



Fig. 1 BUTTERDON KIST. View looking W.N.W.

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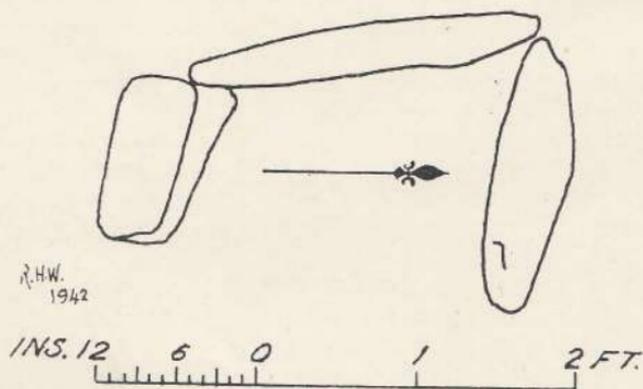


Fig. 2 PLAN

SIXTY-FIRST REPORT ON BARROWS.

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ERME VALLEY, BUTTERDON HILL NEAR HANGERSHELL.

Whatever may lie hidden under the large cairns of the Erme Valley, it must be said that kistvaens in smaller barrows are infrequent. So that, whereas there are twenty-three known kistvaens in the valley of the Plym, the number known to exist in the Erme Valley is but five, one of which has recently been discovered by Messrs. Morcom and Carpenter and subsequently, found by mere chance, by myself also. It lies a thousand feet to the east of Hangershell Rock; and has as a companion a large cairn, 463 feet away in a direction w. 27° N.; while, to the other hand, approximately 400 feet away and in a direction a few degrees south of east lies the nearer of two large prostrate stones which I have described as being, possibly, fallen menhirs (*D.A.* 1940, Vol. lxxii, p. 193).

The western side-stone and the two end-stones still stand, the other side-stone and the cover are missing. It is somewhat unusual, but by no means unique, in that no trace of the barrow now remains; the stones rise some foot to eighteen inches above the general surface, and doubtless extend downward into the subsoil.

The kist is twenty-three inches in length by fifteen inches in width, and the present depth is eighteen inches; the direction of length was probably N. 2° E. or between that and due N., a slight deviation from the general rule that such direction should lie in the NW. quadrant.

This kistvaen is not marked on any edition of the Ordnance Survey. It should be shewn on six-inch, Devon CXIX, SE., in lon. $3^{\circ}32'22''$, and lat. $50^{\circ}25'4\frac{1}{4}''$.

See Plate (2), on which Fig. 1 gives a view, and Fig. 2 a plan.