

# NMR MONUMENT REPORT

Unique Identifier: 353288

NMR Number: TF 29 NW 6

## Location

Wold Newton (Civil Parish)  
North East Lincolnshire (District)  
Humberside

OSGB Grid Reference TF 2260 9674 (centre / point)

## Summary

Anglo-Saxon cremation cemetery, possibly covered by a barrow, destroyed by quarrying in the 19th century.

## Status

### Other Identifiers

SMR Number (Humberside) – 465

## Notes

'An ancient cemetery' was found "at Wold Newton' in 1828 by men digging for gravel.

It comprised a large 'tumulus' occupying three or four acres, with another 'thrown up in rectangular form and covering little more than a rood' on top of it. Within the smaller mound more than twenty urns of various sizes and shapes were found at irregular intervals in a line along its whole length, mouths upward, and filled with 'black greasy earth and cinerated bones'. They were about three foot down from the surface in a bed of gravel.

Most of the urns were destroyed, but three were preserved by the Revd. G. Oliver of Grimsby, who ultimately sent them to the Soc. of Ants. Scotland (3). These were respectively 32 1/2", 21" and 18" in circumference at the widest part, and 9", 5" and 5" high, of 'coarse pottery moulded by hand and baked in the sun' and decorated round the sides with rude carvings in lines and circles.

'There can be no reasonable doubt that they were Anglian urns'.  
(4) (1-4)

Enquiries in Wold Newton revealed no knowledge of these 19 c. finds but discovered the nearest gravel workings to be at TF 2296 2396.

There are three pits in this area, all of which are now disused, and two of which are under modern cultivation. They were all perambulated but no archaeological finds were made.

A possible site of the cemetery is the largest pit at TF 2260 9674 which covers an area of approx. 1.25 acres. This has been excavated to a max. depth of approx. 50 feet but it may have originally been a gravel hill. Adjacent to the workings are two large amorphous mounds (TF 2263 9675 and TF 2259 9671); they are considered to be spoil mounds but either may have the 'smaller mound' as its nucleus.

The topographical position is astride a N.W. – S.E. ridgeway.

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No A/S material has been recorded from hereabouts, but prehistoric sites are noted (TF 29 N.W. ). The Soc. of Ants. (Scot.) cannot trace the urns that were deposited with them.

The geological map (O.S. 6", Sheet 86, Solid, 1887) shows only middle chalk at Wold Newton with the nearest gravel as above, running in a slim ridge N.N.W. from the pits. (5)

One cinerary urn survives in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, NMAS EH 1, formerly miscatalogued as found at Buchan, Aberdeenshire. The vessel is nearly complete with four bosses and alternate roughly-incised hanging swags and stehende bogen around the shoulder, and two scored lines around the neck. Urn now on loan to Scunthorpe Museum. (6)

## Sources

- 1 The Stamford Mercury 23.5.1828
- 2 The gentleman's magazine library  
Vol 98, 1828 Page(s) 545-6
- 3 The archaeological journal  
Royal Archaeological Institute  
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- 4 The archaeological journal  
Royal Archaeological Institute  
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Vol 91, 1934 Page(s) 139,187
- 5 Field Investigators Comments  
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- 6 A survey of archaeological sites in Humberside carried out for the Humberside Joint Archaeological Committee **Date** 1979  
by Neil Loughlin and Keith Miller  
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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 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

**353289** Field observation on TF 29 NW 6 Field Observation 04 Dec 1963 – 04 Dec 1963

**Related Archive** There are no related archives for this monument.