

PRESELI ESA, HISTORIC MONITORING

BASELINE 1994

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OS 1:10000 SHEET: SM/SN 92 NE	GRID REF: SM/SN 9552 2511
PRN: 2401 SITE NAME: GREAT TREFFGARNE ROCKS	
AIR PHOTO No 53/92/282	LANDSCAPE TYPE: F
No GROUND PHOTOS: 3*	
DATE SURVEYED: 25/11/94	SURVEYED BY: G.A. Hopwood.
<p>ACCESS: Via footpath onto common land. Park at parking area at limit of public road off A40. (Road goes to Maiden Castle Farm). Grid ref: 956252.</p>	

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<p>LAND COVER:</p> <p>SITE: SMRQ dominated by bracken. Some gorse above area containing hut circles.</p> <p>HAZO:</p>

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C

LAND MANAGEMENT:

SITE: Appears to be common land - probably not grazed because of 100% bracken / gorse cover.

HALO:

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DESCRIPTION/CONDITION OF MONUMENT:

Unable to locate monument with any great degree of certainty due to dense cover of bracken. There are several sections of curved bank - but none appear to form a circle. There seem to be manmade because they form flat areas on a slope. Photos 2 + 3 show the outside faces of such banks. They appear to be formed from

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POTENTIALLY THREATENING FACTORS: (see Table 1)

Scrub encroachment most threatening factor.

Bracken dominant over area at present although gorse may invade from surrounding land.

Human access not a real problem although site is only 1-2m from a well used public footpath.

CONTINUED? YES ☒ NO ☐

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D/ large individual stones. (They do not appear to be natural rock outcrops - but this is possible.)

The banks seem to be grouped together - possibly touching in places - there are probably at least 4 hut circles in this group.

There is a pit adjacent to the wall/bank shown in photo 2 which appears manmade. It was partly filled with leaves + a large flat stone. Size approx 0.5m square x 0.75m deep. This may be more recent than the monument - but seems to have no function.

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N.B. location of photos 2+3 approximate only due to lack of reference features on ground.

TABLE 1

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POTENTIALLY THREATENING FACTORS			
AGENT	PRESENT?	ACTION	SIGNIFICANCE
ANIMALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Burrowing - badgers, foxes, rabbits	■ damage/disturbance to underground artefacts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Overgrazing - cattle, horses, sheep	■ loss of vegetation cover/soil damage, leading to erosion
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Poaching - cattle, horses, sheep	■ as above, possible damage to upstanding feature
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Rubbing point/erosion focus point - cattle, horses, sheep	
HUMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Demolition or removal of monument	■ active removal of artefacts/monument
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Rubbish Dumping	■ infilling/contamination
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Trampling/poaching - on footpaths/desire lines	■ loss of vegetation cover/soil damage leading to erosion
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Mountain Bikes/Motorcross etc	■ as above
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Deep Ploughing/Drainage Works/Building	■ damage/disturbance of artefacts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Shallow cultivation/Reseeds	■ as above
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Tree/Scrub removal by uprooting	■ as above
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Scrub Burning in Bonfires	■ intense heat at point source, damage to artefacts and alteration of soil profile
VEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Root damage - trees and scrub (especially where deep rooted (heavy crowns)	■ damage/disturbance of artefacts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ Tree Windthrow	■ potential massive damage/disturbance
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	■ Scrub Encroachment - bracken, gorse, rhodedendron, thorn	■ root or rhizome damage/disturbance (bracken least significant)
WEATHER/SITE FACTORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ High rainfall/windspeeds - exposure	■ greater erosion risk than level, non exposed site
	<input type="checkbox"/>	■ High Gradient	

PRESELI ESA HISTORIC MONITORING RESURVEY 1997/98

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OS 1:10,000 SHEET: SO/SH/SM 92 NE		GRID REF: SO/SH/SM 9552 2511	
PRN: 2401 SITE NAME: Gt Treffgarne Rocks.			
AIR PHOTO No:		LANDSCAPE TYPE: Central plateau	
No GROUND PHOTOS: 7			
DATE RESURVEYED: 5/6/97		RESURVEYED BY: G. Atkinson.	

IF CHANGES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE BASELINE, DETAIL THESE CHANGES IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE RESURVEY PROFORMA.

A: CHANGES TO ACCESS?

B: CHANGES TO LANDCOVER

C: CHANGES TO LAND MANAGEMENT

D: CHANGES IN DESCRIPTION/CONDITION OF MONUMENT

E: CHANGES IN POTENTIALLY THREATENING FACTORS

F: CHANGE IN RATE OF DECAY

NO ✓	YES
NO ✓	YES
NO ✓	YES
NO	YES ✓
NO ✓	YES
NO ✓	YES

A: ACCESS

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B: LANDCOVER

SITE: Bracken, bramble, bluebells.

HALO: Gorse close to feature + blackthorn scrub.

C: LAND MANAGEMENT

SITE: Does not appear grazed.

HALO: As above.

D: DESCRIPTION/CONDITION OF MONUMENT

Site re-surveyed much earlier in the year - bracken much thinner and new growth not dense.

Monument is much clearer than at baseline and the outline much more distinct.

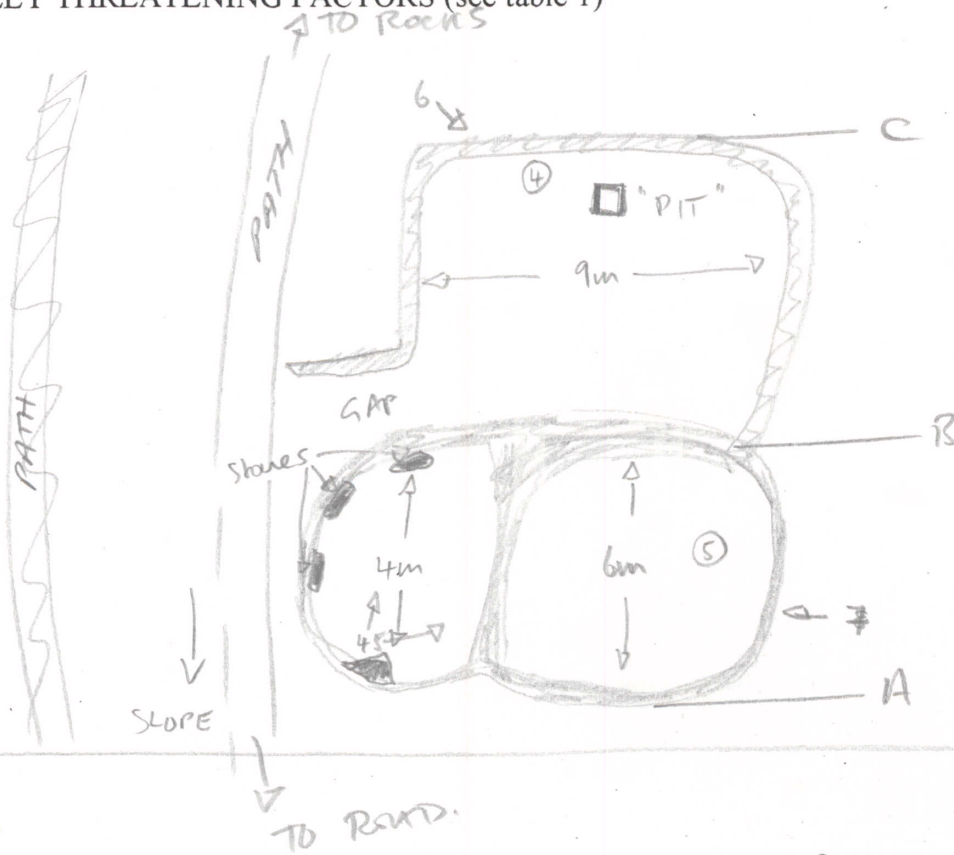
Appears to be two/3 connected almost concentric enclosures approx 9m in diameter. Features are built into slope and have raised banks around edges of some 1m internally and 0.5m externally.

Feature has at least 3 distinct chambers.

Deep, rectangular pit obvious approx 75cm deep in largest chamber.

Appear to be large stones set into a forming bank.

E: POTENTIALLY THREATENING FACTORS (see table 1)



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RATE OF DECAY:

STABLE

SLOW

RAPID

CONTINUED?

YES

NO

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	Y N	Poaching - cattle, horses, sheep	Damage to vegetation cover, leading to erosion
	Y N	Rubbing point/erosion focus point - cattle, horses, sheep	As above, plus possible damage to upstanding features
HUMAN	Y N	Demolition or removal of monument	Active removal of artefacts/monument
	Y N	Rubbish dumping	Infilling/contamination
	Y N	Trampling/poaching - on footpaths/desire lines	Loss of vegetation cover/soil damage resulting in erosion
	Y N	Mountain bikes/Motorcross etc	As above
	Y N	Deep ploughing/Drainage works/Building	Damage/disturbance of artefacts
	Y N	Shallow cultivation/reseeds	As above
	Y N	Tree/Scrub removal by uprooting	As above
	Y N	Scrub burning in bonfires	Intense heat at point source, damage to artefacts and alteration of soil profile
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WEATHER/SITE FACTORS	Y N	High rainfall/windspeeds - exposure	Greater erosion risk than level, non exposed site
	Y N	High gradient	