side, but rather indistinct on the other sides.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 0.5m Altitude: 40m

Siting: Valley Base Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides (restricted from medium

Site visit comment: Site is on opposite (E) side of the road from that suggested by the 1984 NGR

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03823s Site name: MONKTON

NGR: SS932707 GPS reading: SS93207070

Type: Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 109

A pair of round barrows PRNs 00239s and 00240s.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 00239s, 00240s Contains: 00239s, Part of:

PRN: 03824s Site name: SOMERSET FARM NORTHWEST  
NGR: SS938696 GPS reading: SS93806960  
Type: Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Vale of Glamorgan  
Form: Condition:  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status:  
A pair of round barrows (00412s, 00413s).  
Dimensions: Altitude: 0  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 00412s, 00413s Contains: 00412s, Part of:

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PRN: 3825s Site name: BREACH FARM ROUND BARROW CEMETERY  
NGR: SS970738 GPS reading:  
Type: Barrow Cemetery UA:  
Form: Condition:  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status:  
Round barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 00299s-00304s and 03809s.  
Dimensions: Altitude:  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03826s Site name: DYFFRYN MONUMENT COMPLEX

NGR: ST10097230 GPS reading: ST10097230

Type: ?Prehistoric monument complex UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible monument complex consisting of a chambered tomb (00003g) and a possible hengiform monument (2833s).

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3s, 2833s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03827s Site name: WELSH ST DONATS

NGR: ST04007510 GPS reading: ST04007510

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This PRN covers the group of round barrows in Welsh St Donats (PRNs 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s).

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707s-709s, 755s, 917s-920s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03828s Site name: FRIARS POINT

NGR: ST11066600 GPS reading: ST11066600

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Round barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 542s, 557s-561s, 568s, 581s and 2992s.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 542s, 557s-561s, 568s, 581s, 2992s Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03829s Site name: NASH POINT

NGR: SS91346930 GPS reading: SS91346930

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Round barrow cemetery, comprising PRNs 401s-404s

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 401s-404s Contains: Part of:

PRN: 03940g Site name: CAIRN, LOWER HALE WOOD (1 OF 3)

NGR: SO52090091 GPS reading: SO52090092

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Gm 191

This highly eroded cairn is a member of the Lower Hale Wood Round Barrow Cemetery, which in 1975 and 1992 Cadw workers were unable to locate due to heavy forestation. The forestry growth was still dense at the time of the present visit although a roughly circular mound characterised by moss-covered stones was visible 20m NE from the road. The cairn is low and covered by dense woodland scrub and felled mature pine trees of various sizes. It appears higher to the SE side with a poorly defined perimeter. The top of the cairn is relatively flat, highly disturbed, with a depression to the centre of the SW side. The cairns are known as "Devils Lap Stones" and there is a local traditon that they are burial mounds of soldiers killed in a battle in the vicinity.

Dimensions: diameter 12m E-W; height 1m Altitude: 190m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8409g, 724g, 725g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 03992g Site name: CINERARY URN, COED-Y-FON FARM, TREDUNNOCK

NGR: ST36909480 GPS reading: ST36909480

Type: Cremation UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Finds Condition: ?Destroyed/ Moved

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Cinerary urn of cordoned type (c1400-1000BC) found with burnt bones and a bone pin or needle during ploughing at Coed-y-fon Farm. The find is presumed moved or destroyed.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 04191m Site name:

NGR: SS91607260 GPS reading: SS9165172649

Type: Round Barrow UA: Vale of Glamorgan

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible cairn seen on RCAHMW aerial photograph 965082. This feature appears to be one and the same as Rhyle Barrow (PRN 432m). These features share the same grid reference, and there is no other feature visible on the ground to which the PRN could apply.

Dimensions: diameter 16m; height 0.3m Altitude: 105m

Siting: Coastal plain Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 432m Contains: Part of:



PRN: 04432g Site name: THORNWELL FARM LONG BARROW

NGR: ST53959167 GPS reading: ST53959167

Type: Chambered Tomb UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 206

The present visit identified a large oval mound, with a level top, situated within a modern housing estate in the centre of an urban green. The mound stands quite high, is aligned NNE-SSW and takes advantage of a lynchet in its sitting; the presence of a mature oak growing on the NE of the mound and the presence of the lynchet may indicate a former field boundary. The mound has a regularly defined perimeter, but the NW periphery utilises the lynchet and is therefore harder to identify. The mound's SE perimeter is clearly defined although much lower in height than its opposite side. There are 3 stones placed within the W perimeter at staggered intervals, which appear regular in their form and setting, and may possibly indicate an intended boundary. There was no visible ditch or, with the exception of the afore mentioned 3 stones, any kerbstones around the mound's perimeter. The mound is characterised to the N by a haphazard arrangement of boulders (0.1m-0.3m in size) around the base of the oak with one large elongated stone aligned NE-SW. A large (3.2m x 1.5m) rectangular feature of four stones creating an enclosed hollow occupies the E area of the mound's flattened top. While an exposed walled feature of stones laid end to end partially encloses and defines the NW and SW limits of the mound's level top.

(1992) Long barrow and Round barrow at Thornwell Farm. Long barrow: A rather ill defined oval mound c.16m by 10m, and c.1.5m high. It occupies a break of slope down a shallow dry valley. A large tree on the mound and its general abraded character suggest that it had been incorporated in a recent hedge bank or lynchet. Excavation revealed a drystone revetment, one large and two small megalithic chambers, one with a porthole, together with articulated and disarticulated human bones, pottery and flint etc. (Cadw 1992).

Dimensions: Dia: 17m NE-SW x 12.5m SE-NW Altitude: 25m

Siting: False Crest Aspect: SW Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 4440g, 4441g, 4460g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 04440g Site name: THORNWELL ROUND BARROW

NGR: ST53989167 GPS reading: ST54009170

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 206

A low sub-circular mound situated in a modern housing estate within an urban green. The mound has a well-defined perimeter and gently sloping sides; no kerbstones or ditch were visible. This site is located close to and is associated with the chambered tomb 4432g.

Dimensions: diameter 17m (N-S) Altitude: 35m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 4432g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 04548g Site name:

NGR: ST23908880 GPS reading: ST23908880

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a pair of possible round barrows visible on an aerial photograph taken in 1992. A field visit to the site during the present study failed to identify any earthworks relating to this feature.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 27g, 4549g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 04549g Site name:

NGR: ST23908880 GPS reading: ST23908880

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Caerphilly

Form: Cropmark Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a pair of possible round barrows visible on an aerial photograph taken in 1992. A field visit to the site during the present study failed to identify any earthworks relating to this feature.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 27g, 4548g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 04552g Site name:

NGR: ST25808480 GPS reading: ST25808480

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Newport

Form: Cropmark Condition: Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The undated cropmark identified in 1992 next to the 'Mount' fort could not be found during the present study. The field is under turnip stubble and the mound has presumably been ploughed out. The owner of Pen y Lan Farm recently sold the field to Mr Jones, and remembers there once being a mound next to the fort, although she thinks it belonged to an OS trig point. It may well have been a Bronze Age barrow and could have just as easily been used as a trig point by OS.

Dimensions: Altitude: 120m

Siting: Local summit Aspect: W Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 04613m Site name: GARTH MOUNTAIN

NGR: ST103458350 GPS reading: ST1034583508

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Round barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 707m, 708m, 709m, 710m and 711m

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 707m-711m Contains: Part of:

PRN: 05237g Site name:

NGR: SO48101420 GPS reading: SO48071419

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large circular mound situated in a regularly ploughed field on a hillslope W of the Norman motte of the same PRN. The mound stands quite high, has a levelled top with a well-defined perimeter. To the W of the mound is a raised bank that may have been part of a now extinct ditch, but there is no evidence for an earthwork around the remainder of the mound's perimeter. The mound is of a monumental type and appears relatively well preserved, albeit ploughed over, and would merit further investigation.

Dimensions: diameter 37.5m; height 2.1m Altitude: 65m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 05341g Site name: THORNWELL LAND ASSESSMENT

NGR: ST54039163 GPS reading: ST54039163

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The suggested cairn at this location no longer exists due to the construction of an modern urban road.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 4432g, 4440g, 5342g, 5343g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 05342g Site name: THORNWELL LAND ASSESSMENT

NGR: ST53999154 GPS reading: ST53999154

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The suggested cairn at this location no longer exists due to the construction of a modern football pitch.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 4432g, 4440g, 5341g, 5343g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 05343g Site name: THORNWELL LAND ASSESSMENT

NGR: ST54009147 GPS reading: ST54009147

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The suggested cairn at this location no longer exists due to the construction of a modern football pitch.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 4432g, 4440g, 5341g, 5342g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 05565g Site name: PWLL DU

NGR: SO24401120 GPS reading: SO24401120

Type: ?Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

In 1992 'an isolated boulder in a relatively undisturbed area of ground' was described, but this site could not be located during the present study due to ground disturbance by modern industrial activity.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06000m Site name: WAUN DEILIAID

NGR: ST12939162 GPS reading: ST12939162

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

The National Monuments Record describes a possible ring cairn, located on a gentle SE-facing slope just below the summit of a hill and about 120m W of Senghenydd Dyke. The remains were said to comprise a low stony bank averaging 1.8m wide and 0.2m high with an overall diameter of 8.6m. Despite this detailed description and the precisely cited grid reference, no feature could be found at this location during a visit to the site as part of the present survey. Weather and ground conditions were ideal for the inspection, and the loss of this monument is puzzling.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06001m Site name: MYNYDD BACH CAIRN

NGR: ST16799182 GPS reading: ST1678791827

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Low round mound lying on gently sloping moorland on Mynydd Bach. The monument is moderately well defined on the NE (uphill) side, but less well defined on the SW (downhill) side. The W half is composed of numerous sandstone cobbles, with rare conglomerate boulders. The E half is covered by turf, with similar stones lie immediately under the surface.

Dimensions: diameter 10.5m (NW-SE); height 0.6m Altitude: 350m

Siting: Hill slope Aspect: SW Viewshed: E-S-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06002m Site name: PONT BREN GWYN RING CAIRN

NGR: ST17089194 GPS reading: ST1708191945

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Ring Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A very low poorly defined earthwork, comprising an arc of earth and stone covered by turf. The ring is open on the W side.

Dimensions: external diameter c 9m; height 4.5m Altitude: 345m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: W-N-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 06187g Site name: GARN WEN

NGR: SO28012565 GPS reading: SO28012565

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This site, informally reported as being a small cairn c 8m in diameter and 0.5m high, was not found during the present study visit. It is possible that this monument has been confused with PRN 1754g.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: ?1754g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06385g Site name:

NGR: SO29000475 GPS reading: SO29000475

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible cairn, described by an undated source. Access to visit this site could not be obtained during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude:

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06853g Site name:

NGR: SO135290808 GPS reading: SO1352908087

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, c15m diameter, circular, possibly post medieval in date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 400m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06858g Site name:

NGR: SO128710850 GPS reading: SO1287108505

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, c14m x 15m, possibly post-medieval in date. The site was not located under the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 440m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06878g Site name: SITE NAME NOT KNOWN

NGR: SO14519068 GPS reading: SO14490684

Type: Round Barrow UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small oval mound situated south of PRN 6879g. The mound is currently under grass and moss with quite steeply sloping sides; no ditch or kerbstones are visible. Nothing in the mound's appearance or form would date it to a definitive period.

Dimensions: diameter 2.5m; height 0.5m Altitude: 450m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06879g Site name: CARN STWPA

NGR: SO14510068 GPS reading: SO14480686

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A cairn situated on a summit with 8 kerbs still visible on the S side. The cairn has been remodelled to create a high (2m) conical cairn in the centre of the original monument. The mound has long since disappeared leaving the kerbstones and what may be a modern beacon.

Dimensions: diameter 8m; height 1.7m Altitude: 450m

Siting: Summit Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE--SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06923g Site name:

NGR: SO12700799 GPS reading: SO12700799

Type: ?Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 405m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06926g Site name:

NGR: SO21570867 GPS reading: SO21570867

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 535m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06927g Site name:

NGR: SO21520840 GPS reading: SO21520840

Type: Round Barrow UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 535m

Siting: Plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06929g Site name:

NGR: SO15820886 GPS reading: SO15820886

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey. It is most likely destroyed due to modern disturbance from the construction of dykes created to feed a reservoir located immediately W of SO15820886.

Dimensions: Altitude: 430m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06945g Site name: ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, EBBW VALE

NGR: SO15750961 GPS reading: SO15750961

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Aerial photographs of the 1940s had suggested the possible existence of a prehistoric cairn to the north of the existing school buildings, but no features or finds were discovered during a watching brief in this area that might have related to such a monument (Pearson 2002).

Reference: Pearson, A, 2002, All Saints catholic primary School, Ebbw Vale: archaeological watching brief (GGAT Report No 2002/032)

Dimensions: Altitude: 405m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06950g Site name:

NGR: SO15651241 GPS reading: SO15651241

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Condition: Not known

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 400m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06955g Site name:

NGR: SO14441339 GPS reading: SO14441339

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Unknown Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 470m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06956g Site name:

NGR: SO14471332 GPS reading: SO14471332

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Not known

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06958g Site name:

NGR: SO14441254 GPS reading: SO14531254

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two cairns, one small (a) and one large (b), situated on a gently sloping hill opposite the Rassau Industrial Estate.

The smaller cairn is circular in form and appears in a highly disturbed state. 3 orthostats are visible in the centre tilting to the W, although no cist is evident. The cairn has an irregularly defined perimeter with cobbles composing the interior. There was no evidence for kerbstones and neither was there any evidence for a ditch.

The larger of the two cairns is a large sub-circular mound with an irregularly defined perimeter. The cairn's W edge becomes blurred with the E edge of the smaller cairn. A linear walled feature and a rectangular walled enclosure define the E area of the cairn. The cairn is composed of a large assemblage of small cobble-sized stone, which contrasts with the smaller cairn that is composed of an assemblage of much larger cobbles.

Dimensions: a) dia 6.5m, h 0.8m; b) dia 16m, h 1.7m Altitude: 440m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 06961g Site name:

NGR: SO13461186 GPS reading: SO13451123

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Two cairns situated on a plateau;

(SO13451123) A large sub-circular cairn with a perimeter of well-faced stones (boulder size 0.1m-0.4m), some standing 2/3 courses in height, situated on a hill slope plateau. The interior is generally disturbed with a depressed hollow (1.1m depth) at its centre. Enclosing the hollow centre is a raised stone feature 1.1m x 1.5m, with a break in the stone bank to the NE.

(SO13441180) A large sub-circular cairn with a perimeter of well-faced stones, boulder size 0.1m-0.4m), some

standing 2/3 courses in height, situated on a hill slope plateau. The perimeter to the SW and SE is sub-linear in form while the NE and NW is more circular. The interior is disturbed although no hollow is evident, the boulders composing the cairn are tabular in form.

Both cairns appear to be of a much later date than the suggested Bronze Age, these are most likely the remnants of Post Mediaeval structures.

Dimensions: diameter 8.85m & 7.1m; height & Altitude: 400m

Siting: Plateau Aspect: W Viewshed: S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8408g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06967g Site name:

NGR: SO20120458 GPS reading: SO20110460

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A curious circular feature with a bank to the S and a hollow immediately to the N. The hollow appears to have excavated into the bank, leaving two low parallel ridges around the E and W edge of the hollow, indicating that this may have been a large mound. The feature may be a Bronze Age barrow excavated for stone in the more recent past. However the abundance of stone in the vicinity, a few centimetres below the surface of the ground and numerous small quarries, would indicate that this site is more likely part of a post-mediaeval or later quarry.

Dimensions: diameter; 16.1m; height 1.6m Altitude: 400m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: W-SW-S-SE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 06968g Site name:

NGR: SO14550630 GPS reading: SO14540638

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A partially destroyed oval cairn with 4 kerb stones defining the mound's perimeter, currently under grass. No ditch was visible.

Dimensions: diameter 5.5m; height 0.3m Altitude: 470m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 06997g Site name:

NGR: SO14680565 GPS reading: SO14680565

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Not known

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Possible cairn, possibly of post-medieval date. The site was not located during the present survey.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 07041g Site name:

NGR: SO14500645 GPS reading: SO14460645

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A sub-circular mound situated on a false crest with a hollow in its centre (0.25m depth). The mound has gently sloping sides and is currently under grass and moss; there are no visible kerbstones, ditch or the suggested 'ruined ring'. The mound's setting is more characteristic of the Bronze Age rather than the post-mediaeval period.

Dimensions: diameter 2.8m; height 0.5m Altitude: 460m

Siting: False crest Aspect: N Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 07042g Site name:

NGR: SO17130590 GPS reading: SO17130587

Type: Round Barrow (Ring Cairn) UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This was described in the Uplands Survey as a ring cairn, but if so, only the E quadrant of the ring bank remains; the N end of this bank appears to curve in the opposite direction, but this may be due to disturbance by the path which cuts through the feature. A small earthen mound oval in shape aligned N-S lies to the W, within the possible ring. The feature appears to be constructed of earth; however further investigation was hampered by frozen ground. The feature is located within the eastern area of a sunken plateau (c100x50m) that also contains a densely vegetated waterlogged area to the W. There is possible paleoenvironmental potential within the W of the plateau.

Dimensions: mound 5x3.6m, ring 13m; height; Altitude: 440m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 07043g Site name:

NGR: SO16500750 GPS reading: SO16500750

Type: Round Barrow UA: Blaenau Gwent

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damage

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible earthwork with undefined perimeters situated within a hollow found in the hillside creating a gently sloping plateau aligned to the N. The feature is hard to identify although a small mound can be seen which is oval in shape. There are two sandstone boulders (c0.4x0.2m) located 2m NE of the feature which could be identified as kerb stones. The mound is covered by 0.2m of waterlogged soil, containing a dense cover of quillwort and heather possibly indicating paleoenvironmental potential. The presence of waterlogged soil and dense vegetation makes further identification problematic. The date and form of the feature must be questioned due to the presence of comparatively modern (18th/19th century) quarrying found to the NE further down the hillslope.

Dimensions: 10m E-W x 6m, 0.6m high Altitude: 475m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: North Viewshed: N-NE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 07057g Site name:

NGR: ST491029755 GPS reading: ST49119757

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM

A large sub-circular cairn situated in dense woodland on a ridge crest. The cairn has an irregularly defined perimeter with no visible evidence for a ditch or kerbstones. The sides are quite steeply sloping to the SE-S-SW with a more gently gradient to the N&NW. The cairn is composed of cobble sized stone. The mound is generally higher to the S and the top is heavily disturbed with a 2m hollow at its centre, most likely the result of a robbing event. The cairn to the S, described as a possible satellite cairn, is most likely the spoil removed from the larger cairns centre.

Dimensions: diameter 11.3m; height 0.5m-1.4m Altitude: 340m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 07083g Site name:

NGR: ST498519201 GPS reading: ST49919205

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An oval shaped cairn situated in an area of dense woodland, a low mound much disturbed by many growing trees. The mound is comprised of cobble sized stone with a partially defined perimeter. At the top of the mound in a central position is a small depression, which appears to have been formed by an uprooted tree.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height:0.4m Altitude: 70m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: E Viewshed: E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 07113g Site name:

NGR: ST496249247 GPS reading: ST49639245

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small domed shaped cairn, circular in form, situated within woodland on a hill gently sloping to the N. The cairn has a regularly defined perimeter and is comprised of cobble sized stone, which is moss covered. The cairn is located in leaf litter with a mature beech tree growing from its NW edge. To the W is a stone lined pit which matches the description for PRN 7079g.

Dimensions: diameter 3.5m N-S height; 0.4m Altitude: 100m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: W-NW-N-NE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 07738g Site name: MYNYDD-BACH, NEWCHURCH, SITE 2

NGR: ST44559749 GPS reading: ST44559749

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible ring ditch identified as a crop-mark on a 1971 aerial photograph (BKS/157947). No features relating to this possible monument were detected on the ground during a visit as part of the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 07740g Site name: MILL FARM ?LANGSTONE

NGR: ST39559184 GPS reading: ST39559184

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Pair of ring ditches seen on aerial photographs. From width of cropmarks they are probably prehistoric ritual monuments rather than round-houses. In either case, they could not be located on the ground during the present study.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 07743g Site name: COALPITS NORTH, ST PIERRE

NGR: ST49359302 GPS reading: ST49359302

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cropmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A 'cluster of circular features showing as light cropmarks'. These could not be located at the cited NGR during the present study, but the adjacent field contains seven unusual linear and sub-circular earthworks with possible clearance cairns located at the terminals of each feature. The only exception was a horseshoe shaped raised bank, containing a scattering of cobble sized stones within its depressed interior, which is not itself connected to any earthwork. The alignment of the earthworks, their sunken nature and the presence of cairns at the terminals might indicate possible mediaeval land tenure plots.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 07755g Site name:

NGR: ST44439045 GPS reading: ST44439045

Type: ?Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Soilmark Condition: Unknown

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Ring ditch c 25m across appearing as soilmark, perhaps a prehistoric ritual site. This crop mark could not be located during the present study, although to the W of the cited NGR, next to the road, was a round depression (25m diameter) that according to the owner floods every winter creating a pond.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08113g Site name: HATTERALL HILL ROUND CAIRN

NGR: SO31402430 GPS reading: SO31482439

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 300

Two mounds 1m apart, aligned N-S, situated on the crest of Hatterall Hill to the E boundary of Offa's Dyke path.

Cairn 1 (N)-The mound is circular in form with gently sloping sides and is the higher of the two. The mound is domed in form with an irregularly defined perimeter, although no kerbstones or ditch was evident.

Cairn 2 (S)-The mound is oval in form with gently sloping sides and is the lower of the two. The mound is domed in form with an irregularly defined perimeter, although no kerbstones or ditch was evident.

Offa's Dyke Path runs directly to the W of the cemetery's perimeter, however does not encroach upon it. The mounds appear to be intact examples of a RBCEMP.

Dimensions: dia;(1) 13m N-S (2) 13.5m, hght;(1) Altitude: 470m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 08114g, 8115g, 1600g, 4513.0g Contains: Part of:



PRN: 08114g Site name: GARREG LAS ROUND CAIRNS, CRUCORNEY  
NGR: SO30902560 GPS reading: SO30902568  
Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA: Monmouthshire  
Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 302  
Two cairns that satellite the Neolithic enclosure (SO30772554).  
Dimensions: Altitude: 540m  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 08113g, 8115g, 1600g, 4513.0g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08115g Site name: THREE WELLS ROUND CAIRN, HATTERALL HILL  
NGR: SO31502370 GPS reading: SO31502370  
Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire  
Form: Earthwork Condition: Intact  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 303  
A large low circular mound situated on a false crest on Hatterall Hill. The mound appears undisturbed and substantially intact, though the SE of the mound is higher and the surface generally uneven. The mound has a regularly defined perimeter with no evidence for a ditch or kerbstones.  
Dimensions: diameter 10m N-S height; 0.4m Altitude: 420m  
Siting: False crest Aspect: SE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 08113g, 08114g, 1600g, 4513.0g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08393g Site name:

NGR: ST47688917 GPS reading: ST47689106

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A sub-circular stone cairn with an irregularly defined perimeter situated in woodlandS of the citedl NGR. The interior is depressed and consists of cobble and boulder-sized stones. The cairn also appears substantially disturbed. Within the centre and the E area of the cairn there are two circular depressions constructed of regularly placed stones (1m x 1m). The cairn has several large trees growing around its perimeter. It is unlikely that this cairn is the one described by Crawford (1921).

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 0.5m Altitude: 40m

Siting: False crest Aspect: SW Viewshed: N-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8400g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08396g Site name:

NGR: SO26971183 GPS reading: SO26971183

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A sub-circular cairn comprising of cobble and boulder sized stone (sandstone) The feature has an irregular perimeter that utilizes the natural ridge edge to define its SE extremity. Within the SE area two circular depressions (c0.2m & 0.4m respectively, in depth) can be observed, constructed of purposefully laid cobble and boulder sized stone. The construction of the NW area utilizes a combination of a natural limestone outcrop and cobble and boulder sized stone. The interior contains three upright stones (0.7m in height and 0.2-0.4m in diameter) aligned in a sub-linear form that look too regular to be natural, but if it is part of a cist, its original form is not apparent.

Dimensions: diameter 10-12.5m; height 1m Altitude: 555m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01774g, 01776g, 8397g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08397g Site name:  
NGR: SO26971183 GPS reading: SO26971183  
Type: Round Barrow Cemetery UA: Monmouthshire  
Form: Condition:  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status:  
This PRN covers the barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 01774g, 01776g and 8396g.  
Dimensions: Altitude: 555m  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 01774g, 01776g, 8396g Contains: 01774g Part of:

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PRN: 08398g Site name:  
NGR: ST49319292 GPS reading: ST49319292  
Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire  
Form: Structure Condition: Damaged  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status:  
An oval cairn aligned N-S with a SSW aspect situated in local woodland on a field boundary. The cairn's perimeter is regularly defined although there is no evidence of any kerb stones or ditch. The cairn is domed in form with gently sloping sides and is constructed of cobble and boulder sized stone. The cairn has suffered some erosion due to the presence of many juvenile and mature trees growing along the mound's perimeter, the most notable erosion has occurred in the N where an uprooted mature beech has lifted the edge of the cairn.  
Dimensions: diameter 19m N-S, height; 0.9m Altitude: 100m  
Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSW Viewshed: SE-S-SW-NW  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08399g Site name:

NGR: ST49319292 GPS reading: ST49319292

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Shirenewton

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An oval cairn, with a regularly defined perimeter, aligned N - S. The cairn interior is rounded, quite substantial and consists predominately of large cobbles with a few small boulders and no visible kerb stones. The cairn has trees growing along its perimeter causing some erosion most notably to the N where an uprooted tree has lifted the edge of the cairn.

Dimensions: diameter 19m; height 0.9m Altitude: 100m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSW Viewshed: SE-S-SW-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 07743g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08400g Site name:

NGR: ST47688917 GPS reading: ST47689106

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A sub-circular stone cairn with an irregularly defined perimeter situated in woodland south of NGR of PRN 8393g. The interior is cut by a depression and consists of cobble and boulder sized stone, the cairn also appears substantially disturbed. Within the centre and the E area of the cairn there are two circular depressions constructed of regularly placed stones (1m x 1m). The cairn has several large trees growing around its perimeter. 25m to the north is a curious collection of upright stones (height c1m) that may be natural and c60m west is a linear earthwork, aligned N - S, containing many boulder sized stones. It is unlikely that this cairn is the one described by Crawford in 1921 (source 1 NMR).

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height; 0.5m Altitude: 40m

Siting: False crest Aspect: SW Viewshed: N-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8393g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08401g Site name:

NGR: ST43829351 GPS reading: ST43829351

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Approximately 18m SE of PRN 987g is a small circular mound 6m across and standing 0.25m in height; the centre of the mound is depressed by 0.1m and is 1m in diameter. The mound is turf covered with a path eroding its SW edge. Boulder and cobble sized stone define its SW, S and SE perimeter, the NE and E being obscured by dense vegetation. The mound appears to be in a highly eroded state.

Dimensions: diameter 6m; height 0.25m Altitude: 245m

Siting: False crest Aspect: Level Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
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PRN: 08402g Site name:

NGR: ST44099327 GPS reading: ST44099327

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A standing stone east of 1004g situated in dense heather, bracken and brambles; it appears the same lithology as the stone row and circle 987g and 988g. Possibly contemporary with 987g and 988g although may also be a boundary marker of post-mediaeval date. 35m N is another standing stone.

Dimensions: Dia 1.1m (base) x 0.25m, 0.45m (top); Altitude: 210m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8393g

PRN: 08403g Site name:

NGR: ST44089329 GPS reading: ST44089329

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A standing stone situated in dense heather, bracken and brambles which is rectangular and box like in form; it appears to be the same lithology as the stone row and circle 987g and 988g. Possibly contemporary with 987g and 988g although may also be a boundary marker of a post-mediaeval date.

Dimensions: diameter 1m x 0.9m. height; 0.7m. Altitude: 215m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SSE Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8393g

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PRN: 08404g Site name:

NGR: ST44159314 GPS reading: ST44159314

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A standing stone situated in dense heather, bracken and brambles that is sub-rectangular form; it appears the same sedimentary rock as the stone row and circle 987g and 988g. Possibly contemporary with 987g & 988g although may also be a boundary marker of a post-mediaeval date.

Dimensions: diameter 1.5m x 1m; height 0.45m Altitude: 185m

Siting: Hillside Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 987g, 988g, 1002g, 1003, 1004g Contains: Part of:  
& 8393g

PRN: 08405g Site name:

NGR: SO27090981 GPS reading: SO27090981

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small oval cairn situated on a flat plateau; the mound is quite low with moderately steep sides and consists of regularly placed cobble and boulder sized stones with a partially defined perimeter. There are larger stones defining the perimeter with much smaller stones defining the interior. However, the larger stones defining the perimeter do not appear to be kerb like in form.

Dimensions: diameter 4.3m E-W x 3m N-S; height; Altitude: 500m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8406g, 8407g, 2088g and 2089g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08406g Site name:

NGR: SO27710874 GPS reading: SO27710874

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small oval cairn with a well defined perimeter, consisting of cobble and boulder sized stone. The mound is situated within an area of marshy sphagnum, heather and natural rock outcrops; it is the only feature of specifically placed stones within an otherwise natural area.

Dimensions: diameter 3.2m SE-NW x 2m NE-SW; Altitude: 470m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8405-8406g, 2088g, 2089g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08407g Site name:

NGR: SO27080846 GPS reading: SO27080846

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A seriously eroded low circular cairn consisting of cobble and boulder sized stone situated on a gently sloping ridge crest. It has a circular depression within its eastern area, which may have been a burial although the heavy erosion of the site makes identification problematic. The cairn's perimeter is regularly defined although no kerb-stones or ditch are evident.

Dimensions: diameter 7m N-S height; 0.35m Altitude: 440m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: S Viewshed: SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8405-8406g, 2088g and 2089g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08408g Site name: CARN MILGATW

NGR: SO13461184 GPS reading: SO13461184

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A kerbed cairn situated on a local summit that overlooks the two cairns of 6961g. The cairn is defined by 5 kerbstones, which encloses a low earthen mound with gently sloping sides. The largest stone is a quartz conglomerate. No ditch is visible. Although the mound appears quite low there is little disturbance and it therefore seems highly likely to contain prehistoric landsurfaces and deposits.

Dimensions: diameter 6.4m; height 0.7m Altitude: 390m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: W Viewshed: S-SW-W-NW-N

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 6961g Contains: Part of:



PRN: 08409g Site name: LOWER HALE WOOD ROUND BARROW CEMETERY

NGR: SO52090091 GPS reading: SO52090091

Type: Round Barrow (Cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cemetery Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This PRN covers the barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 724g, 725g and 3940g.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 3940g, 724g, 725g Contains: 3940g, Part of:

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PRN: 08410g Site name: LOXIDGE TUMP NORTH

NGR: SO28872957 GPS reading: SO28872957

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small unremarkable cairn located on the public footpath to Llanthony Priory, which is W of the Offa's Dyke path. The mound is partially under turf with what appears to be modern stone additions placed on its top. The perimeter is quite well defined, although no obvious kerbstones were evident.

Dimensions: diameter 2.5m; height 0.75m Altitude: 610m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08411g Site name: GRAIG DDU NORTH

NGR: SO28412660 GPS reading: SO28412660

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular mound with gently sloping sides and a domed top situated on a plateau. There is a slight depression in the W side of the mound, though the mound remains largely undisturbed. The mound's proximity to 1751g and 8412g may indicate that this is a cemetery site, also the association of Graig Ddu with Garn Wen cannot be ignored. The site is located within a rich prehistoric landscape and it is therefore quite probable that prehistoric surfaces and deposits are preserved beneath the mound.

Dimensions: diameter 6.7m; height 1.4m Altitude: 500m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: All sides

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8413g, 1751g, 8412g Contains: Part of: 8413g

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PRN: 08412g Site name: GRAIG DDU WEST

NGR: SO28282639 GPS reading: SO28282639

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular mound under heather and sphagnum with a highly disturbed interior situated on a false crest. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter although no ditch or kerbstones were evident. The mound has quite steeply sloping sides with some small depressions defining a relatively level top. The mound's proximity to 1751g and 8411g may indicate that this is a cemetery site, also the association of Graig Ddu with Garn Wen cannot be ignored. The site is located within a rich prehistoric landscape.

Dimensions: diameter 9.5m N-S height; 0.75 Altitude: 480m

Siting: False crest Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8413g 1751g, 8411g Contains: Part of: 8413g

PRN: 08413g Site name: GRAIG DDU ROUND BARROW CEMTERY

NGR: SO28452646 GPS reading: SO28452646

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cemetery Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible round barrow cemetery site situated on Graig Ddu incorporating PRNs 1751g, 8411g and 8412g.

Dimensions: Altitude: 480m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1751g, 8411-2g Contains: 1751g Part of:

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PRN: 08414g Site name:

NGR: SO19680439 GPS reading: SO19680439

Type: Round Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A circular turf covered mound situated next to a public right of way. The mound's perimeter is regularly defined with one stone defining the S edge. The mound is quite high to the NE&E with an almost square edged top to the E. There is a depression to the W which begins at the mound's centre and declines to its W perimeter. There are also several stones scattered around the mound's top. The mound has a penultimate stone layer under a shallow turf horizon.

Dimensions: diameter 10.5m; height 1.6m Altitude: 415m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08415g Site name: DERI MERDDOG ROUND BARROW PAIR

NGR: SO19280474 GPS reading: SO19280474

Type: Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large oval mound with a regularly defined perimeter situated in forestry NE of a car park. The mound has a level but slim top with steeply sloping sides; no ditch or kerbstones are evident. The earthen mound is located in an area of much older mature forest, that predates the later forestry to the W.

Dimensions: diameter 9.5m; height; 1.8m Altitude: 415m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8416-7g Contains: Part of: 8417g

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PRN: 08416g Site name: DERI MERDDOG ROUND BARROW PAIR

NGR: SO19290477 GPS reading: SO19290477

Type: Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A small earthen mound situated in a mature forestry plantation. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter with a modern machine track cutting through its S edge. It also has a rectangular shaped wedge excavated from the E side (0.4m x 0.4m x 0.35m depth), which has exposed a predominantly earthen section with some small stones. The mound has had many trees growing over its surface.

Dimensions: diameter 3.5m; height; 0.6m Altitude: 410m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW-W-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8415g, 8417g Contains: Part of: 8417g

PRN: 08417g Site name: DERI MERDDOG ROUND BARROW PAIR

NGR: SO19280474 GPS reading: SO19280474

Type: Barrow Cemetery (pair) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cemetery Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This PRN covers the barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 8415g and 8416g.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 8415-6g Contains: IXg, IYg Part of:

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PRN: 08418g Site name:

NGR: ST25619116 GPS reading: ST25619116

Type: ?Round Barrow (?Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large stone cairn was located in the centre of a well maintained pasture field. The cairn is sub-circular in form with a possible additional oval cairn against the SE perimeter. Both cairns are seriously eroded and have recently been quarried for material to build the farmer's track. It remains unclear if this site is prehistoric, although the 1886 OS map indicates a copse of trees in the exact shape and location as the cairn, certainly indicating a site of some antiquity.

Dimensions: diameter 21m; height 1.2m Altitude: 190m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08419g Site name:

NGR: SO20211504 GPS reading: SO20211504

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large circular cairn situated in an area of exposed stones. The cairn is characterised by a central mound with satellite sub-rectangular cells located around its E-S-W edge, the hollows are composed of regularly placed boulders (0.2m-0.6m) enclosing a floor layer of small cobbles (0.05m-0.1m). The date of the cairn is difficult to discern, though the main mound has a temporary appearance whilst the cells seem more robust.

Dimensions: diameter 14.5m; height 1.75m Altitude: 480m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NNE Viewshed: NW-N-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08420g Site name:

NGR: SO27792638 GPS reading: SO27792638

Type: Round Barrow (Kerb Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible round barrow kerb cairn situated in dense heather. The mound is oval in shape and appears to have two raised mounds both defining the opposing ends of the cairn. The cairn's perimeter is defined by the inwardly facing flat edges of 11 stones, averaging 0.4m in width, placed in a regular fashion. The mound is generally eroded with no evidence for a ditch.

Dimensions: diameter 7.5m; height 0.6m Altitude: 510m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NE&E Viewshed: NE-E-SE-S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08421g Site name:

NGR: SO28132639 GPS reading: SO28132639

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large sub-circular cairn situated on a hillslope under dense heather; the monument is almost totally obscured by vegetation and was only discovered by chance during the present survey. There is a raised circular feature within the cairn that contains an oval depression aligned E-W, 4.2m in length x 0.2m in depth, which may be the remnants of a burial or cist. The raised circular internal feature (6.2m E-W) has steeply sloping sides to the S and is almost level with the cairn's N area; the cairn's S area is generally raised (1m) and the N is almost at ground level. The cairn is generally composed of purposefully laid boulders (0.1m-0.5m) with an irregularly defined perimeter; no kerbstones or ditch was evident.

Dimensions: diameter 14.2m N-S x 10m E-W; Altitude: 400m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08422g Site name:

NGR: SO27192512 GPS reading: SO27192512

Type: ?Chambered Tomb UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible capstone lying flat on a fairly steep SW slope situated in a field adjacent to Mynydd Ddu forestry. It is sub-rectangular in form and covered in sphagnum and other mosses. The stone lies in an area of naturally exposed rock and is well worn in comparison; however its size, form and weathered surface are not easily dismissed. This stone stands in isolation and appears to have been exposed to weathering for some considerable time. It remains highly probable that there could be buried prehistoric deposits beneath the stone.

Dimensions: diameter 3-3.3m; height 0.15m Altitude: 205m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: SW Viewshed: S-SW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08423g Site name:

NGR: ST08097471 GPS reading: ST08097471

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: ?Moved

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A recumbent standing stone overlying a comparatively modern metal-railed fence. The stone is quite large and has a relatively flat SW edge and a smaller NE point that may have been the uppermost part of the stone if it was ever erect. The stone is over a metre thick and appears to have been rolled down the hill, now resting over the metal fence. The local summit from which it may have originated is located at ST08147460 and has commanding views on all sides. John Powell, proprietor, cannot recall a standing stone situated on the local summit as far back as the mid-20th century: the metal fence is not much earlier than the mid-19th century and would therefore suggest a terminus post quem for the movement of the stone.

Dimensions: diameter 3.1m x 1.5m; height 1m Altitude: 90m

Siting: Valley base Aspect: Level Viewshed: Nil

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08424g Site name:

NGR: SO31212322 GPS reading: SO31212322

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large oval cairn located a metre S of a footpath, situated on a false crest that has a commanding view of the Crucorney and Skirid valleys to the S. The cairn has a regularly defined perimeter with a single stone to the N and 3 larger stones to the S, which may have be kerbstones. The S of the cairn appears disturbed with the 3 possible kerbstones lying flat along its perimeter. The cairn is generally composed of stone cobbles and boulders (0.05m-0.8m). The cairn has a domed shape and is partially turf covered to the N & W. The cairn's setting and intact nature would indicate possible buried prehistoric landsurfaces and deposits.

Dimensions: diameter 9m N-S x 7m E-W; height Altitude: 335m

Siting: False crest Aspect: S Viewshed: W-SW-S-SE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:



PRN: 08425g Site name:

NGR: SO31162326 GPS reading: SO31162326

Type: Long Barrow UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A long barrow cairn situated close and to the W of PRN 8424g within an enclosed field that has a ruined cottage within its N most area (Boxtree Cottage). The long barrow is highly disturbed and its middle portion of stones has been robbed away to ground level. The cairn has an irregularly defined perimeter, with 2 large stones to the N which look kerb-like. The S area is much disturbed, but the S perimeter utilises the lip of the false crest to define its limits. The mound to the S stands quite low (0.4m) whilst the mound to the N stands quite high (1.2m). The cairn's sitting and its proximity to PRN 8424g and the rich prehistoric landscape further N would indicate a Bronze Age date for the monument.

Dimensions: diameter 28.5m SSW-NNE x 7m Altitude: 345m

Siting: False crest Aspect: SSW Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08426g Site name:

NGR: SO31272325 GPS reading: SO31272325

Type: ?Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Three cairns located around Boxtree Cottage most likely to be the remnants of a now extinct field boundary.

(a) (SO31272325 350m OD)

A small cairn of turf covered stones situated on the end of a false crest, within an enclosed field that has a ruined cottage to the NW (Boxtree Cottage). The mound has a large flat stone defining its N perimeter. The mound is most likely the remnants of a now extinct field boundary. Diameter; 5.5m E-W, height; 1m.

(b) (SO31232328 355m OD)

A small cairn of turf covered stones situated on the end of a false crest, within an enclosed field that has a ruined cottage to the N (Boxtree Cottage). The mound has a flat top and steeply sloping sides. The mound is most likely the remnants of a now extinct field boundary. Diameter; 8.3m N-S, height; 0.4m.

(c) (SO31292328 354m OD)

A small cairn of turf covered stones situated on the end of a false crest, within an enclosed field that has a ruined cottage to the W. The mound is domed to the N and gently sloping to the S. The mound is most likely the remnants of a now extinct field boundary. Diameter; 10m N-S, height; 0.4m S x 0.9m N.

Dimensions: See description. Altitude: 350m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: S Viewshed: E-SE-S-SW-W

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08428g Site name:

NGR: SO21470989 GPS reading: SO21470989

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A large oval cairn jutting out of the hillside a few metres below the ridge's summit. The mound has steeply sloping sides, an almost level S side and a conical top. No kerbstones or ditch were visible.

Dimensions: dia;10.5m E-W x 12.5m N-S, hght; S Altitude: 530m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: E-NE-N-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08429g Site name:

NGR: SO21401013 GPS reading: SO21401013

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A sub-circular mound situated on a hillslope. The mound has a regularly defined perimeter with a slight indentation to the W side. The mound is domed in form with a small hole in its centre (diameter; 0.2m x depth; 0.2m). The cairn is in direct view of PRN 8428g.

Dimensions: diameter 10m; height 1.6m Altitude: 515m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: Level Viewshed: W-NW-N-NE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08430g Site name:

NGR: SO21211048 GPS reading: SO21211048

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

An oval cairn, of stones too regular to be natural, situated below 6519g and in direct view of the standing stone 'Carreg Gwyir' located on the ridge to the S. The cairn is composed of boulders (0.1m-0.5m) and is situated on the lip of a false crest. It appears on an 1886 OS map as a sheepfold.

Dimensions: diameter 8m N-S x 4m E-W; height; Altitude: 500m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: W-NW-N-NE-E

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08431g Site name:

NGR: SO21401028 GPS reading: SO21401028

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A possible recumbent standing stone aligned E-W with the probable base to the E. The stone is wider to the N and is situated in a slight hollow on a steeply sloping hillside. The form of the stone is unusual, being elongated and tapered, and differs from the other exposed stone in the vicinity.

Dimensions: diameter 2m x 0.8m; height 0.7m Altitude: 480m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: NE Viewshed: N-NE-E-SE-S-SW-NW

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08432g Site name: CARREG GWYIR

NGR: SO21191034 GPS reading: SO21191034

Type: Standing Stone UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially intact

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A standing stone rectangular in plan, situated in a quillwort rich sheep worn hollow on a ridge crest. The stone leans slightly to the N and is also bowed toward the same direction. The stone may be a mediaeval or post-mediaeval boundary marker although the presence of many prehistoric monuments in the vicinity might indicate a monument of an earlier period.

Dimensions: diameter 0.3m x 0.5m; height; 1.2m Altitude: 500m

Siting: Ridge crest Aspect: N Viewshed: SW-W-NW-N-NE-E-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08434g Site name: CARNEDDI LLWYDION I

NGR: ST105289205 GPS reading: ST1052892056

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a pair of well preserved cairns 1.5 km W of Mynydd Eglwysilan. Grass and bracken covered ring cairn with a substantial bank composed primarily of stone. The earthwork ring is a maximum of 2m wide and 0.4m high, and there is a 2m break in the NE portion. The interior comprises a loose mound of sandstone cobbles and boulders surviving up to 1.1m in height. A few bricks can also be observed, attesting to a degree of modern tipping within the monument.

Dimensions: diameter 17.1m; height 1.1m Altitude: 330m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-E, SW-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 670m ,8435g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08435g Site name: CARNEDDI LLWYDION II

NGR: ST105159202 GPS reading: ST1051592022

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA: Caerphilly

Form: Earthwork Condition: Damaged

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a pair of well preserved cairns 1.5 km W of Mynydd Eglwysilan. The monument, lying 20m SW of 8435g, is a ring cairn with substantial, well defined, earth and stone bank. The width of the bank is somewhat variable, being up to 2m in thickness; it survives to a maximum height of 0.6m. There are two interruptions in the bank, on the N and W sides; it is unclear if either is an original entrance or whether they are the result of more recent damage. The interior comprises a mound of cobble- and boulder-sized sandstones, and appears to have been robbed in recent times.

Dimensions: diameter 14.5m; height 0.6m Altitude: 340m

Siting: Upland plateau Aspect: Level Viewshed: N-E, SW-SE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 670m, 8434g Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08436g Site name:

NGR: ST104619215 GPS reading: ST1046192154

Type: Cist UA: Caerphilly

Form: Structure Condition: Substantially destroyed

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A tumble of large boulders within a circular depression that measures 6m in diameter and 0.5m deep. This is not a natural outcrop, and seems likely to be a collapsed cist. There is no sign of a surrounding earthwork. The boulders are typically squarish slabs, c 1m in diameter, though some are as little as half this size. The largest example, on the N side, has a diameter of 1.3m and may be the capstone.

Dimensions: see descriptive text Altitude: 330m

Siting: Hillslope Aspect: N Viewshed: NW-N-NE

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08437g Site name: CAIRN WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN

NGR: ST25119273 GPS reading: ST25119273

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cemetery Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

This PRN covers the barrow cemetery comprising PRNs 138-141g.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: 138g Part of:

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PRN: 08439g Site name: CAIRN CEMETERY WEST OF CRAIG-Y-DUFFRYN

NGR: ST25119273 GPS reading: ST25119273

Type: Round Barrow (cemetery) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Cemetery Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 45

A group of four cairns (PRNs 00138g-00141g), in an area of mountain pasture.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 138g, 139g, 140g, 141g Contains: 138g Part of:

PRN: 08440g Site name: ROUND BARROW CEMETERY NORTHWEST OF WENTWOOD LODGE

NGR: ST416945 GPS reading: ST41609450

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 167

A pair of round barrows, 1020g and 1021g.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 1020g, 1021g Contains: 1020g, Part of:

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PRN: 08441g Site name: CAIRN CEMETERY AT GARN WEN, LLANTHONY

NGR: SO280256 GPS reading:

Type: Round barrow cemetery (pair) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Pair of cairn 01754g, 01755g, the latter of which may have contained a cist

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01754g, 01755g Contains: 01754g, Part of:

PRN: 08442g Site name: CARN Y DEFAID BARROW CEMETERY  
NGR: SO270100 GPS reading: SO27001000  
Type: Round barrow cemetery (pair) UA:  
Form: Condition:  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 209;BBNP;SSSI  
A pair of cairns, 02081g and 03783g  
Dimensions: Altitude: 0  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 02081g, 03783g Contains: 02081g, Part of:

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PRN: 08443g Site name: HATTERALL HILL CAIRN (1 of 2)  
NGR: SO31402430 GPS reading: SO31402430  
Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA:  
Form: Condition:  
RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 300  
One of a pair of cairns on the crest of Hatterall Hill; the pair has been given the group number PRN 08113g.  
Cairn 1 (N)-The mound is circular in form with gently sloping sides and is the higher of the two. The mound is domed in form with an irregularly defined perimeter, although no kerbstones or ditch was evident.  
Dimensions: Altitude: 0  
Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:  
Site visit comment:  
Related PRNs: 08113g, 08444g Contains: Part of: 08113g



PRN: 08444g Site name: HATTERALL HILL CAIRN (2 of 2)

NGR: SO31402430 GPS reading: SO31402430

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 300

One of a pair of cairns on the crest of Hatterall Hill; the pair has been given the group number PRN 08113g.

Cairn 2 (S)-The mound is oval in form with gently sloping sides and is the lower of the two. The mound is domed in form with an irregularly defined perimeter, although no kerbstones or ditch was evident.

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 08113g, 08443g Contains: Part of: 08443g

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PRN: 08445g Site name: GARREG LAS ROUND CAIRN, CRUCORNEY

NGR: SO30902568 GPS reading: SO30902568

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 302

The northernmost of a pair of cairns which have been given the group number PRN 08114g and form part of the monument complex PRN 8452g.

An oval mound currently under a dense heather cover situated NE of the hengiform monument. The mound has an irregularly defined perimeter that is difficult to identify due to the dense undergrowth. The sides are gently sloping and the top uneven. Many large cobbles (0.1m-0.2m) can be felt a few centimetres below the ground surface. The mound does not look disturbed and it is therefore possible that prehistoric deposits and landsurfaces are contained within.

Dimensions: Diameter; 10m NNW-SSE x 8m Altitude: 540m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 08114g, PRN 8452g, 08446g Contains: Part of: 08114g

PRN: 08446g Site name: GARREG LAS ROUND CAIRN PAIR, CRUCORNEY

NGR: SO30902560 GPS reading: SO30902560

Type: Round Barrow (Cairn) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status: SAM Mm 302

The southernmost of a pair of cairns which have been given the group number PRN 08114g and form part of the monument complex PRN 08452g. (SO30712549 524m OD)

A small mound of turf covered stones (0.1m-0.3m) situated SW of the hengiform monument. The mound is sub-circular in form with an irregularly defined perimeter no ditch or kerbstones were evident. The mound is currently under a dense cover of heather however a small hollow can be seen at its centre.

Dimensions: Diameter; 7.5m E-W, height; 0.8m. Altitude: 540m

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: Contains: Part of:

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PRN: 08447g Site name: CAIRN IN GRAY HILL CEMETERY 2

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of five ruined cairns, each with a small cist, noted by OS fieldworkers in 1956; not located in heavy vegetation cover

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01004g, 08448g-08451g Contains: Part of: 01004g

PRN: 08448g Site name: CAIRN IN GRAY HILL CEMETERY 2

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of five ruined cairns, each with a small cist, noted by OS fieldworkers in 1956; not located in heavy vegetation cover

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01004g, 08447g, 08449g-08451g Contains: Part of: 01004g

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PRN: 08449g Site name: CAIRN IN GRAY HILL CEMETERY 2

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of five ruined cairns, each with a small cist, noted by OS fieldworkers in 1956; not located in heavy vegetation cover

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01004g, 08447g, 08448g, 00850g, 08451g Contains: Part of: 01004g

PRN: 08450g Site name: CAIRN IN GRAY HILL CEMETERY 2

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of five ruined cairns, each with a small cist, noted by OS fieldworkers in 1956; not located in heavy vegetation cover

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01004g, 08447g - 08449g, 08451g Contains: Part of: 01004g

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PRN: 08451g Site name: CAIRN IN GRAY HILL CEMETERY 2

NGR: ST44039327 GPS reading: ST44039327

Type: Round barrow (cairn) UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

One of a group of five ruined cairns, each with a small cist, noted by OS fieldworkers in 1956; not located in heavy vegetation cover

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01004g, 08447g-08450g Contains: Part of: 01004g

PRN: 08452g Site name: GARREG LAS MONUMENT COMPLEX

NGR: SO30902560 GPS reading: SO30902560

Type: Prehistoric monument complex UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A prehistoric monument complex consisting of a pair of cairns 08114g, and a hengiform monument (01600g)

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 08113g, 8115g, 1600g, 4513.0g Contains: 08113g Part of:

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PRN: 08453g Site name: GRAY HILL MONUMENT COMPLEX

NGR: ST435935 GPS reading: ST43509350

Type: Prehistoric monument complex UA: Monmouthshire

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

A complex of monuments, mainly cairns, but also including a standing stone (00988g), stone row (08454g), stone circle (00987g)

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 00988g, 1004g, 08447g-08451g Contains: Part of:

PRN: 08454g Site name: ROUND BARROW CEMETERY N OF FIVE LANES

NGR: ST45059090 GPS reading: ST45059090

Type: Round Barrow Cemetery (Pair) UA:

Form: Condition:

RCAHMW ref: no. Status:

Pair of round barrows N of Five Lanes (PRNs 01031g, 01032g)

Dimensions: Altitude: 0

Siting: Aspect: Viewshed:

Site visit comment:

Related PRNs: 01031g, 01032g Contains: 01031g, Part of:

Map 1. Chambered tombs and long barrows

Map 2. Cists, cremations and inhumations



Map 3. Henges

Map 4. Ring ditches

Map 5. Prehistoric monument complexes

Map 6. Round barrows: main distribution

Map 6a. Round barrows: Vale of Glamorgan

Map 6b. Round barrows: other areas

Map 7. Round barrows (cairns): main distribution

Map 7a: Round barrows (cairns): selected area



Map 8. Round barrows (ring cairns and kerb cairns)

Map 9. Round barrows (structured cairns)

Map 10. Round barrows: cemeteries, cemeteries (pairs) and cemeteries (cairnfields)

Map 11. Standing stones and stone circles

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