

Shipwreck found near Whitesands

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UNCOVERED HISTORY: The shipwreck at Whitesands is believed to be that of the Bolina, which sank in the bay on February 22, 1833. PICTURE: Thousand Island Expeditions.

A PIECE of Pembrokeshire's heritage has been uncovered at Whitesands.

The winter storms have not only revealed the remains of an ancient forest at the beach, but also a shipwreck.

A spokesman for Thousand Island Expeditions said: "I looked out towards the remains of the old forest and noticed the old shipwreck in the background.

"The last time I saw this

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shipwreck uncovered it had to be at least 20 years ago. Her condition has not changed much since then; safely preserved beneath the sand.

"You can see the shape of her hull, bow and stern, the ribs and also the wooden pins

that held her planking on.

"It's lovely to see the wreck in such good condition after all this time."

This shipwreck is believed to be the Bolina, a schooner of Bideford which sunk on February 22, 1833.

The Bolina was carrying a cargo of iron bar, tin plates and pig iron from Newport to Liverpool, and was driven into the bay by a north-westerly gale.