

SCRUB BASHING!
at
Prideaux Hillfort, Luxulyan
On

Thursday March 7th 2019

This impressive monument is a roughly circular hillfort with three ramparts and the incomplete remains of a fourth in the west, probably associated with an entrance. The interior encloses an area of approximately 2 acres. A circular depression 0.5m deep, outside the fourth rampart on the eastern side, may possibly indicate the site of a round house. Within the interior is a possible cup-marked stone.



The outer ramparts are under grass in a pasture field but the inner two are covered in trees and gorse; some of the gorse bushes are massive and in some cases starting to collapse and in so-doing they can lift the ground they are rooted into. Where low tree branches bend down onto the ramparts, stock have been rubbing and eroding the ground underneath. Our work will help to prevent the site being added to the Heritage at Risk register.

Tools will be provided but bring your own loppers or secateurs if you wish. Stout gloves will be essential.

It's the start of unpredictable March! Bring warm and waterproof clothing, a hat, wellies or boots.

Please bring a drink and lunch.



Meet: 10.30 at Great Prideaux Farm.

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From there it is a short walk up to the site.

The easiest way to reach the site is to take the Luxulyan Road from St Blazey Gate to the Eden project. Take the third right and after a short distance, a farm track to Great Prideaux, which is marked with a Saints' Way footpath marker. (The road leads down to the Luxulyan valley so if you come to the viaduct, turn round and go back!) Please see the map.

We will be there from roughly 10.30 to 3.30. You are welcome to turn up for only part of the day.

