

WEST ENGLAND FOREST DISTRICT

Scheduled Monument

Management Plan for

East Hill SM

Plan Period 2016 - 2026

SM Management Plan

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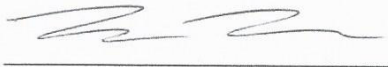
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1. Agreement and Consent


District	West England Forest District
Name of SM	Bowl barrow in Lees Plantation
OS Grid reference	SY 1248096535
Period of Plan	

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2. East Hill Introduction

This Bowl barrow lies adjacent to the council road that runs along East Hill strips. Ottery St. Mary is some 3km north west. The Monument takes the form of a circular platform with a surrounding ditch which was subject to landscaping in Victorian times. The barrow supports mature broadleaves, a few conifers, holly and young regenerating broadleaves. The site is relatively clear of ground vegetation due to the shade of the trees.

Two other earthworks features exist further to the south but in similar proximity to the road. These are not part of the Scheduled Monument but will be treated with similar management practises to ensure the survival of these features. A recent report suggests that they were military features dating to Napoleonic times when England was fortifying against possible French invasion.

3. Management Objectives

The prime objective is to prevent deterioration of the site. To achieve this aim we will:

- Control ground vegetation within the scheduled area if it becomes dense. Weeds will be cut mechanically with brush-cutter or chainsaw once during the plan period if woody ground vegetation exceeds 50cm in height. Bracken and holly will be targeted for removal
- Twice during the plan period the site will be inspected and any small, diseased dying or damaged trees will be felled and removed with the arisings cleared from the monument
- Any tree that is perceived to have stability problems which pose a threat to the monument will be felled
- Any windblown tree will be severed and the root plate returned to its original position as far as possible
- The site will be protected during harvesting operations and no machinery will be allowed within 10m of the boundary of the monument
- Any restocking planned during the plan period will not encroach within 15m of the boundary of the monument
- Public access will not be encouraged onto the monument itself, although it will not be excluded
- The site will be monitored and any observations of threats acted upon accordingly

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Inspection of all trees on monument with removal of any tree with stability problems		◆					◆			
Site monitored for threats	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Vegetation cut if exceeding parameters	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

4. Description

List Entry Summary

Name: Bowl barrow in Lee's Plantation, East Hill, 560m east of Higher Rill Farm

List entry Number: 1017773

Location

County: Devon

District: East Devon

District Type: District Authority

Parish: Ottery St. Mary.

Date first scheduled: 18-Mar-1998

List entry Description

Reasons for Designation

Bowl barrows, the most numerous form of round barrow, are funerary monuments dating from the Late Neolithic period to the Late Bronze Age, with most examples belonging to the period 2400-1500 BC. They were constructed as earthen or rubble mounds, sometimes ditched, which covered single or multiple burials. They occur either in isolation or grouped as cemeteries and often acted as a focus for burials in later periods. Often superficially similar, although differing widely in size, they exhibit regional variations in form and a diversity of burial practices. There are over 10,000 surviving bowl barrows recorded nationally (many more have already been destroyed), occurring across most of lowland Britain. Often occupying prominent locations, they are a major historic element in the modern landscape and their considerable variation of form and longevity as a monument type provide important information on the diversity of beliefs and social organisations amongst early prehistoric communities. They are particularly representative of their period and a substantial proportion of surviving examples are considered worthy of protection.

The bowl barrow at Lee's Plantation will contain buried archaeological and environmental evidence relating to the monument and the landscape in which it was built. Its adaptation as a landscape feature in the early 19th century gives the barrow an added and unusual dimension.

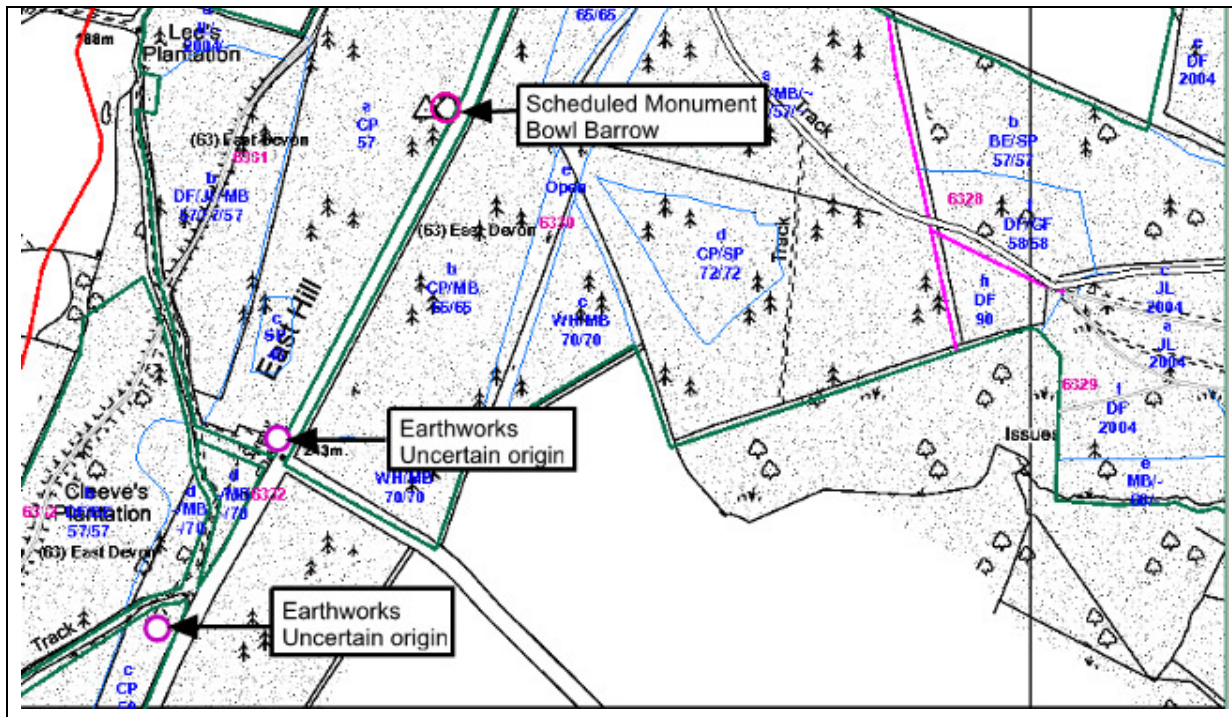
Details

The monument includes a bowl barrow, later adapted as a woodland feature, sited near the edge of the steep west facing scarp which overlooks the River Otter. The barrow, which survives as a ditched circular platform with a rim, was reportedly one of a number of barrows in the same area which were recut in the early 19th century in order to provide ornamental enclosures for tree planting. The re-shaped mound of the barrow takes the form of an above ground platform about 1.3m high with a surrounding rim 0.4m high. This is in turn surrounded by a ditch 2.4m wide which is partly infilled but is about 0.6m deep. All fencing and fence posts are excluded from the scheduling although the ground beneath these features is included.

MAP EXTRACT It includes a 2 metre boundary around the archaeological features, considered to be essential for the monument's support and preservation.

National Grid Reference: SY 12480 94535

5. Map



6. Photographs



Condition of Scheduled Monument.

Photo taken Apr 2016



Second earthworks, not scheduled. Small leaning trees on bank will be removed. Apr 2016