

Careg y Bwcci is a turf covered mound situated on moorland and west of the Roman road Sarn Elen (PRN 3420). It is 1.6 m high with a central depression, this is 0.8 m deep at the south side and contains a large prostrate boulder (1.5 m long). The barrow is surrounded by a ditch 0.5 m deep which has a slight outer bank. The total diameter is ~ 25 m. A number of large boulders were observed to the west of, and close to the barrow.

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This monument variously described as a 'burial chamber' and 'ditched round barrow' (O.S. Record Card SN 64NW 1) occupies the highest point of a saddle between the Esgair Fraith ridge to the NE and a slightly lower, unnamed ridge to the SW. The tower emplacement lies immediately to the west of the reputed Roman road from Llanio to Pumsaint, and 600 m from the unfinished practice-camp at SN 647 485. There are extensive views to the north and NW, together with a splendid line of sight south along the valley of the Twrch, nearly to its confluence with the Cothi at Pumsaint. The site of this auxiliary fort guarding the crossing of the Cothi is only just invisible, being tucked behind a ridge.

The tower emplacement comprises a roughly circular enclosure, approximately 21 m in overall diameter. The single ditch 3-3.6 m wide and 0.60 m deep is interrupted by an entrance causeway c. 4.6 m wide to the SW. There are traces of a low counter-scarp on the SW and SE. The internal bank rises 1.2 m above the ditch bottom, with no trace of a berm. It averages 2-2.4 m in width and bounds a level interior some 9.15 m in diameter. On the S and E the interior has been disturbed by the digging of a group of ragged holes, one of which encompasses

the base of a massive boulder 4.9 m long by 1.5 m wide which lies just within the entrance gap. Spoil from this digging has disturbed the entrance. The boulder ('the Goblin's Stone') practically functions as an internal titulum, and leaves plenty of space in the interior for a putative 4-post timber tower. It has been instrumental in giving the rise to the suggestion that this monument is a burial chamber/barrow, although smaller erratics are plentiful in the immediate vicinity. Excavations were undertaken in the interior by D.R. Thomas but produced no finds (Arch. Camb. 1879, 55-62).

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#### OWNERSHIP AND TENANCY DETAILS

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