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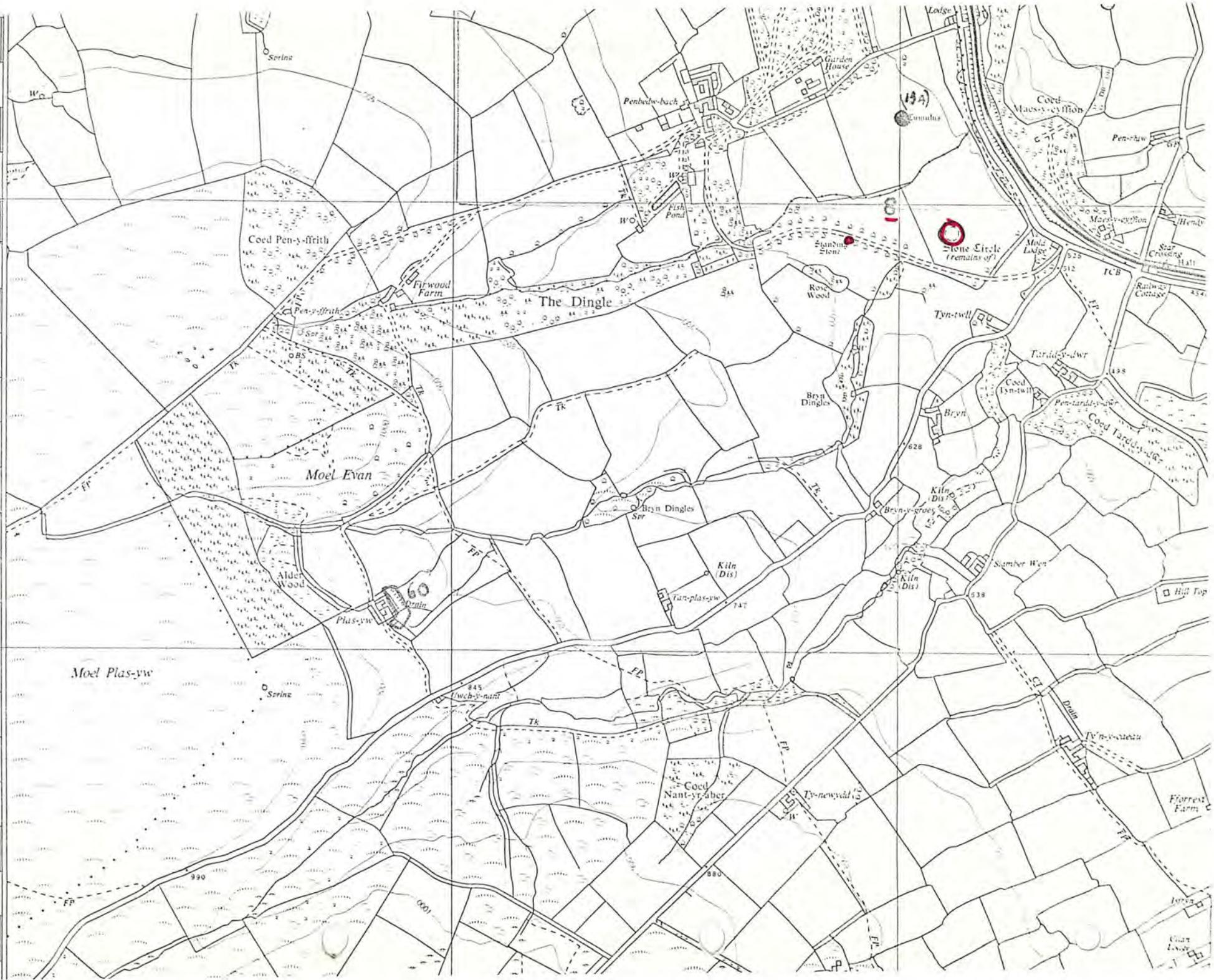
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## CADW: Welsh Historic Monuments

## Ancient Monuments Record Form

01 Site number CNR 199	02 Cross reference	03 G.R. number	
04 County CLWYD. (FLINTSHIRE.)	05 County number F8.	06 Local Authority	
07 Parish CILCAIN.	08 NGR SJ171679	09 Height OD 175M.	10 File number ANC/1312.
11 Site Name PENBEDW PARK STONE CIRCLE AND STANDING STONE. (A.)			
12 Description (STONE CIRCLE.) A STONE CIRCLE STANDING ON A SLIGHT NATURAL PLATEAU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK. ONLY 5 STONES REMAIN FORMING THE S. AND E. SEGMENTS OF THE CIRCLE, THE REST HAVING BEEN BROKEN UP. THE CIRCLE IS COMPLETED BY OAK TREES. ALL THE STONES ARE MILLSTONE GRIT CONGLOMERATE. DIAMETER 87'. LARGEST STONE IS 4'x1'8" x 5'3" HIGH. THREE OTHERS ABOUT 3'3" HIGH, THE FIFTH 1'4" HIGH. THE SPACING IS IRREGULAR. (1) THE SITE OF 5 STANDING STONES FORMING AN ARC OF THE CIRCLE, REMAINS COMPLETE. SIX OAK TREES AND 1 BEECH, MARK THE REMAINDER OF THE CIRCLE. ALL 5 STONES REMAIN UPRIGHT, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE SMALLER STONES ARE NOT PERPENDICULAR, PARTICULARLY STONE NO. 4., WHICH MAY BE BEING PUSHED BY TREE ROOTS. THOUGH ALL STONES ARE STABLE AT PRESENT. A BOUNDARY STONE INSCRIBED: T.M. HAS BEEN DEPOSITED NEAR STONE NO. 4., AND IS LYING FLAT ON THE SURFACE. STONE NO.5., WAS AT FIRST DIFFICULT TO LOCATE, BEING COVERED ENTIRELY BY UNDERGROWTH. TWO WATER WORN BOULDERS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED INSIDE THE CIRCLE. NEAR THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE, IS A SMALL MONOLITH ON A SLIGHT RIDGE SURROUNDED BY A NUMBER OF PACKING STONES EMBEDDED IN THE GROUND. THIS MAY BE A FEATURE OF THE SITE OR SOMETHING REMAINING OVER FROM PAST LAND USE. THE SITE cont.			
13 Site type/Period - general/Period - specific/Form STONE CIRCLE / PREHISTORIC / EARLY BRONZE AGE / HENGE. 4			
14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition 1/1/B			15 Area
16 Land Class, on site HEATHLAND.	17 Land class, around site PARKLAND / GRAZING AREA.		
18 Site Status S.A.M.	19 Area Status		
20 Owner(s) CAPTAIN N. ARCHDALE, PENBEDW HALL, NANNERCH, MOLD.			
21 Occupier(s) AS ABOVE.			
22 Legal Action			

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25 Assessment of Importance of Monument

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26 Scheduling Procedure

Date /	/19	/Recommended/IAM, .....
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/	/19	/Review by Scheduling Policy Branch
/	/19	/Review by Head of Territorial Branch
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/	/19	/Notices Sent
/	/19	/Monument included in Schedule

Other Comments:

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27 Monument not scheduled, de-scheduled because:

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28 Archaeological History: Event/Name/Date

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29 Visits: Name/Date

BELL. L. M., / F.M.W. / 1/10/1987

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30 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

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PENBEDW PARK STONE CIRCLE AND STANDING STONE. (A.)

( 12, Description. cont. )

IS DENSELY COVERED BY NETTLES. HEAD HEIGHT IN PLACES, ALSO THISTLES. THOUGH SOME AREAS OF THE CIRCLE ARE WELL TRODDEN BY SHEEP. CHAFF REMAINING ON THE GROUND, NEAR THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT THE AREA HAS BEEN USED AS AN ANIMAL FEEDING AREA, POSSIBLY IN THE WINTER MONTHS. THE SITE HAS BEEN MANAGED IN THE PAST, AS THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A SMALL TREE HAVING BEEN FELLED NEAR THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE. SOME TIMBER HAD ALSO BEEN CLEARED, AS SAWN PORTIONS OF TIMBER ATTEST. SOME BRANCHES OF TREES HAD ALSO BEEN LOPPED. A LARGE PORTION OF TIMBER LYING WITHIN THE CIRCLE IS IN NEED OF CLEARANCE. NONE OF THIS WORK HOWEVER IS RECENT. THE UNDERGROWTH ALTHOUGH DETRIMENTAL TO VIEWING THE CIRCLE, DOES NOT PRESENT ANY PROBLEM TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE STONES. 2

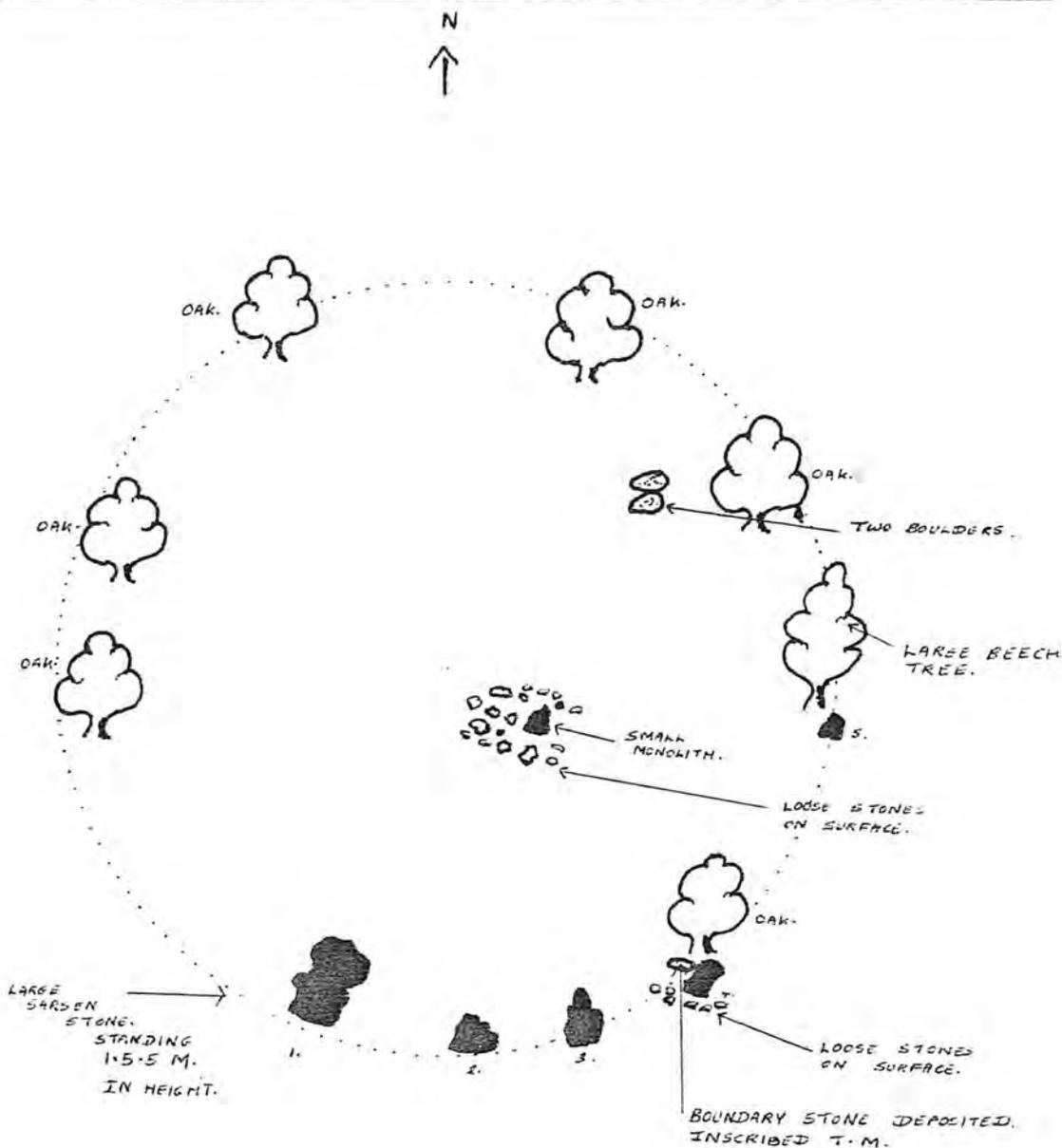
THIS STONE CIRCLE HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING A FAKE. THERE IS NO MENTION OF IT BEFORE THE 18TH CENTURY AND ITS SITUATION IN THE GROUNDS OF A STATELY HOME SUGGESTS IT MAY HAVE BEEN A 'FOLLY'. HOWEVER, IT DOES STAND ON AN IMPORTANT PREHISTORIC ROUTE FROM THE PENMAENMAWR AXE FACTORIES TO THE PEAK DISTRICT AND EASTERN ENGLAND, SO THAT UNCERTAINTY MUST REMAIN ABOUT ITS AUTHENTICITY. 3.

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PENBEDW PARK STONE CIRCLE, NANNERCH. (FB.)



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04 County <b>CLWYD. (FLINTSHIRE.)</b>	05 County number <b>P8</b>	06 Local Authority	
07 Parish <b>CILCAIN.</b>	08 NGR <b>SJ169679</b>	09 Height OD <b>190 M.</b>	10 File number <b>ANC/1312</b>
11 Site Name <b>PENBEDW PARK STONE CIRCLE AND STANDING STONE. (B.)</b>			
12 Description ( <b>STANDING STONE.</b> ) <b>THE STANDING STONE LIES N 95 W OF THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE AT A DISTANCE OF 237 YDS. IT IS OF TRAP ROCK AND STANDS 5' 4" HIGH. DIAMETER AT TOP 5' 6". IT STANDS ON GRASS ON S. SIDE OF DRIVE. &lt;1.&gt;</b> <b>THE STANDING STONE MEASURES: 1.65 M. DIAMETER AT BASE AND 0.8 M. DIAMETER AT THE TOP. COMPOSED OF UNDRESSED STONE, IT DOES HOWEVER DISPLAY SOME CURVILINEAR MARKINGS ON THE SOUTHERN FACE. THE STONE IS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION AND STRUCTUALLY SOUND. GREASE DEPOSITS FOUND ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE STONE, INDICATE THAT CATTLE ARE USING IT AS A RUBBING STONE. THIS SIDE ALSO HAS A RECONISABLY SMOOTHER SURFACE. THERE IS HOWEVER NO DANGER OF THE STONE BEING PUSHED OVER, DUE TO ITS SIZE. SLIGHT SOIL EROSION IS EVIDENT BY THE BASE ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE STONE, BUT THIS DOES NOT POSE A PROBLEM TO THE STRUCTURE AT PRESENT. THE STANDING STONE IS SITUATED IN AN AVENUE OF TREES, THE BRANCHES FROM ONE TREE ALMOST OVERHANG THE STONE. A FARM TRACK RUNS ONLY 3 METRES AWAY FROM THE STONE, AND IS USED REGULARLY BY TRACTORS. SURROUNDING VEGETATION IN GENERAL IS CROPPED QUITE SHORT, ALTHOUGH SOME THISTLES AND NETTLES PERSIST. &lt;2.&gt;</b>			
13 Site type/Period - general/Period - specific/Form <b>STANDING STONE / PREHISTORIC / EARLY BRONZE AGE / STONE</b>			
14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition <b>1/1/A.</b>			15 Area <b>4</b>
16 Land Class, on site <b>PARKLAND/ GRAZING AREA.</b>	17 Land class, around site <b>PARKLAND/ GRAZING AREA.</b>		
18 Site Status <b>S.A.M.</b>	19 Area Status		
20 Owner(s) <b>CAPTAIN N. ARCHDALE, PENBEDW HALL, NANNERCH, MOLD.</b>			
21 Occupier(s) <b>AS ABOVE.</b>			
22 Legal Action			
23 Works File			

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25 Assessment of Importance of Monument

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26 Scheduling Procedure

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BELL. L. M., / F.M.W. / 1/10/1987

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30 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

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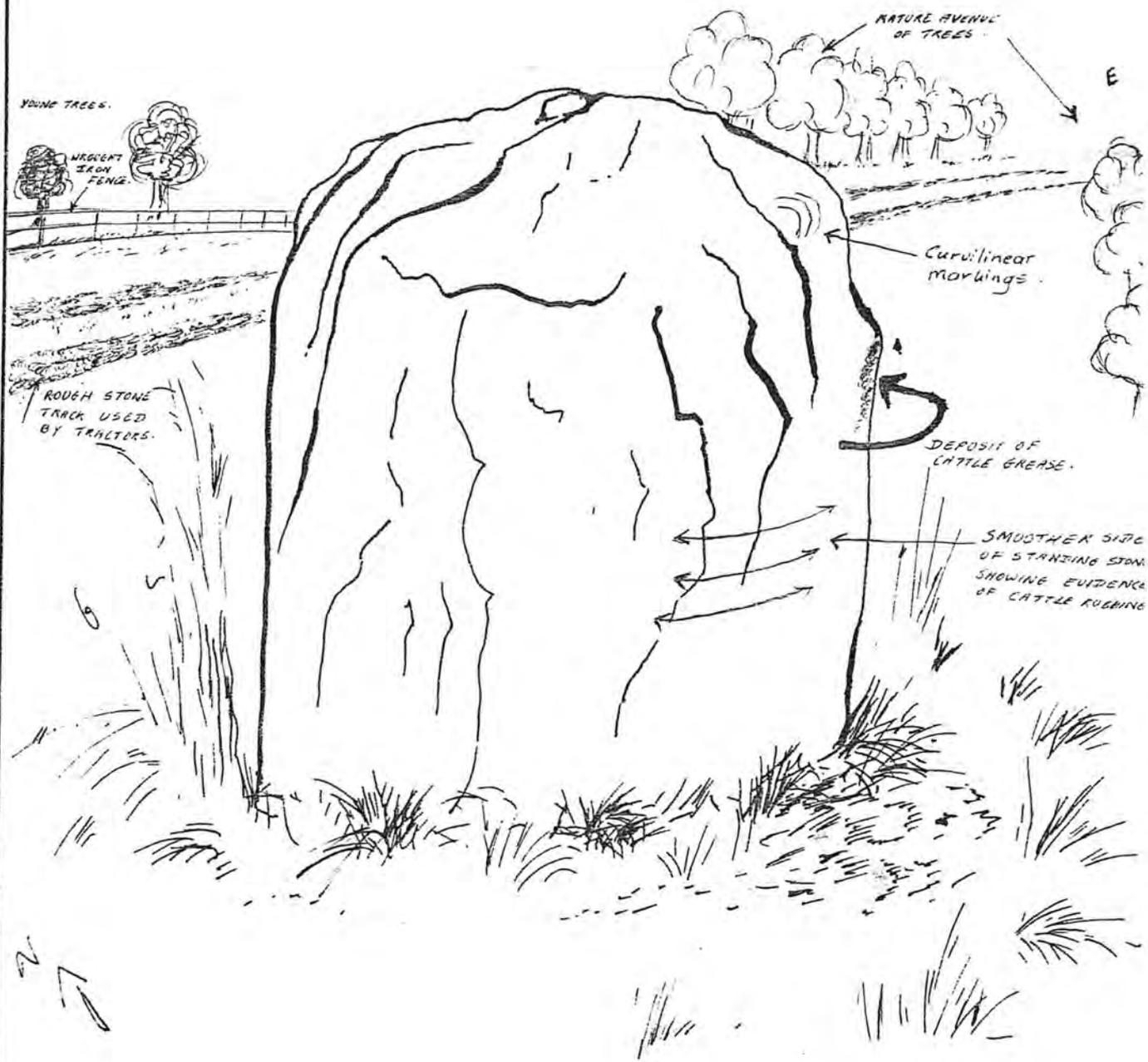
40 METRES SOUTH OF THE STANDING STONE, IS THE SITE OF A POSSIBLE LYNCHET. (3.)

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PENBEDW PARK STANDING STONE, NANNERCH (F8.)



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**SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

<b>SAM No:</b> FL008(FLT)	<b>AI No:</b> 2	<b>File No:</b> 1812	<b>Schedule Ref:</b> 10/1812/FL008(FLT)//
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**SAM Name:** Penbedw Park Stone Circle & Standing Stone

	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Qualifier</b>	<b>NGR-X</b>	<b>NGR-Y</b>	<b>Scheduled:</b>
<b>NGR</b>	SJ168679	0	316891	367925	Yes
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<b>Primary</b>	116	SJ16NE	SJ1767		
<b>Additional</b>			SJ1667		

**Unitary Authority(UA):**  
Flintshire

**Community:**  
Nannerch

**Area(Ha):** 0.17

**Primary Class:** Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual  
**Additional Class:**

**Summary:**

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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

**SAM No:** FL008(FLT)

**SAM Name:** Penbedw Park Stone Circle & Standing Stone

**Archaeological History:**

Events	Name	Date
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**Sources:**

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM7		
<b>Title:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

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Type	Collection	Author	Year
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<b>SAM No:</b> FL008(FLT)	<b>SAM Name:</b> Penbedw Park Stone Circle & Standing Stone
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		<b>Other:</b>	

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F I		<b>Other:</b>	

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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

<b>SAM No:</b> FL008(FLT)	<b>SAM Name:</b> Penbedw Park Stone Circle & Standing Stone
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<b>Title:</b> 86-11-6, 7		<b>Other:</b>	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Aerial photograph			1987
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Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph			
<b>Title:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
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<b>Title:</b> IH11/2005/11 - 15		<b>Other:</b>	

**Full Management Report - Internal Use  
Archaeological Item Information**

**Section 1: General**

<b>AI No:</b> FL008A	<b>AI Name:</b> Stone Circle
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<b>Altitude(m):</b> 175	<b>Trust PRN:</b>	<b>Endex PRN:</b> 92917
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<b>Qualifier:</b>	<b>NGR-X:</b>	<b>NGR-Y:</b>
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**Sitetype (FMW):** Stone circle

<b>Period General:</b> Prehistoric	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Specific:</b> Bronze Age	

<b>Sitetype (Broad):</b>	<b>Sitetype (Narrow):</b>
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**Broad Class:** Religious, Ritual and Funerary

**Components:**

**Status:** Scheduled Ancient Monument

<b>Form:</b> Other structure	<b>Condition:</b> Good
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<b>Proportion SCH:</b> Complete	<b>Survival within SCH. Area:</b> Some
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**Summary:**

**Section 2: Internal use only - A.I. Monitoring**

Date	Name	Office	Purpose	Condition
01/10/1987	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	
	<b>Land Class On:</b> Grassland / Heathland - Heathland			
	<b>Land Class Around:</b> Grassland / Heathland - Grassland; Woodland - Parkland			
17/03/1988	Bell L M	FMW	Damage	
	<b>Land Class On:</b> Grassland / Heathland - Heathland			
	<b>Land Class Around:</b> Grassland / Heathland - Grassland; Woodland - Parkland			
25/01/1990	Burnham H B	IAM	Damage	
	<b>Land Class On:</b>			
	<b>Land Class Around:</b>			
30/07/1992	Bell L M	FMW	Management	Improved
	<b>Land Class On:</b> Woodland - Parkland; Woodland - Other (Woodland); Other - Thoroughfare			
	<b>Land Class Around:</b> Woodland - Parkland; Woodland - Other (Woodland); Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Land boundary			
30/06/1994	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	
	<b>Land Class On:</b> Woodland - Parkland			
	<b>Land Class Around:</b> Woodland - Parkland; Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland			

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Archaeological Item Information**

22/01/1997 Bell L M FMW Routine Stable

**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland

08/11/2005 Halfpenney I FMW Stable

**Land Class On:** Grassland / Heathland - Improved Grassland; Other - Recreational use

**Land Class Around:** Grassland / Heathland - Improved Grassland; Other - Recreational use; Other -  
Thoroughfare; Other - Land boundary

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**Full Management Report - Internal Use  
Archaeological Item Information**

**Section 1: General**

<b>AI No:</b> FL008B		<b>AI Name:</b> Standing Stone	
<b>Altitude(m):</b> 190	<b>Trust PRN:</b>	<b>Endex PRN:</b> 92918	
<b>Qualifier:</b> 0	<b>NGR-X:</b>	<b>NGR-Y:</b>	
<b>Sitetype (FMW):</b> Standing stone			
<b>Period General:</b> Prehistoric <b>Specific:</b> Bronze Age			<b>Date:</b>
<b>Sitetype (Broad):</b>		<b>Sitetype (Narrow):</b>	
<b>Broad Class:</b> Religious, Ritual and Funerary			
<b>Components:</b>			

**Status:** Scheduled Ancient Monument

<b>Form:</b> Other structure	<b>Condition:</b> Very Good
<b>Proportion SCH:</b> Complete	<b>Survival within SCH. Area:</b> Complete

**Summary:** Source: AM7 / F 8 / : ( Standing Stone ) The Standing Stone lies north 95 west of the centre of the circle at a distance of 237 yards. It is of trap rock and stands 5' 4" high. Diameter at top 5' 6". It stands on grass on the south side of the drive.

**Section 2: Internal use only - A.I. Monitoring**

Date	Name	Office	Purpose	Condition
01/10/1987	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	

**Land Class On:** Grassland / Heathland - Grassland; Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Grassland / Heathland - Grassland; Woodland - Parkland; Other - Thoroughfare

30/07/1992	Bell L M	FMW	Management	Improved
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**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Grassland / Heathland - Improved Grassland

30/07/1992	Bell L M	FMW	Management	Improved
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**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Other - Thoroughfare

30/06/1994	Bell L M	FMW	Management	Stable
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**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Thoroughfare

17/10/1995	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Worsened
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**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Other - Thoroughfare

**Full Management Report - Internal Use  
Archaeological Item Information**

22/01/1997 Bell L M FMW Routine Stable

**Land Class On:** Woodland - Parkland

**Land Class Around:** Woodland - Parkland; Other - Thoroughfare

08/11/2005 Halfpenney I FMW Stable

**Land Class On:** Grassland / Heathland - Improved Grassland; Other - Recreational use

**Land Class Around:** Grassland / Heathland - Improved Grassland; Other - Recreational use; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Land boundary

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**Full Management Report - Internal Use**  
**SAM Visit Description Text**

<b>SAM No:</b> FL008(FLT)	<b>SAM Name:</b> Penbedw Park Stone Circle & Standing Stone
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**Visit Date:** 01/10/1987

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:**

Source: AM7 / : (Stone Circle ) A Stone Circle Standing on a slight natural plateau in the middle of the park. Only five stones remain forming the south and east segments of the circle, the rest having been broken up. The circle is completed by oak trees. All the stones are millstone grit conglomerate. Diameter 87'. Largest stone is 4' by 1' 8" by 5' 3" high. Three others about 3'3" high, the fifth 1'4" high. The spacing is irregular.

Source: AM107 / Bell, L.M. / 1987 / : The site of five standing stones forming an arc of the circle, remains complete. Six oak trees and one beech, mark the remainder of the circle. All five stones remain upright, although some of the smaller stones are not perpendicular, particularly stone No. 4, which may be being pushed by tree roots. Though all stones are stable at present. A boundary stone inscribed: T.M. has been deposited near Stone No. 4, and is lying flat on the surface. Stone No. 5, was at first difficult to locate, being covered entirely by undergrowth. Two water worn boulders have been deposited inside the circle. Near the centre of the circle, is a small monolith on a slight ridge surrounded by a number of packing stones embedded in the ground. This may be a feature of the site or something remaining over from past land use. The site is densely covered by nettles, head height in places, also thistles. Though some areas of the circle are well trodden by sheep. Chaff remaining on the ground, near the centre of the circle would seem to suggest that the area has been used as an animal feeding area, possibly in the winter months. The site has been managed in the past, as there is evidence of a small tree having been felled near the centre of the circle. Some timber has also been cleared, as sawn portions of timber attest. A few tree branches have also been lopped. A large portion of timber lying within the circle is in need of clearance. None of this work however is recent. The undergrowth although detrimental to viewing the circle, does not present any problem to the preservation of the stones.

Source: Davis, D.A. / F.I. / 1960 / : This stone circle has been suspected of being a fake. There is no mention of it before the 18th century and its situation in the grounds of a stately home suggest it may have been a ' Folly '. However, it does stand on an important Prehistoric route from the Penmaenmawr axe factories to the Peak District and Eastern England, so that uncertainty must remain about its authenticity.

**Visit Date:** 17/03/1988

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:**

Penbedw Park Stone Circle. The Oak tree marked A, has uprooted during recent gales, and has toppled onto No. 4 Standing Stone, causing the Stone to fall to the ground. The tree has been sawn into several sections, a large section of which now lies over part of the Standing Stone. The Stone otherwise remains intact, though the ground surface has been disturbed where the tree has fallen. There is now a hole in the ground where the tree roots have been, revealing a light loamy brown soil. Smaller branches from the main trunk of the tree, have been sawn and stacked away from the circle, for use as logs. The top most branches from the tree have been burned in a pile, south of the circle, where a circular area of charcoal remains on the field surface. The oak tree now lies in sections across the field surface, southwards of the circle. Sawing of the main trunk of the tree has taken place close to the fallen Standing Stone, as saw dust remains on part of the stone, and is scattered all around the base. The fallen tree would appear to have been originally quite well preserved as there was no obvious sign of rot or beetle damage in the timber, the sections which were sawn across, were quite clean. The tree however was shallow rooted and very tall.

The fallen Standing Stone now lies in a south easterly direction on the field surface.

Alongside this stone lies the boundary stone, inscribed T.M. This stone remains intact, though may have been moved slightly. This stone lies close to the large section of fallen timber. The other stones constituting the remains of the stone circle are all intact.

The Sarsen Stone is to some extent being affected by natural erosion, rain water appears to

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be weathering the stone, and lichen is growing quite heavily over the surface. Surface hollows in the stone are supporting mosses and small patches of grass. Dead wood lies in small pieces over the site, and would appear to have come from the top most branches of the trees. A smaller tree on the north of the circle, appears more vulnerable.

Reduction in the amount of vegetation on the site, has revealed a further stone near the centre of the circle. This stone would appear to be of the same composition as the Standing Stones, and may have at some time been part of the circle. This stone measures 0.6 M. in length, 0.4 M. across at the widest end, and 0.1.5 M. across at the narrowest end. This stone lies on the field surface.

Some molehills have now appeared on the site. The ground surface within the circle has been disturbed in places, possibly caused by cattle grazing on the site. Some of the Standing Stones are also showing evidence of rubbing. There was no livestock in evidence during my visit. The circle would benefit from cattle being restricted access to the site. Although work has taken place on the site, there was no apparent sign of vehicles or machinery other than saws having been used on the site.

Some supervision may be necessary during the removal of the main trunk of the tree, to ensure that no further damage is incurred to the fallen Standing Stone. There was no one working on the site during my visit, and it would appear that work had been left for several days.

**Visit Date:** 30/07/1992

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** Management Agreement visit to site.

- 2.1 Some turf loss has been incurred on the eastern side of the site where the ground is subject to tree shade and cattle grazing on the monument. This has probably been exacerbated by recent dry conditions.
- 2.2 -
- 2.3 No evidence of rodents on site. Nettle beds have been cut back and treated, but some regrowth is now occurring on site particularly around the base of stones 1 and 4.
- 2.4 Reseeding should be attempted on the eastern side of the site in the Autumn, if turf rejuvenation has not taken place by then. ( There were no animals grazing on site or on the surrounding parkland during my visit. )
- 2.5 -
- 2.6 No scrub or saplings on site.
- 2.7 Some dead timber is evident on the uppermost branches of the trees.
- 2.8 -
- 2.9 No evidence of plough encroachment.
- 2.10 -
- 2.11 Letter sent to owner prior to visit.
- 2.12 -

The appearance of the site would be improved by the removal of a mound of earth and stone which has appeared on the edge of the interior of the circle. This mound measures approximately 0.8 M. high by 29 paces circumference. The mound has been trodden by cattle, spreading some soil into the interior, which is now being covered by nettles, convulvus and dock.

**Visit Date:** 30/06/1994

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** The Stone Circle.

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The Sarsen Stone. Sheep trample remaining around base of stone; Regrowth of turf has been prevented by the compactness of the soil and very dry conditions. The vegetation immediately around the eroded area is 0.6 M. in height. Some nettles have survived around the base of the stone. The upper surface of the stone is marked by natural erosion. No. 2 stone has fallen over and is lying on its side facing a south e. direction. Former area of trample around base of stone has largely regained turf coverage. The stone presently has the appearance of a boulder rather than an upright standing stone.

Stone 3 is intact though an area around the base of the stone is marked by trample. Turf and dock predominating on this side of the site.

Stone 4 surrounded by nettles. Mound of earth and stone previously deposited within the circle to the north of this stone, has not been removed, and is now largely covered by undergrowth except on the summit of the mound.

Stone 5, masked by dense nettle bed.

There has been a general decrease in trample around the base of the trees on the north e. side of the site. Though several trees have dead wood in their upper branches which has not been removed.

2.1 Grass covering is increasing on monument.

2.2 No recent signs of ploughing on or around site. The field surrounding the site had been partly mown for hay.

2.3 No evidence of rodents on site. Nettles need cutting back.

2.4 Site ungrazed at present and appears to be retained as potential hay crop.

2.5 No evidence of winter feeding on site, although the site would appear to have been used for grazing during the winter months, evident by signs of trample remaining around the base of the Stones.

2.6 No scrub or sapling growth on the monument.

2.7 Some dead timber still attached to oak trees, though no fallen timber on site.

2.8 -

2.9 No ploughing operations have taken place recently.

2.10 -

2.11 I wrote prior to my visit. An Estate Farmer I met on my way to the site, was quite approachable.

2.12 -

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**Visit Date:** 17/10/1995

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** Generally the Stone Circle appears neat and tidy in appearance. However Stone 5 appears to have been lost, and Stone 2 has fallen over during the period of this agreement.

2.4 Site lightly grazed.

2.5 No evidence of feeding areas near site.

2.7 Trees appear in a healthy condition.

2.9 No evidence of recent ploughing operations.

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**Visit Date:** 22/01/1997

**Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** The field around the Circle has been ploughed upto the perimeter of the circle in the recent past for a crop of maize which has since been cut. The field has been trampled by cattle. The north west side of the site is marked by a piece of fallen timber.

The Sarsen Stone. Evidence of packing stones around western base of stone.

Stone 2 remains in a fallen position on the ground.

Stone 3. One small stone lying on ground below western side of this standing stone.

Stone 4. Thistles supported around southern base of stone.

Stone 5. Missing.

One large slab of stone lying below south side of tree on eastern side of circle. The stone

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measures 0.5 M. by 0.4.5 M. across. One small packing stone lies embedded on the edge of the root system of this tree. To the east of the tree, three small loose stones were in evidence. The ground here is heavily trampled by sheep and cattle.

The north eastern edge of the circle is marked by a large stone measuring 0.7 M. in length by 0.3 M. across at the widest point by 0.2 M. across at the narrowest point; and 0.2 M. in thickness.

The north western edge of the site is marked by a discarded timber post lying below a tree.

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**Visit Date:** 16/06/1998

**Visited By:** Burnham H B

**Description Text:** I visited with Mrs Ackroyd Bell and Captain Archdale, to discuss conditions for a further management agreement on the site.

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**Visit Date:** 08/11/2005

**Visited By:** Halfpenney I

**Description Text:** The monument remains as previously described and comprises a stone circle (4 stones) and 1 single standing stone to the west of the circle. A series (5) of equally spaced mature broadleaf trees form the rest of the circle. The monument lies within a low-lying area of farm/parkland

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**Item No:** FL008B      **Item Name:** Standing Stone

**Visit Date:** 01/10/1987      **Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** The Standing Stone measures: 1.65 M. diameter at base and 0.8 M. diameter at the top. Composed of undressed stone, it does however display some curvilinear markings on the southern face. The stone is in very good condition and structurally sound. Grease deposits found on the southern side of the stone, indicate that cattle are using it as a rubbing stone. This side also has a recognisably smoother surface. There is however no danger of the stone being pushed over, due to its size. Slight soil erosion is evident by the base on the southern side of the stone, but this does not pose a problem to the structure at present. The standing stone is situated in an avenue of trees, the branches from one tree almost overhang the stone. A farm track runs only three metres away from the stone, and is used regularly by tractors. Surrounding vegetation in general is cropped quite short, although some thistles and nettles persist.  
Forty metres south of the Standing Stone, is the site of a possible lynchet.

**Visit Date:** 30/07/1992      **Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** The stone lies undisturbed in parkland, close to a lightly used farm track in an avenue of beech trees. The base of the stone is surrounded by nettles and thistles, and meadow grass. The ground surface has improved around the base of the stone with no evidence of cattle trample.

**Visit Date:** 30/06/1994      **Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** The Standing Stone.

Stone sited alongside track in parkland. Area retained as pasture around site, and no threat of encroachment from farm track.

2.1 Minimal surface trample from sheep around base of stone, covering an area of 0.5 M. distance around the base.

2.2 Ground around site retained as pasture and not overgrazed.

2.3 No rodents on site. Nettles and undergrowth have either been cut back and removed, or eaten by livestock.

2.4 Turf erosion around base should be re-seeded in the autumn.

2.5 No evidence of winter feeding on this part of the monument.

2.6 No scrub or sapling growth on site.

2.7 Avenue of copper beech in healthy condition.

2.8 -

2.9 No evidence of ploughing operations having taken place in this area.

2.10 -

2.11 Letter forwarded prior to visit.

2.12 -

**Visit Date:** 17/10/1995      **Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** Turf has recovered around the base of the Standing Stone F8 B.

**Visit Date:** 22/01/1997      **Visited By:** Bell L M

**Description Text:** Standing Stone sited on verge of parkland adjacent to a track. Ground around base of stone walked to some extent by cattle but not trampled. The parkland was not being grazed during the time of my visit. Stone as previously described.