

## FIFTY-FIRST REPORT ON BARROWS.

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**KISTVAENS IN PLYM VALLEY.** Last year I reported two kistvaens as having been found in the Plym Valley by Mr. J. H. Dobson and Mr. L. Button, respectively, and I described one. These gentlemen and others associated with them have continued the search with astonishing success. Mr. R. C. E. Carpenter, of Plymouth, has found an excellent example on Leemoor, not far from my No. 3, reported in the Nineteenth Report on Barrows, Vol. xxxii, 1900. Mr. Button has discovered another on Legis Tor, near my No. 10, recorded in the Twentieth Barrow Report. On Hentor he has also found a kistvaen near my No. 12, in the Shavercombe Valley; and he and I, visiting this new discovery, almost walked into yet another, even nearer No. 12 (Barrow Report XX).

In the same immediate neighbourhood is a third which has not hitherto been recorded. And, in Langcombe, Deadmans Bottom, three more kists have rewarded Mr. Button's industry. There is good reason to believe that these will not close the list; but last year and this year the additions number ten in all. In the present report I propose to deal with two only, that found by Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Button's discovery on Legis Tor.

**LEEMOOR, PLYM VALLEY, Willings Walls Warren (found by Mr. Carpenter).**

The number of the six inch O.S. quarter sheet on which this kistvaen should be marked is "Devon CXII, S.E.," the position being, lon.  $3^{\circ} 59' 51''$  W., and lat.  $50^{\circ} 28' 8\frac{1}{2}''$  N. It lies east of the reeve which runs from Hentor Farm toward Trowlesworthy, and about 170 feet distant from it. Almost due north, and 390 feet distant, is kistvaen No. 3 of the nineteenth Barrow Report, and at about the same distance, a little S. of W., lies the curious circle, consisting of five groups of stones, which touches the west side of the reeve. Ditsworthy Warren House, or with Coombshead Tor, is a good leading mark for the kistvaen.

The kist is complete, all four stones being in position, and the coverstone, which has been moved aside, overhanging on

the north. The end stones have fallen inward ; if they were reset vertically the internal length of the kistvaen would be approximately 4 ft. 6 ins. ; its width between the stones is

### WILLINGS WALLS.

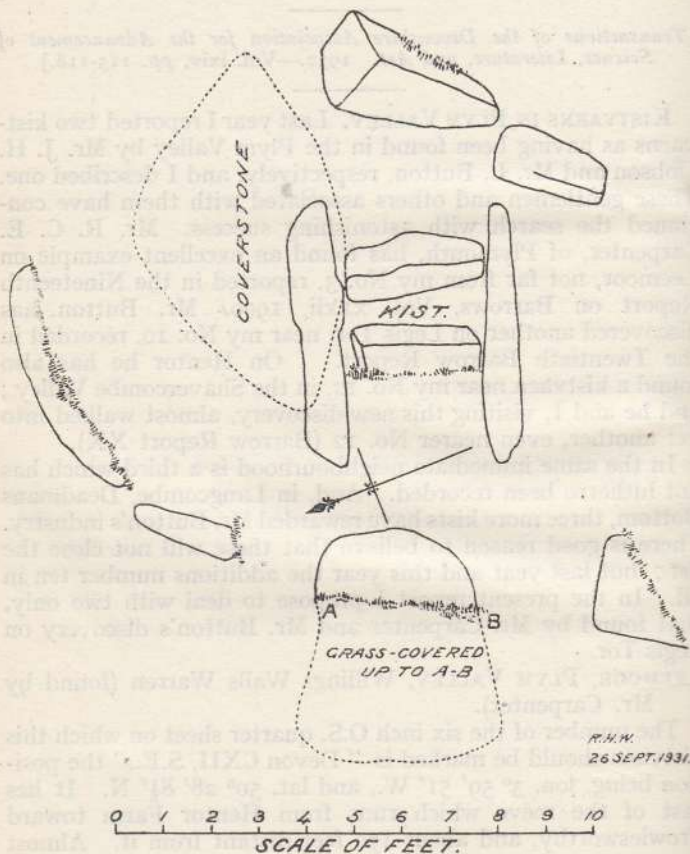


Fig. 3.

2 ft. 10 ins., and the present depth is 2 ft. 4 ins. The greatest length of the coverstone is 7 ft. 6 ins. and its greatest width 4 ft. 4 ins. A somewhat ruined retaining circle surrounds the grave ; the internal diameter of this circle was probably about ten feet. The direction of the length of the kist is S. 69° E.



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Fig. 1. VIEW OF KISTVAEN, WILLINGS WALLS WARREN  
looking S.67°W.

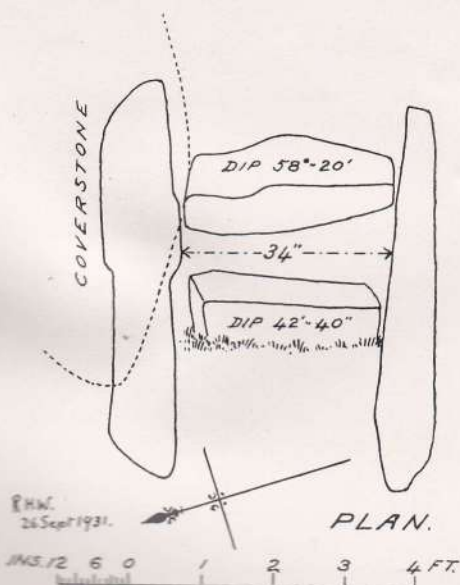


Fig. 2. Plan of KISTVAEN, WILLINGS WALLS WARREN.



PLATE II.



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Fig. 4. VIEW OF KISTVAEN, LEGIS TOR, looking N.47°E.

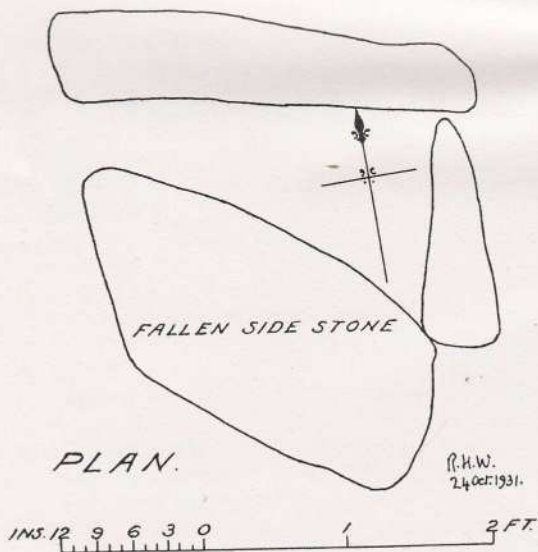


Fig. 5 Plan of KISTVAEN, LEGIS TOR.

Fig. 1, plate I, gives a view of this kistvaen and part of the retaining circle, and Fig. 2 on the same plate is a plan of the kist. Fig. 3 in the text is a smaller scale plan, including detail of the coverstone and the retaining circle.

LEGIS TOR, PLYM VALLEY (found by Mr. Button).

The number of the six inch O.S. quarter sheet on which this kistvaen should be marked is "Devon CXII, S.E.", the position being, lon.  $4^{\circ} 0' 31\frac{1}{4}''$  W., and lat.  $50^{\circ} 28' 29''$  N. It lies almost due east of the northern block of Legis Tor, at a distance of 400 yards. It is a little north of east from kistvaen No. 10, of the Twentieth Barrow Report, and about 550 feet away. One side stone and one end are in position, the other side stone has fallen, and the other end is apparently missing. The cover stone cannot be found. The original internal length was probably about 2 ft. 2 ins., the inside width was about 1 ft. 7 ins. The stones stand but a little above the present surface. The remains of the barrow are yet clear, and there has been a retaining circle of, perhaps, twelve feet internal diameter. The direction of length of the grave is S.  $78^{\circ} 30' E.$

Fig. 4, plate II, gives a view of this kistvaen, and Fig. 5 on the same plate is a plan of the kist.

LEGIS TOR, PLYM VALLEY, Kist No. 10 of the twentieth Barrow Report.

When I reported on this kistvaen in the Twentieth Report I gave no view. I now remedy this omission on plate III, where Fig. 6 is a view and Fig. 7 is a repetition of the plan given in the former Report.

WIGFORD DOWN, RETAINING CIRCLE.

Several years ago the late Mr. Mackworth Parker noted a retaining circle on the north-western slope of Wigford Down, in the valley of the Meavy. It lies a little to the north of a green track which leads from the salient point of the enclosure wall between Urgles and Higher Belliver to the highroad near Durance. The circle is about 1,540 feet east from the salient point of the enclosure. The location is on the six inch O.S. sheet CXII, S.W., at lon.  $4^{\circ} 3' 19\frac{1}{4}''$  W., and lat.  $50^{\circ} 28' 5\frac{1}{4}''$  N. Two hundred yards away, a little south of west, lies a pound with two fine hut circles associated. Neither the circle nor the pound are shown on the O.S. The southern circumference of the circle has been robbed, and the stones of the cairn have been removed. A similar fate has attended all the cairns on Wigford Down, but of some of the larger the ruin has not been as complete. The stones of the circle are rather small, there is but one the greatest dimension of which on plan exceeds four feet.

I made a survey of this circle last year; it is reproduced as Fig. 8 hereunder.

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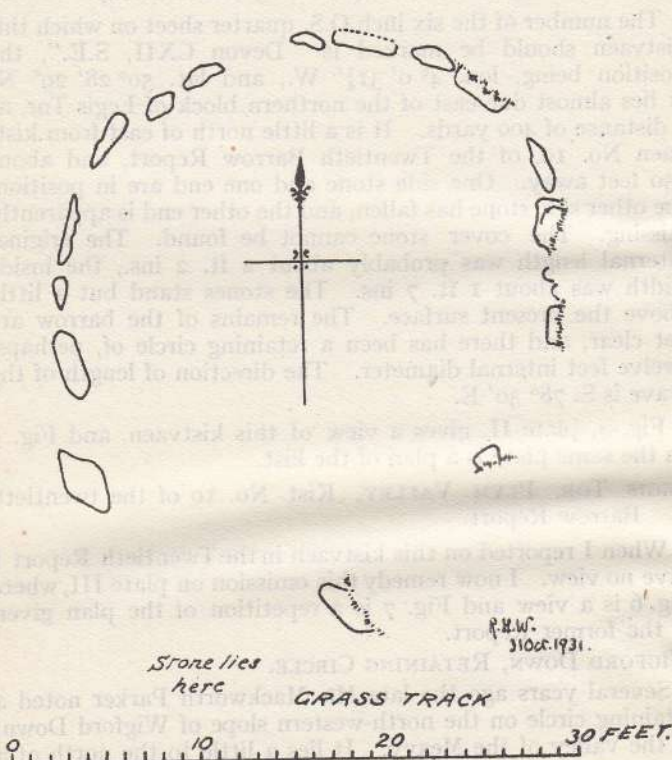


Fig. 8.





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Fig. 6. VIEW OF KISTVAEN, LEGIS TOR, No. 10, looking S. 20°W.

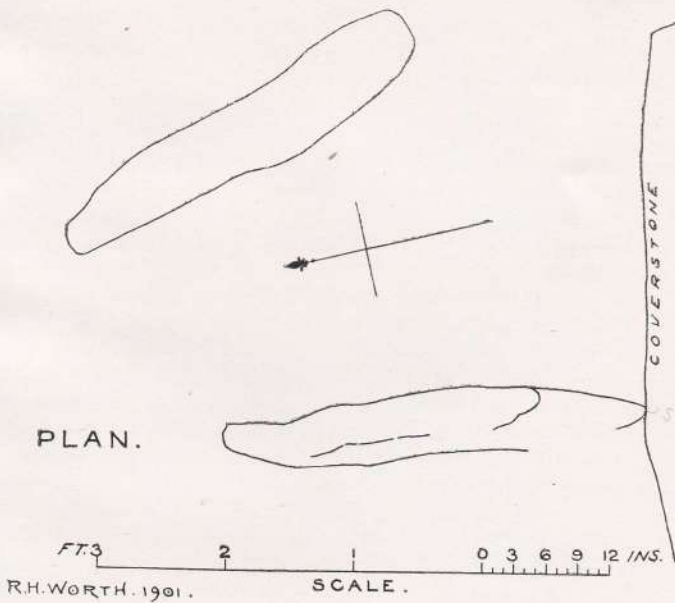


Fig. 7. Plan of KISTVAEN, LEGIS TOR, No. 10.