

Bowl barrow 650m south east of Shalcombe Manor: part of a round barrow cemetery on Pay Down.

A Scheduled Monument in Brighstone, Isle of Wight

Details

The monument includes a bowl barrow in a gently undulating downland setting. It lies on a west facing hillside flanking a valley which runs north-south. To the north, beyond the valley, are the flat plains reaching to the Solent.

The bowl barrow has a mound which measures 20m in diameter and 0.75m high. Surrounding the mound is a ditch from which material was quarried during its construction. This can no longer be seen at ground level but survives as a buried feature c.4m wide.

Source: Historic England

Reasons for Scheduling

Round barrow cemeteries date to the Bronze Age (c.2000-700 BC). They comprise closely-spaced groups of up to 30 round barrows - rubble or earthen mounds covering single or multiple burials. Most cemeteries developed over a considerable period of time, often many centuries, and in some cases acted as a focus for burials as late as the early medieval period. They exhibit considerable diversity of burial rite, plan and form, frequently including several different types of round barrow, occasionally associated with earlier long barrows. Where large scale investigation has been undertaken around them, contemporary or later "flat" burials between the barrow mounds have often been revealed. Round barrow cemeteries occur across most of lowland Britain, with a marked concentration in Wessex.

In some cases, they are clustered around other important contemporary monuments such as henges. Often occupying prominent locations, they are a major historic element in the modern landscape, whilst their diversity and their longevity as a monument type provide important information on the variety of beliefs and social organisation amongst early prehistoric communities. They are particularly representative of their period and a substantial proportion of surviving or partly-surviving examples are considered worthy of protection.

Despite having been ploughed in the past, the bowl barrow on Pay Down will contain archaeological remains and environmental evidence relating to the cemetery and the landscape in which it was constructed.

Coordinates

Latitude: 50.6642 / 50°39'51"N = Longitude: -1.4378 / 1°26'16"W

OS Eastings: 439828.322302 = OS Northings: 85096.259008 = OS Grid: SZ398850

Mapcode National: GBR 79D.996 = Mapcode Global: FRA 77WB.1P5

Entry Name: Bowl barrow 650m SE of Shalcombe Manor: part of a round barrow cemetery on Pay Down

Scheduled Date: 29 August 1967
Last Amended: 2 March 1994
Source: Historic England
Source ID: 1008311
English Heritage Legacy ID: 22009
County: Isle of Wight
Civil Parish: Brighstone
Traditional County: Hampshire
Lieutenancy Area (Ceremonial County): Isle of Wight
Church of England Parish: Shalfleet St Michael the Archangel
Church of England Diocese: Portsmouth

Source: Historic England

Sources

Books and journals

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