

GIANT QUOIT WALKS

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This circular autumn walk from Treslothan via Beacon and Troon, starts at Treslothan 'model' village SW650381.

The route goes through the village of Beacon, past King Edward Mine, across Croft Common into Troon, then down Pendarves Street and back to Treslothan.

Beacon is a crossing point between the high moor and the valley of the Pendarves Estate below. Its pub was formerly known as the Pendarves Arms, a reminder of the village's historical, economic and physical links with the Estate. There are wonderful long-distance views from Beacon, particularly looking to the west, down to St Ives and Carbis Bay, and from there to the granite moors of West Penwith.

3.14 miles (5.1 km)



Stile

1. Start

Park, then take a look at the parish church of St John the Evangelist and the mausoleum of the Pendarves family.

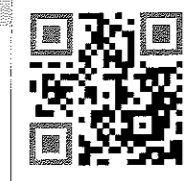
Turn right, and walk uphill from the church, pass the well and continue to the road.

Take the stile opposite and walk across the fields to the village of Beacon. A short diversion south east along the stream in the Reens will bring you to Reens Rock and the site of St Ia's Chapel. Well worth a visit.

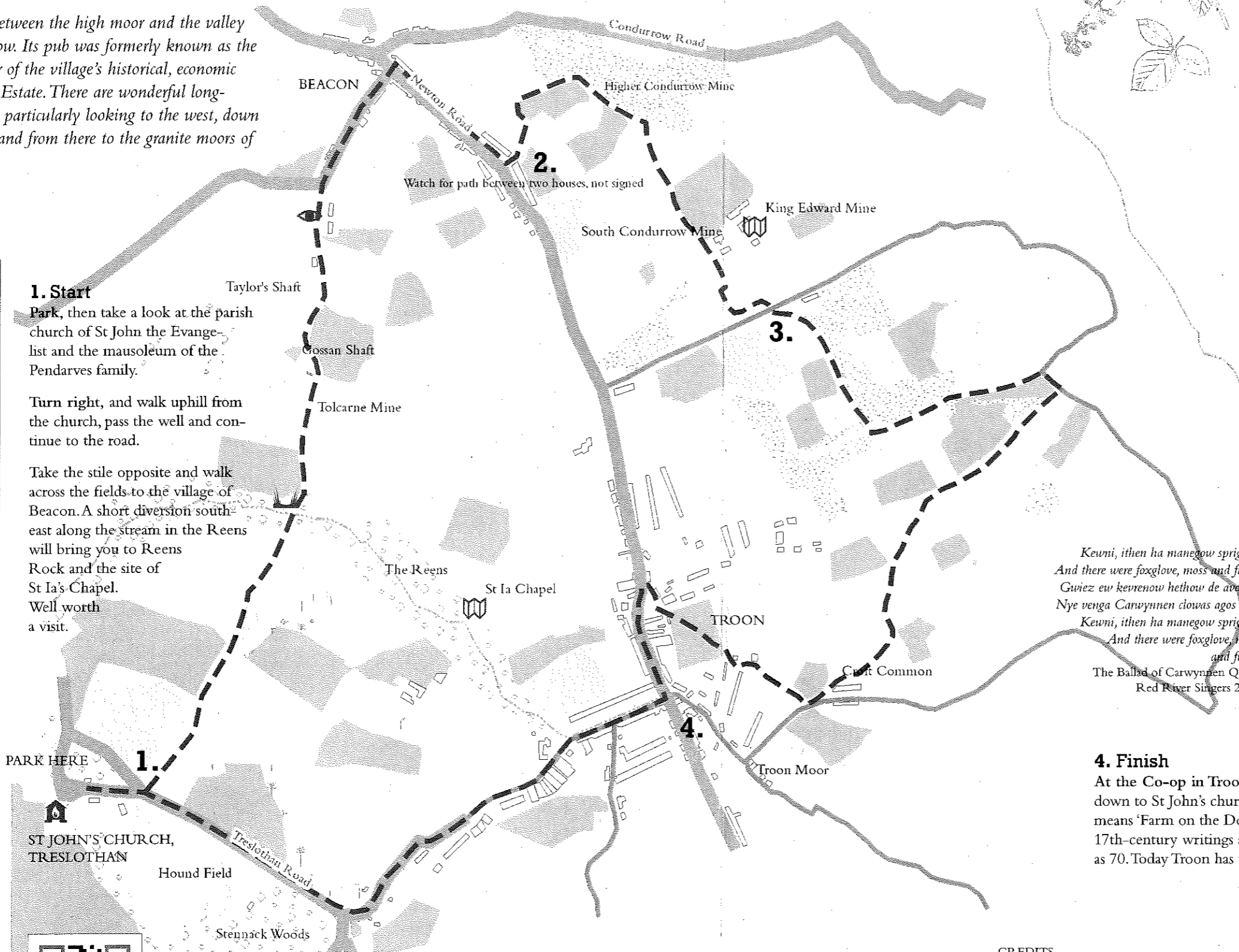
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PARK HERE

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, TRESLOTHAN



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2.

At Beacon turn right along the road, then left between two garden walls towards King Edward Mine – the oldest complete mine site in Cornwall and within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. For over a hundred years, it was used for practical teaching purposes by the Camborne School of Mines. Visit the museum here to find out more about the true industrial past of Camborne and Redruth. Then cross the road and walk through a mining landscape.



Post-industrial landscape

3.

Exiting from King Edward Mine, take the track opposite, then make a left turn onto the bridleway, continuing until you reach a narrow road. Turn right, then right again to find the footpath across Croft Common towards Troon.

*Kewni, ithen ha manegow spriggan
And there were foxglove, moss and furze
Gwiez ew kevrenow hethow de avorow,
Nye venga Carwynnen clowas agos leav
Kewni, ithen ha manegow spriggan
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The Ballad of Carwynnen Quoit
Red River Singers 2014*

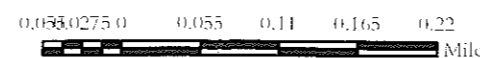
St Ia's Chapel was built near to the holy well and probably dates from the 10th and 12th centuries. Its overgrown remains lie on the wooded banks of the stream known as the Reens, and the lower walls are still visible. Excavations of the chapel (SW 658383) in 1962 uncovered these walls and doorways. The well was known as Venron Ia.

4. Finish

At the Co-op in Troon, follow Treslothan Road back down to St John's church. Troon's original name 'Trewoon' means 'Farm on the Downs'. The settlement is recorded in 17th-century writings and in 1768 the population was given as 70. Today Troon has well over 2,000 inhabitants.

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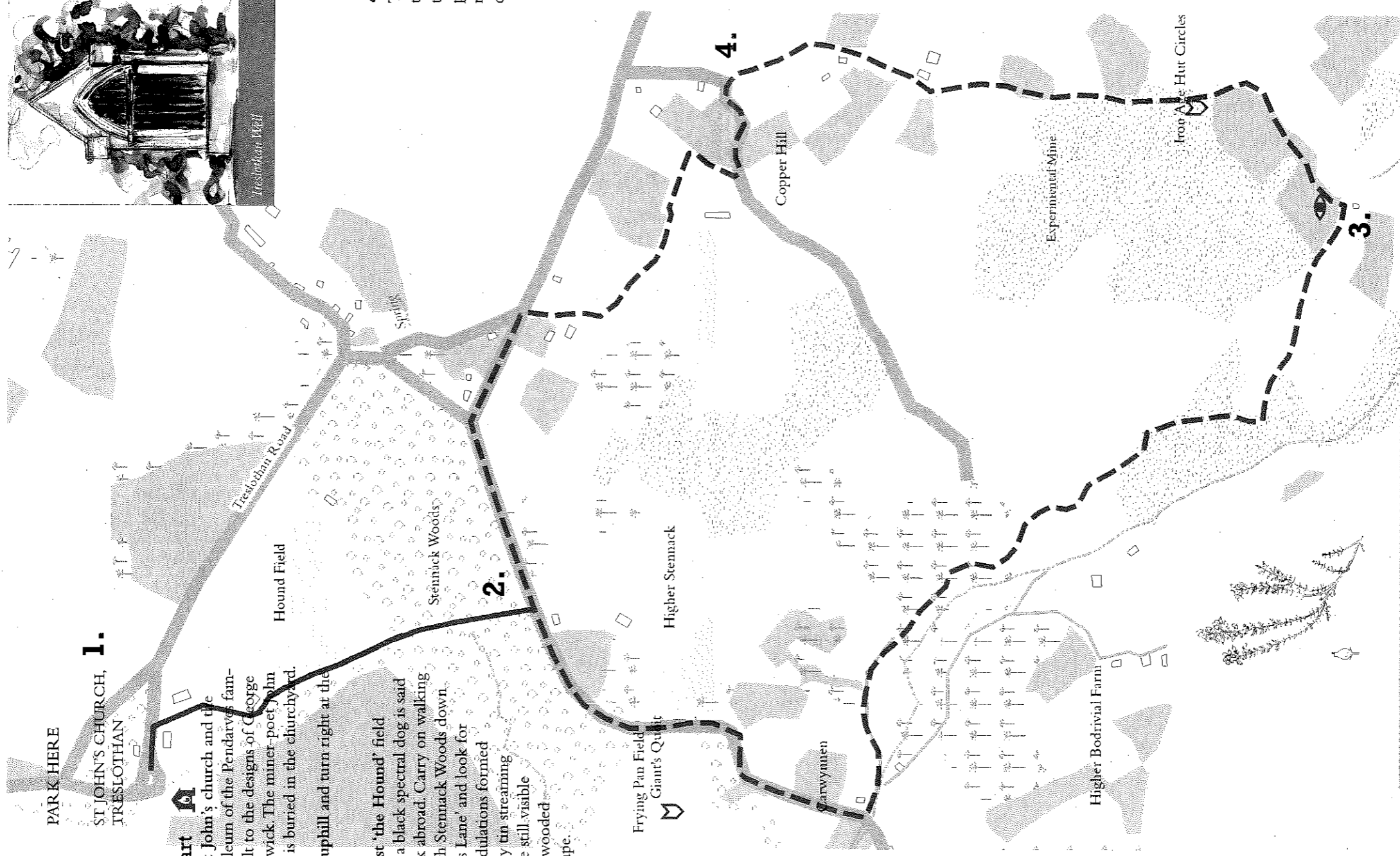
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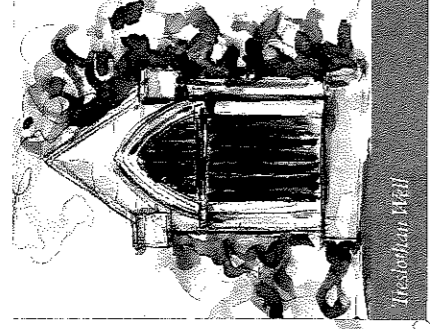
Our winter walk from Treslothan to Copper Hill starts at Treslothan 'model' village SW650381.

All along this route, the landscape is rich in features that help us to imagine what life was like in the past. Passing through the mining country around Carwynnen Carr, with stunning views from Copper Hill, we are walking on land that has been mined since medieval times.

2.79 miles (4.49 km)



Lovers Lane



Treslothan Mill



Medieval Cornish cross at St John's church

1. Start

See St John's church and the mausoleum of the Pendarves family, built to the designs of George Wightwick. The miner-poet John Harris is buried in the churchyard.

Walk uphill and turn right at the well

Go past 'the Hound' field where a black spectral dog is said to walk abroad. Carry on walking through Stennack Woods down 'Lovers Lane' and look for the undulations formed by early tin streaming that are still visible in the wooded landscape.

4. Finish

Turn left at the intersection, then right onto a footpath. At the road take a steep downhill path back to Stennack, and then retrace your steps to St. John's church, Treslothan.

2.

Emerging from Stennack ('tin ground'), turn right on the road to pass Frying Pan Field and the newly restored quoit (a good spot for a picnic). Then head downhill to Carwynnen, a hamlet that was originally part of the Pendarves Estate.

Turn left and fork left past the houses. Here in the valley where the river Connor runs, wooden shovels were found and there are 'hulls' (food storage hollows) in the bank.

Turn right at the end of the path and then left through Rock Villa.

3.

Continue along the path until you reach a farmhouse on the right. Turn left to ascend the hill following the edge of the fields. Look for the Hut Circles on the left-hand side as your climb the stile into a field of bracken.



Early tin streaming



Hut Circles, excavated in 1951

The Hut Circle on Copper Hill are the remains of Iron and Bronze Age houses. Charles Thomas, near a pattern of the Star Chamber. Inset, prehistoric article about them in the 1950s in which he reported that the circles were visited by the Cambridge Students' Association in the summer of 1896. In 1947 Charles Thomas began excavations and pottery was found. Today the site is within an area of woodland. It overlooks the Carwynnen Valley, which leads down to the sea at Gwithian.

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