

Le Déhus

Early Guernsey Archaeology Site

1 Prehistoric passage grave

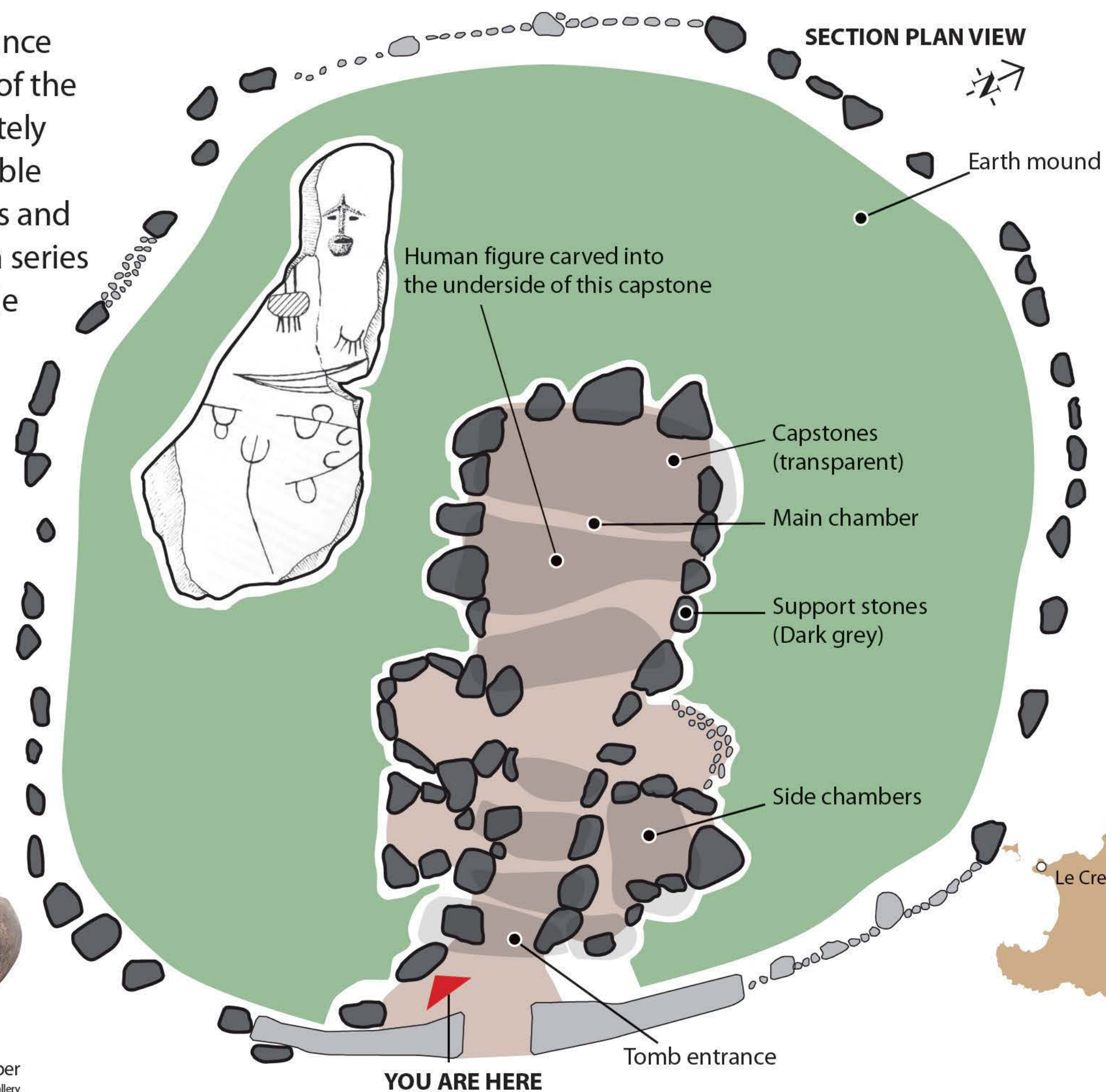
This complex prehistoric passage grave has a narrow entrance and broad chamber, with small side-chambers either side of the passage and roofing of massive capstones. It is approximately 10 metres in length. The second capstone bears a remarkable carving discovered in 1916. It features a bearded face, arms and hands, what appears to be a strung bow with arrows and a series of symbolic designs. The stone was almost certainly a single standing stone that has been re-utilized as a capstone.

Large quantities of finds dating from 3500 to 2000 BC were made by F C Lukis and his sons, who excavated the tomb between 1837 and 1847. It was re-excavated in 1932 by Sir Robert Mond and V C C Collum who reconstructed the circular mound.

The site owes its preservation to the foresight of Sir John de Havilland who purchased it for £4.10.0 in 1775 in order to save its destruction by local quarrymen.



prehistoric pottery discovered inside the chamber
on display at Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery



Artist's impression of a burial party approaching Le Déhus c 3500 BC
Illustration by James Kingston-Stewart

Other Burial Chambers can be found in Guernsey



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