

REPORT OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS BOARD

CHIEF CORRESPONDENT.

The following list contains the most important sites visited by the Chief Correspondent, some of them several times and often accompanied by one of the Inspectorate.

Grey Ditch at Bradwell: Sections were uncovered in a housing site, and these were recorded.

Tideslow Barrow: In which prehistoric human bones had been found by the farmer, Mr. J. E. Critchlow.

Hazlebadge Barrow: Damaged by a Home Guard trench 20 yards long and 3 feet deep. This has been partially restored by the Correspondent.

Barrow on Mam Tor: Damaged by erection of a hut.

Woodthorpe Old Barn, Old Tupton: It was considered quite impossible to preserve this, and it has since been demolished.

Cutthorpe Hall: In whose preservation the Board along with other bodies, was interested.

Norton Oakes: Discoveries and excavations. It is suggested that the mounds were originally charcoal burning pits.

Open Cast Workings: On Rykniel Street at Brackley Gate, Heage and Pentrich.

Earthworks at Blackwell and Chapel Hill at Heath: In danger from open cast workings.

Blast Furnaces at Morley Park: which it is hoped will be taken over by the Ancient Monuments Board.

Bull Ring, Dove Holes: excavated by permission of the Board.

Water Conduit Towers at Bolsover: two of which have been damaged several times by children.

Harewood Grange Farm: where a stone with incised cross was reported. It is suggested that it may have been a boundary mark for Beauchief Abbey.

Batham Gate, Hartle Moor, Nine Stones and Liffs Low:

These and other barrows have been inspected after receiving reports of close ploughing.

Cratcliff Rocks, Hermit's Cave Crucifix: This was badly damaged on two occasions by hooligans throwing the old iron spiked railings at the figure. It was also becoming a common practice to camp and picnic in the cave. Mr. J. C. Heathcote and the Correspondent therefore issued an appeal for £30 with which to erect new railings. This was subscribed almost immediately, before the appeal had been made to more than 40 people, so the list was closed. The railings have now been erected and the cave is kept locked. The key may be obtained from Mr. J. C. Heathcote, Birchover. Thanks are due to Mr. H. M. Leach who helped considerably in making the appeal, also to the owners and the Ancient Monuments Board for allowing the work to be done.

Birchen Edge, Clod Hall Moor: where a British settlement, Bronze Age barrows and a Cup and Ring Stone have been recorded by Mr. G. H. B. Ward. The barrows have been put forward for scheduling, and it is hoped an authoritative article on the whole site may be published.

Finally, it should be noted that many reports of danger or damage to monuments prove on examination to be exaggerated, but it is hoped that members will notify either the Board or myself if they suspect that damage may occur to any ancient monument or site.

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