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Maen Madog Stone

Primary Reference Number (PRN) : 825

Trust : Clwyd Powys

Community : Ystradfellte

NGR : SN9182015760

Site Type (preferred type first) : Early Medieval Inscribed stone

Legal Protection : scheduled ancient monument

Description :

Inscribed stone x2.7m high x 0.7m wide x 0.3m thick. Moved and reset on level stone-built platform in the 1940s by C & A Fox. Vertical Latin inscription on narrowest (south-west) edge and (?)modern graffito (an anchor) on north-west face. Possibly originally sited c5m to south by Roman road. Possibly a grave marker (Alcock, L 1971).

Geophysical survey planned for May 1994 (Un.of Wales, Cardiff).

Inscription reads:-

DERVAC-FILIUS/IUST-(H)IC IACIT

The stone of Dervacus, son of Justus. He lies here.

(Burnham, H 1995, 99-100).

(ECM 8) Ystradfellte, Maen Madoc Stone (1777). Latin inscribed pillar, 5th-6th cent. (Excavation discussed above: 18p.000-000).

O.S. SN 91 NW 2

Archaeologia 4 (1777), p. 8 and pl.1, fig. 3

C.I.I.C., i, p. 381, no. 344

Arch. Camb. 94 (1939) pp. 31-2, pl. 1a

95 (1940), pp. 210-16, pls. 1.2 figs. 1,2,3

E.C.M.W., p. 82, no.73, pl. vii, fig 58.

RCAHMW, 1995 - Draft Inventory description

The stone is very much as stated in the description although the "anchor" graffiti is almost certainly a typical medieval or immediately post-medieval rhexus. (CPAT Tir Gofal assessment, 2000)

First recorded in 18th century. Jones (1805) described the stone as 'thrown down'. Reset in the 19th century and again in 1940 when it was excavated. Socket apparently not large enough to contain a burial. First half of the 6th century. (Redknap forthcoming)

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