

pillar-box to be taken down and re-erected stone by stone in the same form and the same place. This work has been very creditably performed.

Many enquiries have been made, but I have been unable to find that any similar stone pillar-boxes remain in the county, and it would appear that the Horsley pillar is unique in Derbyshire, possibly even in the country.

NOTE ON A PIG OF LEAD FROM CARSINGTON.

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IN 1946 there was ploughed up on Owsloes Farm, Carsington (at National Grid Ref. 238533), a pig of lead, a photograph of which appears opposite.

The weight is 144 lbs. and the dimensions $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by 4 inches wide at the base, an average thickness of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches and 23 inches long by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at the top.

There is an incision visible on the base which Mr. R. P. Wright, M.A., F.S.A., the Editor of the *Roman Inscriptions of Britain* reads as 210 (in Roman figures) librae. A libra was, as he points out, equivalent to a weight of 5050 grains (7000 grains equal 1 lb. avoirdupois) so that 210 librae should equal $151\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The actual weight of the pig of lead is 144 lbs. which confirms this reading to within a 5 per cent. error. The discovery of such a pig with the weight marked upon it is almost unique.

The pig had been cast in layers, the final layer on the top, or longest, side leaving a very rough surface. It is very similar in appearance to the unscribed pig of lead in the Weston Park Museum, Sheffield, found many years ago when digging the foundations for the new Council School at Bradwell (National Grid Reference 172813). The Bradwell pig is much lighter, weighing 106 lbs. only with dimensions $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 3 inches.

I am indebted to Mr. Oldfield of Owslow Farm for permission to have the pig measured and weighed.

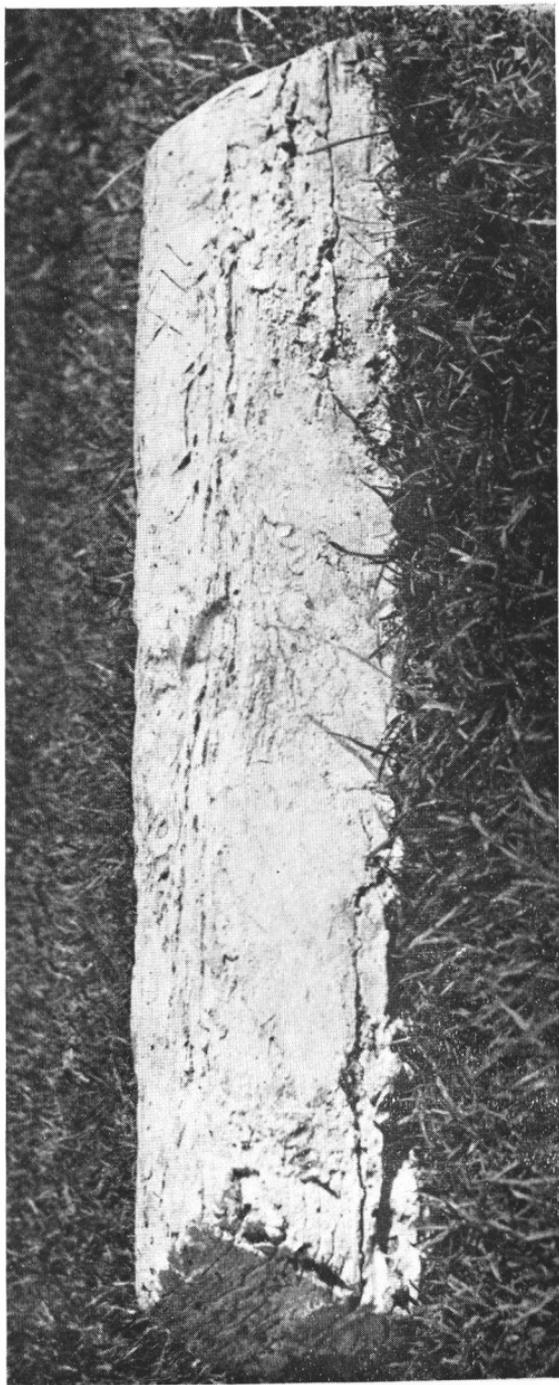


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