

HISTORIC ENGLAND MONUMENT REPORT

CHRONICLE HILLS

Unique Identifier: 370806

NMR Number: TL 44 NE 1

Location

Fowlmere (Civil Parish)
South Cambridgeshire (District)
Cambridgeshire

OSGB Grid Reference TL 452 475 (centre / point)

Summary

Site of five Barrows. Three may be early Iron Age. When the barrows were levelled in the early Nineteenth century and during excavations in 1819 two inhumations, a knife, iron nails and oak planks were found. A well or pit was also found along with a wall.

Status

Other Identifiers

Notes

((A - TL 4516 4756) Chronicle Hills (NAT) Tumuli (NR)

(B - TL 4525 4755) (sites of)(NAT)

(C - TL 4521 4749) [1]

Three early Iron Age barrows called the Chronicle Hills and an ancient wall were levelled in 1819. The middle barrow (8 ft high and 27 yds in diameter) contained four inhumations and sherds of pottery with red and black glazing (La Tene I or Roman?). The other two barrows were much lower and alleged "to contain the remains of skeletons". An ancient wall of flints and pebbles (4 rods long, 30 ins thick and with three abutments on its eastern side) ran alongside the barrows. Twelve rods to the east of the wall "an ancient well or roman rubbish pit", 9 ft in diameter, filled with sherds, flints and tiles was discovered. [2-4]

Four extant barrows shown and described (the fourth 'D' at TL 4526 4748 approximately). [5]

TL 45214749 five barrows visible on APs. [6]

No extant remains of the four barrows or the wall are visible on a W-facing undulating slope. The name Chronicle Hills is no longer used locally.

Of the five barrows recorded by Authy 6 (see also TL 44 NE 22) only one, 'A' coincides with a published site.

The walling seen in the 19th century is probably associated with the adjacent Roman building (TL 44 NE 25). (7)

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Possibly Roman barrows. (8)

TL 45 47 At Whittlesford, when the chronicle Hills were levelled in the early nineteenth century it was recorded that each contained pebble vaults with two inhumations, a knife, iron nails and an oak plank in one and in the other two inhumations, an iron spear and nails. (9)

TL 452 475, three barrows, excavated c.1819, were arranged in a line. One contained four extended skeletons associated with red and black-glazed pottery. The others are not described. (10)

Further interpretation of the burials given in authority 8. (11)

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Related Events and Archives

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

Related Event Records

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370807 Field observation on TL 44 NE 1 Field Observation (Visual 14 Dec 1976 - 14 Dec 1976
Assessment)

Related Archive There are no related archives for this monument.