

THIRTIETH REPORT OF THE BARROW COMMITTEE.

THIRTIETH REPORT of the Committee—consisting of the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, the late Dr. Brushfield, Mr. R. Burnard, the Rev. J. F. Chanter and Mr. R. Hansford Worth (Secretary)—appointed to collect and record facts relating to Barrows in Devonshire, and to take steps, where possible, for their investigation.

Edited by R. HANSFORD WORTH, Secretary of the Committee.

(Read at Dartmouth, 26th July, 1911.)

YOUR Committee records with sorrow the death of its senior member, Dr. Brushfield, who was first appointed to the Committee in the year 1890, and served continuously to the last. His many-sided ability, his industry, and his endearing personality will find more adequate reference elsewhere in the volume, but his colleagues in this particular work wish to express their sense of the loss which has befallen them.

JOAN FORD'S NEWTAKE, SWINCOMBE VALLEY.

Mr. R. Burnard has discovered in Joan Ford's Newtake a fine kistvaen, lying 14 feet inside the north wall of the enclosure, in long. $3^{\circ} 55' 53.4''$, and lat. $50^{\circ} 31' 57.25''$ (O.S. Devon. Sheet CVII, N.W.). This kistvaen has been opened and rifled at some unknown date; the coverstone is intact and lies partly resting on one side and end of the kist. The length of the kistvaen is 3 feet 4 inches, its width at the centre is 1 foot 11 inches, the present depth from top of the sides to grass in bottom being 2 feet 1 inch. The south-west side stone is the longest and the most certainly undisturbed; the direction of its length is N. 48° W.

Two hundred and fifty-two feet from the kistvaen, and west by a little north from it, is a stone circle touching the wall of the enclosure. Its diameter is 28 feet.

Within Joan Ford's Newtake there are also the remains of a stone row.

A plan and view of the above kistvaen is inserted herewith.

CUCKOO BALL.

Within the enclosure of Cuckoo Ball, near West Peek, in Ugborough parish, lie the remains of a very fine kistvaen, which, when complete, must have challenged comparison with the Corringdon Ball Gate kist, described in the Twenty-eighth Report, while both are large enough to be named as cromlechs. The exact position of this grave on Cuckoo Ball is long. $3^{\circ} 53' 11\frac{1}{2}''$, lat. $50^{\circ} 24' 27\frac{1}{2}''$ (O.S. Devon. Sheet CXIX, S.E.). That the grave was originally covered by a mound is sufficiently clear, and the retaining circle of this barrow yet remains, having a diameter of about 29 feet.

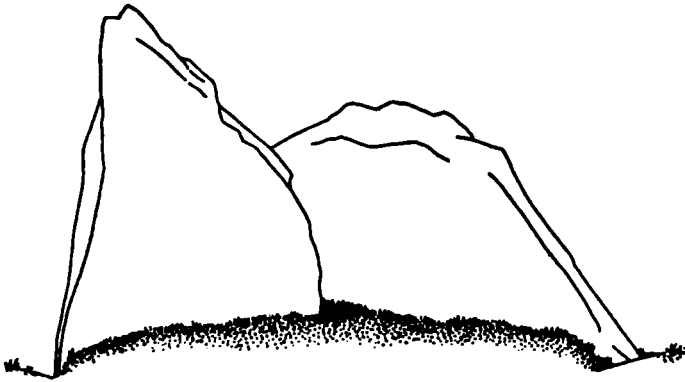
Since the kist was uncovered it has suffered great ruin, and three stones only remain which may certainly be said to occupy their original positions.

Judging by these, I imagine the length of the kist to have been at least 9 feet internally, and its width about 6 feet. The highest stone now stands 5 feet 10 inches above present ground level.

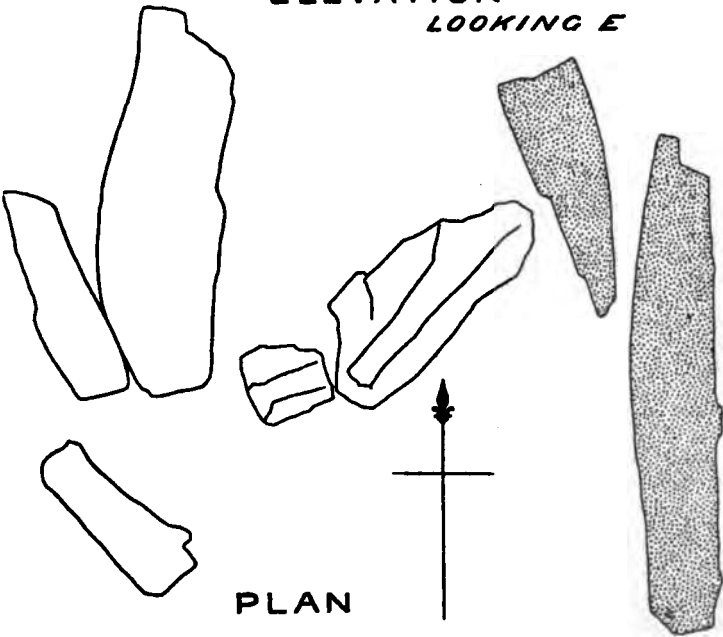
The direction of the eastern side, formed by two stones, is N. $16^{\circ} 30' W$. The largest stone on the eastern side, and the only undoubted side stone on the west, both lie almost exactly north and south. We may take it, therefore, that the deviation of the centre line of the kist, from north and south, was to the westward, and in this it agrees with the great majority of such structures on Dartmoor.

A plan and sketch accompany this Report.

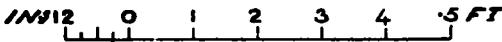
CUCKOO BALL



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VIEW OF RUINED KISTVAEN, CUCKOO BALL

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