

Key Sites

Southeast Wales – Neolithic and early Bronze Age 22/12/2003

Neolithic

Domestic

COED-Y-CWMDDA

Enclosure with evidence for flint-working
Owen-John 1988

CEFN GLAS (SN932024)

Late Neolithic hut floor dated to 4110-70 BP. Late Neolithic flints have been found at this site. Excavated 1973
Unpublished: see Grimes 1984

PEN-Y-BONT, OGMORE (SS863756)

Pottery, hearth and flints
Hamilton and Aldhouse-Green 1998; 1999; Gibson 1998

MOUNT PLEASANT, NEWTON NOTTAGE (SS83387985)

Hut, hearth, pottery
Savory 1952; RCAHMW 1976a

CEFN CILSANWS HUT SITE (SO02480995)

Hut consisting of 46 stake holes found under cairn. The hut contained fragments of Mortlake style Peterborough Ware and flint flakes
Webley 1958; RCAHMW 1997

CEFN BRYN 10 (GREAT CARN) SAM GmI96 (SS49029055)

Trench, pit, posthole and hearth associated with Peterborough ware and worked flint; found under cairn.
Ward 1987

Funerary and ritual

CEFN BRYN BURIAL CHAMBER (NICHOLASTON) SAM GmI67 (SS50758881)

Partly excavated chambered tomb, with an orthostatic chamber surviving in a roughly central position in what remains of a long mound. The mound was made up peaty soil and stone fragments, and no trace of an entrance passage was found. The chamber had been robbed at some time before the excavation.
Williams 1940, 178-81

CEFN DRUM CHAMBERED TOMB (SN61360453,)

Discovered during the course of the excavation of a deserted medieval settlement on Cefn Drum. A pear-shaped chamber of coursed rubble construction, with an attached orthostatic passage ending in a pit in the mouth of a hornwork and containing cremated bone and charcoal, were identified within the remains of a mound with some stone kerbing.
Phillips *et al* 2000

HESTON BRAKE CHAMBERED TOMB SAM Mm 18 (ST50528866)

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Chambered tomb consisting of a mound containing two interconnected chambers. Excavation in 1888 recovered human and cattle bones and a small amount of pottery Grimes 1951, 159

PARC LE BREOS (PARC CWM) CHAMBERED TOMB SAM Gml22 (SS53728983)

Severn-Cotswold passage grave with two chambers on either side of the main gallery set in a rubble mound with a revetment wall, which opens to form a narrow bell-shaped forecourt at the entrance to the gallery. Contained human bone and Neolithic pottery Atkinson 1961; Daniel 1937; Whittle and Wysocki 1998

THORNWELL FARM LONG BARROW SAM Mm 206 (ST53959167)

Severn-Cotswold tomb, consisting of a n oval mound with a drystone revetment, in which three chambers were revealed by excavation. Contained articulated and disarticulated human bones, pottery and flint etc. GGAT 1991

TINKINSWOOD LONG CAIRN SAM Gm 9 (ST09217331)

Severn-Cotswold tomb consisting of a rubble mound with a revetment wall opening to form a funnel-shaped forecourt, behind which is the main chamber; there is a second chamber in the middle of the north half of the cairn. Contained disarticulated human bone, animal bone and pottery. Ward 1915; 1916

NEWTON, RHOSSILI (SS44608819)

Cropmark/henge RCAHMW1976a, 41-2

Early Bronze Age

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COLTS HILL (SS60578875)

Ring of postholes and hearth under barrow indicated a circular hut. Pottery. Savory 1972

Funerary and ritual

BISHOPSTON BURCH (SS57189098)

Round barrow; primary burial cremation of a child; evidence of secondary burials.

Pottery, charcoal ID (Roman period). Later reuse of site dated to Roman period by pottery.

Williams 1944, 57-62

BREACH FARM NORTHWEST 2 SAM Gm 104b (SS96957378)

Round barrow of turf and clay mound, internal kerb; central cremation.

Pottery, flints, sandstone, copper alloy implements. Archive in NMGW.

Grimes 1938; Fox 1959, 91-7

BURRY HOLMS CAIRN SAM Gm88 (SS39849262)

Round cairn within promontory fort; contained primary cremation burial.

?Pottery, copper alloy pin

1925/BBCS vol II p389 (?H. David and T.C. Lethbridge)

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CEFN BRYN 10 (GREAT CARN) SAM GmI96 (SS49029055)

Round cairn with internal kerb and pit with cremation. Overlay a Neolithic structure.

Ward 1987

COLTS HILL, NEWTON (SS60578875)

Round barrow with primary burial pit, and three cists against an internal kerb; over an Early Bronze Age hut

Savory 1969; 1972

COWBRIDGE (SS99197478)

Structure in Westgate Street area, underlying Roman occupation; the remains of either a roundhouse or a round barrow. Area excavation; no associated finds.

Valentin and Robinson 2001

CRICK ROUND BARROW SAM Mm 151 (ST48449025)

Round barrow with ditch and internal kerb, including cup-marked stones; primary cremation without grave goods near centre; secondary cremation dug through from top of mound. Flints.

Archive in NMGW

Savory 1940

CRUG YR AFAN SAM Gm233 (SS92039544)

Round barrow consisting of earth mound over or containing a cist, surmounted by cairn and surrounded by ditch. Pollen analysis.

Crampton 1967; Griffiths 1903, 122-4, plates 3-4

GARN GOCH SAM GmI99 (SS60559807)

Round cairn with internal kerb; primary burial in centre; secondary burials include seven stone cists; total of nine urns found, other pottery and flints. Some of finds in Swansea Museum.

Llewelyn 1855

GRAIG DDU CAIRN (SO28452645)

Round cairn with central cist. Pottery, flint.

Jones 1981

GREAT CARN RING CAIRN 1 (CEFN BRYN) SS49079072

Ring cairn; pit with cremated bone and charcoal in interior. Flints. Radiocarbon dates

Ward 1988

GREAT CARN RING CAIRN 2 (CEFN BRYN) (SS49089075)

Ring cairn with inner kerb; internal pit with charcoal. Flint. Radiocarbon date

Ward 1988

MALBOROUGH GRANGE SOUTH SS97357351)

Round barrow of turf and clay with kerb; primary cremation near centre.

Two secondary cremation burials. Pottery, plant macro fossils, charcoal ID.

Archive in NMGW

Savory 1969

MOUNT PLEASANT, NEWTON DOWN (SS83357959)

Round cairn with ditch and earthen core; primary cremation in central pit; secondary cremation at edge. Pottery.

Archive in NMGW

Savory 1952

MYNYDD TWMPATHYDDAER (SS84278054)

Round barrow covering crouched inhumation.
Grimes 1928

MYNYDD-Y-GELLI RING CAIRN SAM Gm354 (SS97579397)

Round barrow, originally having a near-circular ring of inward-leaning retaining stones set on a wall of laid stones with three abutting 'cist-like structures' and an internal cist.
Griffiths 1906

NAABOTH'S VINEYARD 1 SAM Gm346 (ST00668069)

Round barrow; rectangular cist with crouched inhumation.
Pottery.
Nash-Williams 1903

NANT MADEN SAM BrI56 (SN97081058)

Round cairn with internal kerb and D-shaped internal structure surrounding central pit; four secondary cremations. Pottery; pollen analysis.
RCAHMW 1997

PENNARD BURCH (SS56759136)

Round barrow of turf and clay with internal stone ring retained by inner kerb, and outer stone ring; central cist with primary burial.
Williams 1944,53-57

PENTRE FARM, PONTARDULAIS (SN59130263)

Round barrow consisting of earthen mound surmounted by a penannular ring of stones and covered by a stone cap; three token deposits of cremated bone.
Radiocarbon dates. Later reuse of site dated to Roman period by C14.
Ward 1975

POND CAIRN (SS91548119)

Round cairn; small cairn over primary central cremation and initial secondary cremation, covered by turf stack encircled (leaving a gap) by stone ring with inner and outer kerbs; ring then breached, fire pit dug in gap between ring and turf stack, and a deposit of stone made over the top. Pottery; animal bone, plant macrofossils, charcoal
ID. Later reuse of site dated to Roman period by pottery.
Fox 1959, 105-7

PWLL SWIL TUMULUS (SS85577686)

Round barrow of sand with a stone outer surface and a stone kerb; central cist with crouched inhumation; three secondary cists with crouched inhumations.
Pottery; ?flint.
Ward 1919, 330-6

RILEY'S TUMULUS (SS85097707)

Round barrow of sand with two stone cists containing crouched inhumations; also three secondary crouched inhumations without cists.
Ward 1919, 336-47

ROBERTS'S CIST BURIAL SAM Gm432 (SS85917704)

Cist with inhumation, originally probably covered by round barrow. No datable material, possibly Iron Age by association with Burrows Well settlement.
Savory 1948

SHEEPLAYS 279 FT (SS96007204)

Round barrow of turf with ditch and external stone kerb, and inner circle of stakes; two central cremations, one slightly later than the other.
Fox 1951, 143-8

SHEEPLAYS 293 FT (SS96027200)

Round barrow of earth and turf incorporating four concentric circles of stake-holes, central cremation and four secondary cremations.
Pottery, flint, copper alloy.
Archive in NMW
Fox 1959, 129-43.

SIMONDSTON CAIRN (SS92378088)

Round cairn; central cist (incorporating cup-marked stones) contained two urns, each with two cremations; five secondary cremations.
Pottery, flint, copper alloy pin, animal bone.
Fox 1959, 78-89

SIX WELLS 267 FT (SS95577162)

Round barrow of turf overlying stakeholes, including examples forming a ring.
No evidence for burials.
Fox 1959, 148-56

SIX WELLS 271 FT (SS95597189)

Round barrow of turf covering central pit with no evidence for burial, and circle of stakeholes; secondary cremation in cist.
Fox 1959, 156-74

SUTTON 268 FT (SS95067226)

Round barrow with ditch and stone outer kerb, later enlarged; overlies cairn built over cist with primary crouched inhumation; five secondary cremation burials in first barrow, two in second. Pottery, flints, bone object.
Fox 1959, 62-70,97-105

THE TWMPATH (GOLDEN MILE BARROW) (SS95547616)

Round barrow overlying central stone platform surrounded by a kerb and associated with thirteen primary cremation burials; four secondary cremation burials. Pottery, flint, bone needle and beads, copper alloy frags.
Fox 1959, 181

THORNWELL SAM Mm 206 (ST53989167)

Round barrow ; trial trenching revealed stone kerb. GGAT 1991

TREODA CASTLE MOUND (PHASE I) (ST15608040)

Round barrow in earth and turf with ditch, over small central rectangular setting of stones; no evidence for burial. Pottery.
Knight and Talbot 1971, 14-6

TWMPATH DIWLITH (SS83228879)

Round barrow of turf enlarged with earth, over cist containing primary cremation burial; secondary burial.
Fox and Fox 1934

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TWYN BRYN GLAS (SN98461172)

Round cairn, initially with boat-shaped kerb; rebuilt twice, the second time enlarged to a circular plan; primary cremation burial; two secondary burials, each associated with successive rebuilds. Pottery.

Webley 1962

VIANSHILL (ST10717401)

Round barrow with ditch; later enlarged keeping same form. No definite evidence for burial. Flints.

Savory 1966

WELSH ST DONATS ROUND BARROW 1 SAM Gm 390A (ST04117495)

Round barrow of turf and earth overlying cremation burial in central pit, two crouched inhumations, a second cremation cutting one of the inhumations, and an empty cist; barrow enlarged and provided (at least partly) with a kerb; small semi-circular cairn overlying a cremation burial added, also another secondary burial.

Pottery, flints, plant macrofossils. Later reuse of site dated to Roman period by pottery.

Ehrenberg et al 1982

CANDLESTON CASTLE CIST SAM Gm432 (SS86727726)

Cist containing cremation burial; no evidence for barrow or cairn.

Pottery, copper alloy blade.

Ward 1919, 323-52

CAT HOLE SAM Gm 349 (SS53779002)

Disturbed inhumation burials from cave, associated with Bronze Age pottery and possibly also with copper alloy socketed axe.

RCAHMW 1976a, 19

CULVER HOLE, LLANGENITH (CAVE 36m W OF THREE CHIMNEYS) SAM Gm 87 (SS40589296)

Inhumation burials from cave; associated finds of varying periods, including Bronze Age pottery.

Penniman 1932

LESSER GARTH CAVE (ST12558210)

Urns of Bronze Age date found in cave.

Hussey 1967

TOOTH CAVE SAM Gm284 (SS53179092)

Disturbed inhumation burials from cave, associated with Early Bronze Age pottery and flints

Harvey et al 1967

STANDING STONE, MISKIN MENHIR (ST05858075)

Small standing stone set in an oval socket, not fully excavated. Flint, whetstones.

Vyner 1977

BRIDGEND STANDING STONE SAM GmI45 (SS90207953)

Standing stone erected over the cremation of an adult. Flint, charcoal ID. Archive in NMGW.

Lewis 1966,250-4

Uncertain

CEFN CILSANWS CAIRNFIELD (SO02470990)

Cairnfield partly excavated; no evidence for burial. No dating evidence.
Webley 1958

**COLY-UCHAF CAIRNFIELD (W SIDE OF CEFN GELLI-GAER) SAM Gm314c
(SO09440307)**

Cairnfield; two cairns excavated contained wrecked and empty cists.
No dating evidence.
Fox 1939

LLWYNCELYN CAIRN GROUP (SN93250663)

Cairnfield; five cairns excavated, no unequivocal evidence for burial.
No dating evidence.
Fox and Murray Threipland 1942, 77-92

PENRHIW CRADOC CAIRN GROUP (ST02839838)

Cairnfield; three cairns excavated, one with an external kerb built over pits containing burnt material including unidentifiable bone; others with no evidence for burial.
Radiocarbon date.
Owen-John 1986

TWYN BRYN-HIR CAIRNFIELD (SN93770662)

Cairnfield; twelve cairns excavated; no definite evidence for burial though cists possible in two.
No dating evidence.
Fox and Murray Threipland, 1942, 77-92