

Cornwall Archaeological Society Area Representative Monument of the Month – October 2018

ST. NIGHTON'S CROSS, ST WINNOW



This wayside cross which is situated in the chapel yard of St Nighton's chapel, St Winnow, was cut from red granite which is not native to Cornwall and which may have been imported from Devon.

The cross was found in 1903 at Higher Coombe, St Winnow by Mr Richard Foster of Lanwithian, near Lostwithiel. Coombe is situated half a mile from St Nighton's chapel and a footpath connects the two sites. St. Nighton's medieval chapel is a chapel of ease to the Mother Church of St. Winnow and is of Celtic foundation.

This wayside cross survives as an upright granite shaft with a round, 'wheel' head.

The overall height of the monument is 1.143m. The principal faces are orientated north-south. The granite head measures 0.54m in diameter by 0.19m thick. Both principal faces bear a relief equal limbed cross. A narrow bead runs around the edge of each face. The rectangular-section shaft measures 0.58m high by 0.26m wide and 0.17m thick. Each of the four corners of the shaft has a narrow bead. There is a fracture across the shaft 0.08m above the base. The lower portion of the shaft is missing and today the Monument is set up on a modern base stone.

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