

Four bowl barrows on Weavers Down

Scheduled Monument



Two of the four barrows lie wholly within Whitehill Parish; the third one (illustrated) just touches Bramshott and Liphook parish boundary; the fourth—the furthest east is wholly within this Parish and occupies an outcrop on the end of the Weavers Down ridge just inside the Old Thorns golf course.



ABOVE

THIS BARROW (SEEN IN BACKGROUND) JUST CROSSES INTO OUR PARISH. ON THE LEFT IS THE ORDNANCE SURVEY TRIG POINT

RIGHT

THE FOURTH BARROW - OLD THORNS GOLF COURSE DOWN ON RIGHT; MIDDLE—VIEWS ACROSS TO WHITEHILL (WITH MORE BARROWS)

LEFT

THE FAMILIAR VIEW OF THE PHONE MAST ON WEAVERS DOWN: THE BARROWS ILLUSTRATED ARE JUST TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE MAST

The four bowl barrows on Weavers Down situated 650m north west of The Sanctuary survive well despite some later disturbance and have been demonstrated by partial excavation to retain archaeological remains and environmental evidence relating to each barrow and the environment in which it was constructed. The monument is closely associated with a number of other round barrow cemeteries and barrow groups within the area of Woolmer Forest which together constitute as a particularly well-preserved ritual landscape of the Late Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. Partial excavation of three of the mounds by Reverend Cardew in 1883, recovered evidence in one of a large stone-lined cist containing signs of a human cremation burial. Further buried remains associated with the original construction and use of the monument, including burials, grave pits, burial goods, and the original ground surface, can be expected to survive be-



neath each mound.