

Cornwall Archaeological Society Area Representative Monument of the Month

CARWYNNEN QUOIT - THE GIANT'S QUOIT

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This quoit had collapsed and been restored in the 19th century, only to collapse again in the 1960s. It lay as a pitiful pile of stones until “Sustrust”, a local environmental charity, raised the money to buy the field, employ archaeologists to excavate the site and restore the monument. Many CAS members were involved in the digging in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The supporting stones were given time to bed in before the almost 10 tonne capstone was replaced on 21st June 2014, the Summer Solstice. About 600 people attended the event and celebrated with music and dancing.

You can read about the whole project on <http://www.giantsquoit.org>

A good way to find the field is to park at St John's Church Treslothan, near Troon. (SW 6508 3784). Take a look at the Penwith style wayside cross outside the church and walk away from it uphill to a well set into the wall. Turn right and walk past the houses to a field path which joins a lane through woodland, which is often wet underfoot. When the lane meets the road turn right and walk downhill. The field is now known as Pip's Field in memory of Pip Richards, who masterminded the whole project and it buried in sight of the quoit. It is situated on the right just past the bend in the narrow road. There is parking for 1 car outside its gate. An interpretation board is near the entrance.

