

FIFTY-SEVENTH REPORT ON BARROWS.

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KISTVAENS IN THE POSTBRIDGE DISTRICT.

THIS Report is one of record only, nothing new is reported, and all the kistvaens described will be found entered on the last edition of the Ordnance Survey.

STANNON LITTLE NEWTAKE.

Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, N.E., lon. $3^{\circ}-54'-7''$,
lat. $50^{\circ}-36'-47\frac{1}{2}''$.

STANNON.

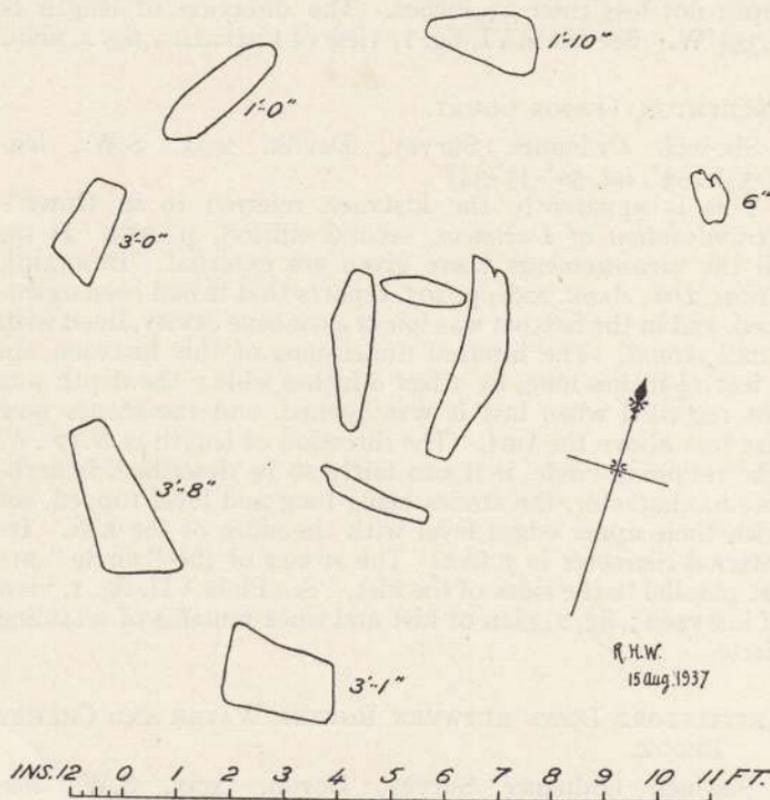


Fig. 1

The retaining circle makes this rather conspicuous in the landscape, standing clear against the sky, with three prominent stones, the tallest of which is, however, no more than 3 feet 8 inches in height. The internal diameter of the retaining circle is 11 feet, and six stones still exist; there is a gap to the eastward. The kistvaen has been disturbed, the coverstone is missing, and the south end-stone has been moved outward. Probable original dimensions 2 feet 4 inches long, and 2 feet wide, depth not ascertainable except by excavation. Direction of length N.5°W. See fig. 1, plan of circle; Plate IV, fig. 1, view of kistvaen, fig. 2, plan; and Plate V, view of part of circle.

CHITTLEFORD DOWN, NEAR ARCHERTON.

Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, S.W., *lon.* 3°-55'-35½", *lat.* 50°-36'-1".

An incomplete kistvaen, the north-western end-stone missing, and the coverstone removed. Original length probably a little over 3 feet, width still ascertainable as 1 foot 8 inches, depth not less than 33 inches. The direction of length is N.35½°W. See Plate VI, fig. 1, view of kistvaen; fig. 2, plan.

ARCHERTON TENNIS COURT.

Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, S.W., *lon.* 3°-55'-25½", *lat.* 50°-35'-34¾".

This is apparently the kistvaen referred to in ROWE'S *Perambulation of Dartmoor*, second edition, p. 213. If so, all the measurements there given are external. BURNARD, *Trans. Dev. Assoc.* xxii, p. 207, reports that it had been examined, and in the bottom was found a concave cavity, lined with small stones. The internal dimensions of this kistvaen are 3 feet 1½ inches long, by 2 feet 8 inches wide; the depth was not recorded when last it was opened, and the stones now rise just above the turf. The direction of length is N.17°W. The retaining circle, if it can fairly so be described, is kerb-like in character, the stones being long and level topped, set with their upper edges level with the sides of the kist. Its internal diameter is 7 feet. The stones of the "circle" are set parallel to the sides of the kist. See Plate VII, fig. 1, view of kistvaen; fig. 2, plan of kist and what remains of retaining circle.

CHITTLEFORD DOWN BETWEEN ROUTER WATER AND CHERRY BROOK.

Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, S.W., *lon.* 3°-56'-21", *lat.* 50°-35'-32".

This is a fine kistvaen, standing in a mound which still



Fig. 1

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KISTVAEN, STANNON LITTLE NEWTAKE.
View looking N. 70° E.

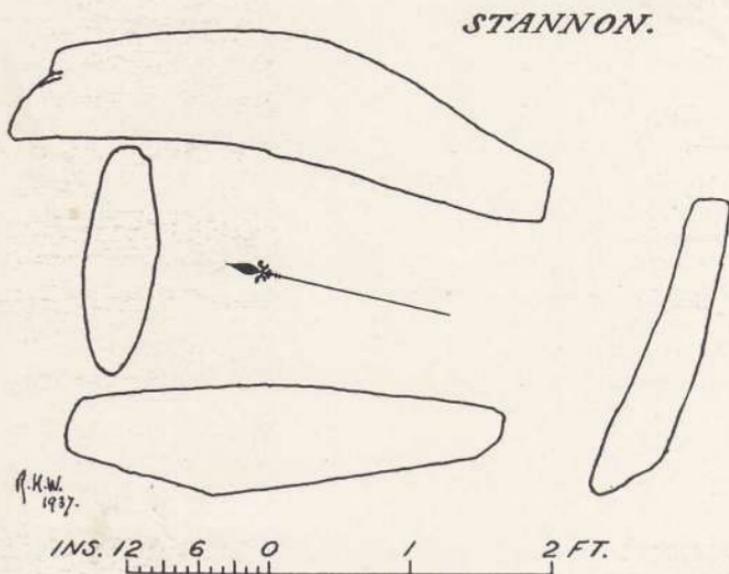
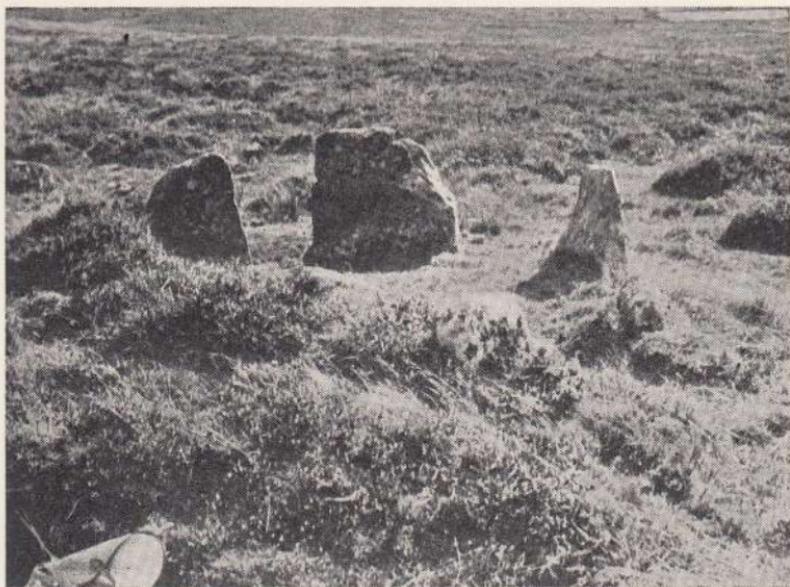


Fig. 2.

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STANNON. Stones in Retaining Circle.

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Fig. 1.

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KISTVAEN, CHITTLEFORD DOWN, W. DART.
View looking S. 18° E.

CHITTLEFORD, W. DART.

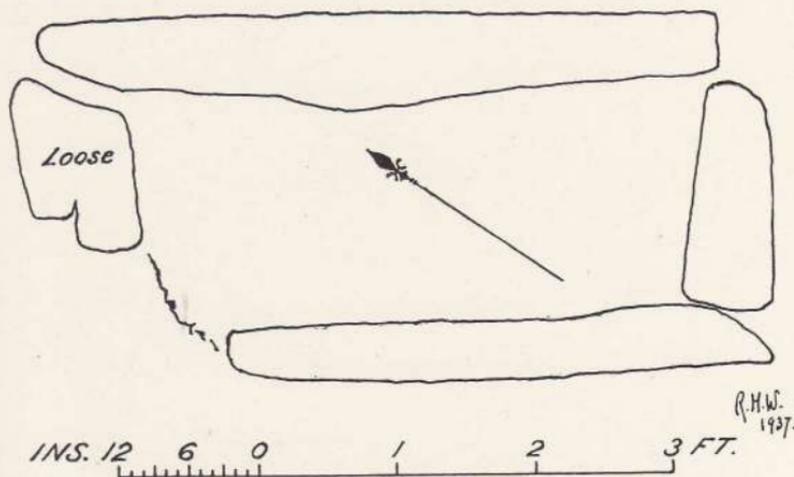


Fig. 2.

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Fig. 1.

KISTVAEN, ARCHERTON TENNIS-GROUND.
View looking N.21° E.

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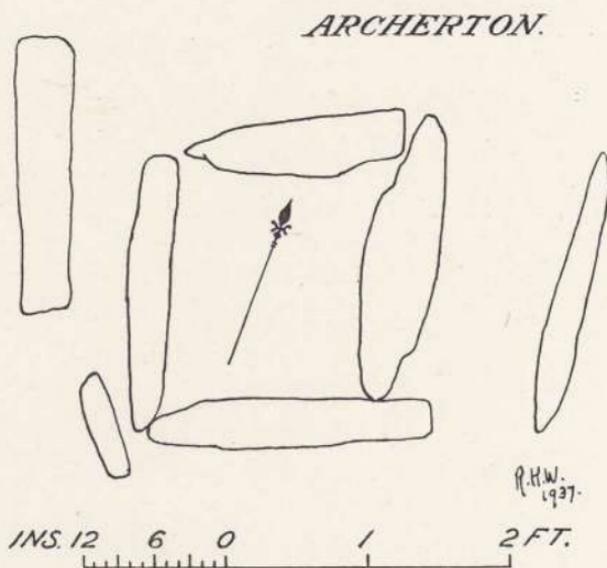


Fig. 2.

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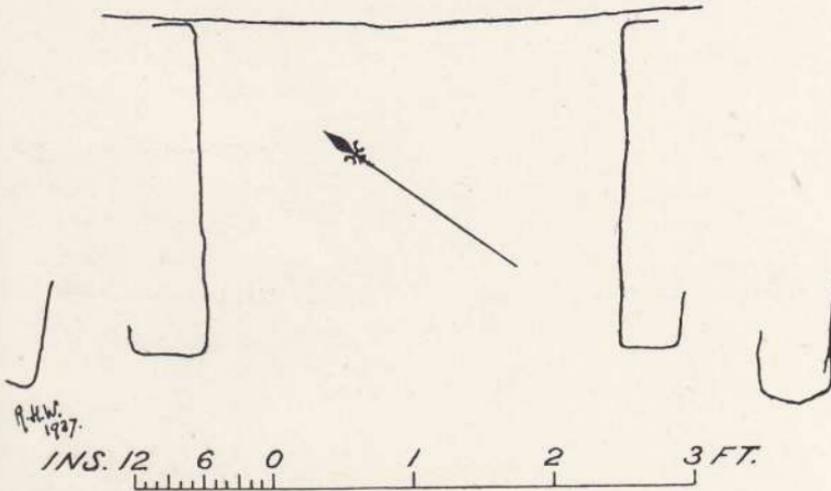


Fig. 1.

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KISTVAEN, CHITTLEFORD DOWN, CHERRYBROOK.
View looking N. 48° E.

CHITTLEFORD, CHERRYBROOK.



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Fig. 2.

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Fig. 1.

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KISTVAEN, STENNEN HILL, No. 1.
View looking S. 14° E.

STENNEN HILL.

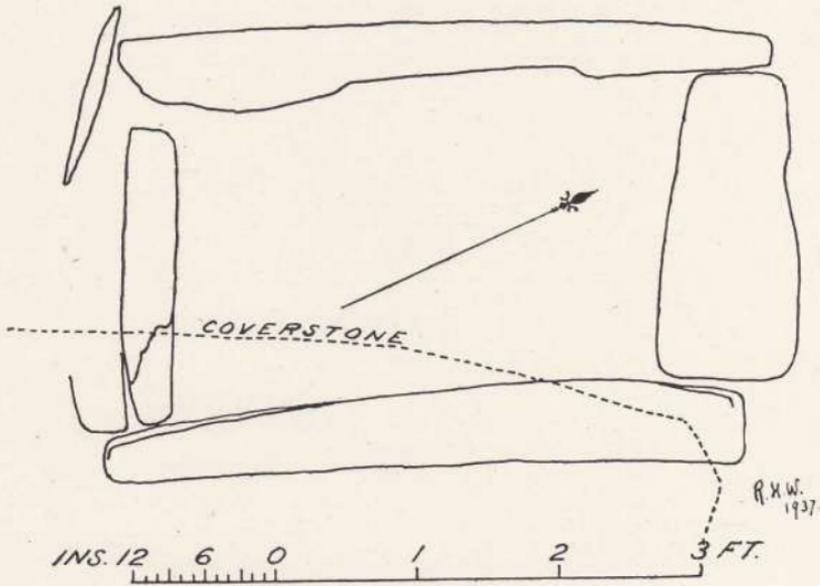


Fig 2.

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Fig. 1.

KISTVAEN, STENNEN HILL, No. 3.
View looking N. 82° E.

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STENNEN HILL 3.

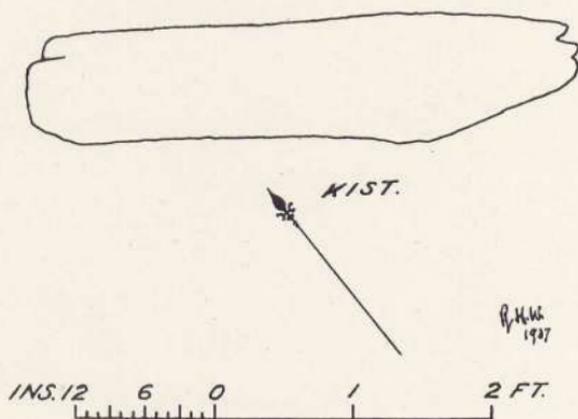


Fig. 2.

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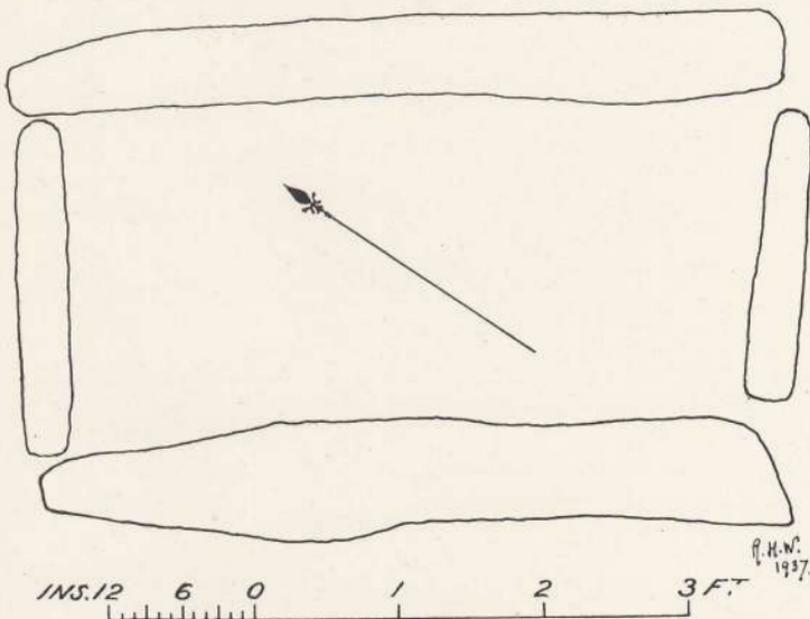


Fig. 1.

KISTVAEN, BLACK NEWTAKE, No. 1.
View looking N. 50° W.

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BLACK NEWTAKE 1.



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Fig. 2.

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Fig. 1.

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KISTVAEN AND STONES OF CIRCLE, BLACK NEWTAKE, No. 3.
View looking N. 57° E.

BLACK NEWTAKE 3.

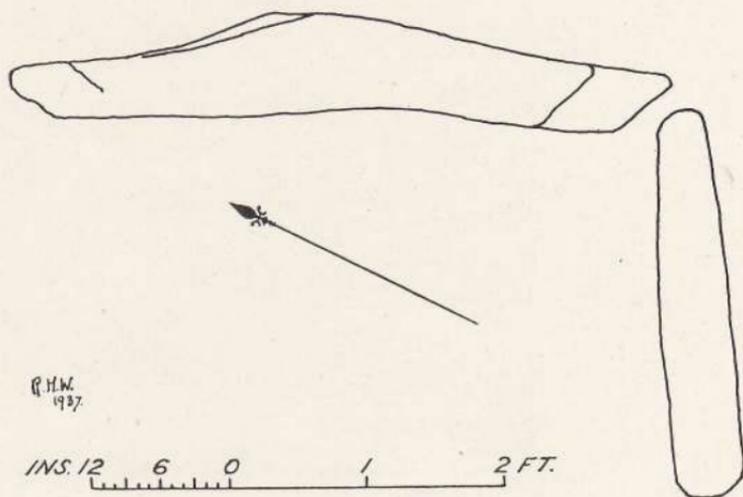


Fig. 2.

Barrow Report—To follow Plate XI.

rises in part above the level of the coverstone. The coverstone has been turned aside and now rests across one corner of the kist. The western side-stone has been completely displaced, leaving the kist open on that side. The internal dimensions are, length 3 feet, width 2 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, depth $35\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The direction of length is $N.35^{\circ}W.$

At either end of the kist is a large slab at a distance of approximately 6 inches from the end-stone, and parallel to it (see plan). There is an inner retaining circle to the mound, 9 feet 10 inches in internal diameter, the largest stone of which is 30 inches by 9 inches on plan, and stands 3 feet in height. Outside this circle is a structure which is apparently a wall, 32 inches in width, with the outer stones set as a kerb. See Plate VIII, fig. 1, view of kistvaen; fig. 2, plan.

STENNEN HILL NEAR POWDER MILLS.

(1) Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, S.W., *lon.* $3^{\circ}-56'-29''$, *lat.* $50^{\circ}-35'-2\frac{1}{2}''$.

An excellently preserved kistvaen, the coverstone of which has been moved aside but is intact. Internal dimensions:—length 3 feet $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width 2 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, present depth 2 feet; actual depth can only be determined by excavation. The coverstone is somewhat irregular, but its approximate dimensions are 5 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 9 inches, and 9 inches in thickness. This kist is remarkable as presenting an outstanding exception to the general rule in its direction of length, which lies $N.20^{\circ}E.$ There is a retaining circle, which like that at Archerton Tennis Ground consists of long, kerb-like stones. The longest of these stones measures 5 feet 6 inches, and its thickness is between 10 inches and 16 inches. This lies approximately parallel to the western side-stone of the kist, and at a distance of 4 feet 8 inches. Another member of the circle is 4 feet 7 inches in length. See Plate IX, fig. 1, view of kistvaen; fig. 2, plan.

(2) Fifty-four feet from the centre of the last described kistvaen, on a bearing $S.31^{\circ}W.$, lies the centre of a retaining circle of 16 feet 6 inches internal diameter, the largest stone of which is 7 feet by 6 inches on plan, and stands 3 feet in height. There are but slight traces of the mound, and there is no indication of a kistvaen.

(3) Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. xcix, S.W., *lon.*, $3^{\circ}-56'-27''$, *lat.* $50^{\circ}-35'-0''$.

One side-stone only of a kistvaen, standing in a mound, within the remains of a retaining circle of 12 feet internal diameter. The stone is just 4 feet in length, and its height above the lowest grass level is 2 feet. Direction of length $N.61^{\circ}W.$ See Plate X, fig. 1, view of stone; fig. 2, plan.

BLACK NEWTAKE, BETWEEN BELLIVER TOR AND THE CHERRY-BROOK.

In this newtake there are remains of five graves, forming with the kistvaen on Belliver Tor an irregular chain, extending S.18°W.

(1) Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. cvii, N.W., *lon.* 3°-55'-18½", *lat.* 50°-34'-4½".

This, the northernmost, kistvaen is exceptionally large; in length 4 feet 9 inches, width 2 feet 3 inches, and depth 2 feet 7 inches. It is very perfect, but the coverstone is missing. It lies in a low mound, having a retaining circle of open type, of 24 feet 3 inches internal diameter. The direction of length of the kistvaen is N.32°W. See Plate XI, fig. 1, view of kistvaen; fig. 2, plan.

(2) About 220 feet to the south-west of No. 1 lie the remains of a ruined cairn; there is no evidence that it ever covered a kist.

(3) Six-inch Ordnance Survey, Devon. cvii, N.W., *lon.* 3°-55'-19½", *lat.* 50°-33'-57¾".

A ruined kistvaen, now consisting of one side-stone and one end-stone only. The original internal dimensions may have been somewhat over 4 feet by 2 feet 6 inches. Direction of length N.25°W. The mound is very slight. There is an open retaining circle of 24 feet 6 inches internal diameter. See Plate XII, fig. 1, view; and fig. 2, plan.

(4) About 250 feet from the centre of this last described kistvaen is the centre of a ruined cairn (on a bearing S.18°W.). The cairn has been reduced to a mere marginal ring.

(5) Two hundred and fifty feet further on the same bearing lies a ruined mound, with the wreck of a kistvaen; no useful measurements can be taken, saving the diameter of the ruined retaining circle of open type, which is 20 feet.

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