

SCHEDULE ENTRY COPY

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MONUMENT: Bowl barrow 25m north west of Stapehill Village Hall

PARISH: FERNDOWN TOWN

DISTRICT: EAST DORSET

COUNTY: DORSET

NATIONAL MONUMENT NO: 27475

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE(S): SU04820037

DESCRIPTION OF THE MONUMENT

The monument includes a bowl barrow 25m north west of Stapehill Village Hall, one of a dispersed group of barrows on the former heathland in this area. The barrow has a mound, 16m in diameter and 1.9m high, surrounded by a quarry ditch from which material was excavated during its construction. This has become infilled over the years but survives as a buried feature c.2m wide. The centre of the mound is slightly hollowed, possibly as a result of unrecorded antiquarian excavation.

All fence posts, concrete steps, gravel surfaces, sheds and the electricity substation are excluded from the scheduled area although the ground beneath these features has been included.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE

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

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ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE (Continued)

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 25m north west of Stapehill Village Hall is a well preserved example of its class and will contain archaeological remains providing information about Bronze Age burial practices, economy and environment.

MAP EXTRACT

The site of the monument is shown on the attached map extract outlined in black and highlighted in red. It includes a 2 metre boundary around the archaeological features, considered to be essential for the monument's support and preservation.

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SCHEDULING HISTORY

Monument included in the Schedule on 28th September 1953 as:

COUNTY/NUMBER: Dorset 191

NAME: Barrow South of Stapehill Stones

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The reference of this monument is now:

NATIONAL MONUMENT NUMBER: 27475

NAME: Bowl barrow 25m north west of Stapehill Village Hall

SCHEDULING AFFIRMED ON 7th April 1997

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**Scheduled Monument**

Number: 27475

County/UA: DORSET COUNTY

Local Authority: EAST DORSET DISTRICT

Parish: FERNDOWN TOWN CP

**Notes:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this map. It is supplied for indication purposes only and should always be read in conjunction with the Schedule entry. If you require clarification of the exact extent of the Scheduled area or further information, please contact English Heritage

Map Centre NGR: SU0482700373

Map Scale: 1:10000

Scheduled Monument



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Name: BOWL BARROW 25M NORTH WEST OF STAPEHILL VILLAGE HALL

# NMR MONUMENT REPORT

Unique Identifier: 213207

NMR Number: SU 00 SW 18

## Location

Ferndown Town (Civil Parish)  
East Dorset (District)  
Dorset

OSGB Grid Reference SU 0493 0036 to  
SU 0504 0037 (area)

## Summary

Two Bronze Age bowl barrows, part of a dispersed group on former heathland. One is 14m in diameter and 1m high, the other is 16m in diameter and 1.9m high. Both are surrounded by an infilled ditch 2m wide. The larger barrow is slightly hollowed in the centre which could indicate an unrecorded excavation. The barrows have been scheduled separately.

## Status

SCHEDULED MONUMENT

## Other Identifiers

Scheduled Monument (County Number) - DO 191  
Scheduled Monument (County Number) - DO 568  
Scheduled Monument (National Number) - 27475  
Scheduled Monument (National Number) - 27476

## Notes

(SU 04830037 & SU 05040037) Tumulus (NR) (twice). (1)

## Round barrows:

A bowl barrow, SU 04830038, 660 yards west of Holy Cross Abbey, Stapchill; diameter 55 ft, height 1 ft.

A bowl barrow, SU 05040037, 250 yards east of the above barrow; diameter 65 ft, height 2 ft. (2)

'A'. SU 04820037. Bowl barrow, under trees and scrub; diameter 16.0 metres, height 2.0 metres. No visible evidence of a ditch.

'B'. SU 05040037. Bowl barrow; close inspection and survey impossible because of dense tree growth and bushes.

'A'. Resurveyed at 1:2500 on M.S.D.

'B'. Revised at 1:2500 on M.S.D. from R.C.H.M. measurements. (3)

## Sources

- 1 Ordnance Survey Map (Scale / Date)  
OS 6" 1891
- 2 An inventory of historical monuments in the County of Dorset. Volume five : east Dorset Date 1975

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- 3 Field Investigators Comments  
F1 JGB 10-JUN-81
- 5 English Heritage Schedule Entry 07/04/1997

## Related Events and Archives

Any event and or archive records linked to this monument are outlined below. For further details please contact the NMR (see covering letter) quoting the Unique Identifier and NMR Number of this monument record and the identifying numbers and titles of items of interest.

## Related Event Records

213208 Field observation on SU 00 SW 18 Field Observation 10 Jun 1981 - 10 Jun 1981

## Related Archive

### File Number

AF1044456 OS/RCHME: Archaeology Division AMs, Dorset

### Principal Items

1095166 SU 00 NE 18 (1981) antiquity model 10 Jun 1981 pen and ink 1:2500