



Further fieldwork to unvell the mysteries of Trelyffaint near Nevern, one of only a handful of sites in western Britain that has examples of prehistoric rock art, will take place later this month. PICTURES: University of Bristol.

Archeologists unearth Trelyffaint mysteries

A NORTH Pembroke-shire cromlech with a prehistoric pictorial message will be the subject of fieldwork by the Welsh Rock art Organisation later this month.

Members of the organisation have been investigating the area around a Neolithic burial chamber near Nevern known as Trelyffaint – one of only a handful of sites in western Britain that has examples of prehistoric rock art.

The site dates back at least 6,000 years and has been designated a Sched-

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uled Monument by Cadw. The site comprises two stone chambers, on the capstone that covers the south-eastern chamber at least 50 engraved cup-marks have been discovered. These were one of the most common forms of later prehistoric engraving in western Europe and probably represented some sort of pictorial message,

the meaning of which has long been forgotten.

Archaeologists, led by a researcher from the University of Bristol, say they have uncovered a possible Stonehenge-type prehistoric earthwork monument at the site.

Dr George Nash, lead project director, and his team have conducted a series of non-intrusive surveys in and around the monument.

The fieldwork element of the project, starting last December, uncovered two possible buried henges, measuring around 12 me-

tres in diameter.

“This site is one of only nine Neolithic burial-ritual monuments in Wales with prehistoric rock art – or what I would term aptly ‘a visual communication system’,” said Dr Nash.

“The next stage of the project is to apply for Scheduled Monument Consent which will include targeted excavation over recognised anomalies.”

Further fieldwork will take place between April 21 and 23. See the Welsh Rock Art Organisation’s Facebook page for information.