



Kistvaen, Renny Brook, Yealm.

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SIXTY-FOURTH REPORT ON BARROWS

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YEALM VALLEY.

Some few years since Mr. L. BUTTON found a kistvaen in the valley of the *Renny Brook*, lying north of the brook, and between the higher ford where the track from Harrowthorn Gate to Erme Pound crosses, and the lower ford, on the track from New Waste to the Yealm valley. Recently I visited the locality but failed to find the kistvaen, being unfit at the time to make a prolonged search. I am reluctant to leave the kist without record, and I offer a preliminary note, which I hope to revise in a later report. As an approximation the site may be located on Devon, six-inch O.S., cxix, N.W., lon. $8^{\circ}56'-9''$, lat. $50^{\circ}27'-13''$. There is much swampy ground on the right bank of the *Renny Brook*, but the kistvaen lies a little north of this on dry pasture.

Mr. Button has kindly permitted me to reproduce his photograph of the object, see Plate 7.

KISTVAEN IN VALLEY OF THE RENNY BROOK.

BARROWS NEAR HARROWTHORN PLANTATION.

On my return from the unavailing search I took a somewhat different path, and by good luck found two barrows which, like the kistvaen, have not hitherto been recorded. Both are small cairns, the larger and better conditioned of which lies 760 feet north a few degrees east from the north-eastern angle of *Harrowthorn Plantation*. Devon six-inch O.S., cxix, N.W. lon. $8^{\circ}56'-16\frac{1}{2}''$, lat. $50^{\circ}26'-34\frac{1}{2}''$. The cairn is 16 feet in diameter, and near its margin lies a flat stone of such size as suggests the displaced coverstone of a kistvaen. I hope to obtain permission to examine this cairn by slight excavation.

N. $8^{\circ}30'$ E. from this cairn, and distant 46 feet centre to centre, lies a second of about the same diameter, but more disturbed.

These three graves are interesting in that the *Yealm Valley*, while unusually rich in hut-circles, does not appear to give evidence of many interments. If we except hill-top cairns, the first edition of the Ordnance Survey shows no graves; we can now account for eight, and one other off the granite area.