

Cornwall Archaeological Society Area Representative Monument of the Month

KING DONIERT'S STONE

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This site high up on the road between Doublebois and Upton Cross and on the watershed between the Fowey and East Looe Rivers contains two stone fragments, one of which is known as King Doniert's Stone. They are the only surviving examples of 9th century stone crosses in Cornwall. The inscription on King Doniert's Stone, bearing the name of a Cornish king, is the only such cross to feature a character known also from documentary sources. The clue to Doniert's identity lies in a passage in the early Welsh chronicle known as the *Annales Cambriae*, which names a king of Dumnonia called Dumgarth (or Dungarth). He is recorded as having drowned in about AD 875. The land on which the monument sits was given by the Glencross family and was arranged by the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society it is now managed by the Cornwall Heritage Trust for English Heritage. An excavation in the C19th revealed either a chapel or mining remains - depending on which source you read - under the stones.