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Three ancient tombs dating back to 4000BC are reopened

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THREE ancient tombs high above Goodwick have been reopened to the general public thanks to the generosity of a landowner and the efforts of the Refreshing North Pembrokeshire team.

The three Neolithic cromlechs, built in a line at Garn Wen behind Harbour Village, had become overgrown and many people were unaware of their existence.

Over the past weeks the undergrowth has been cleared, new interpretive panels put in and a footpath created and fenced off which connects the site with the already established link to the coast path and creates several

RNP's Alex Harding, Ein Hanes' Tom Latter, historian Edward Perkins and landowner Raphael Colella at the opening of the Garn Wen cromlechs. PICTURE: Johnny Morris

circular routes. The land was donated by landowner Raphael Colella.

The tombs are thought to date back to between 4,000 and 2,500BC. The project brokeshire's original bid to to make Garn Wen (White Stones) accessible to the local community was part of Refreshing North Pem-

brokeshire's original bid to the Coastal Communities Fund.

It has ended up being a multi-agency effort with

Pembrokeshire County Council and the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority both playing their part.

"This project has been to reopen Garn Wen and raise awareness of a Neolithic site that very few local people are aware of," said Natalie Pulsaker, Refreshing North Pembrokeshire project manager.

Historian Edward Perkins added that north Pembrokeshire had a collection of Stone Age monuments that was among the biggest of any area in the UK, adding that the reason why stones had been built at particular sites remained a mystery.

"Garn Fawr and Pencaer were very important to ancient people and Stone Age Man," he said. "The stones tell us people worked here, they slept here, they died here, they caused something to be done."