

Le Trépied

Early Guernsey Archaeology Site

5 Prehistoric passage grave

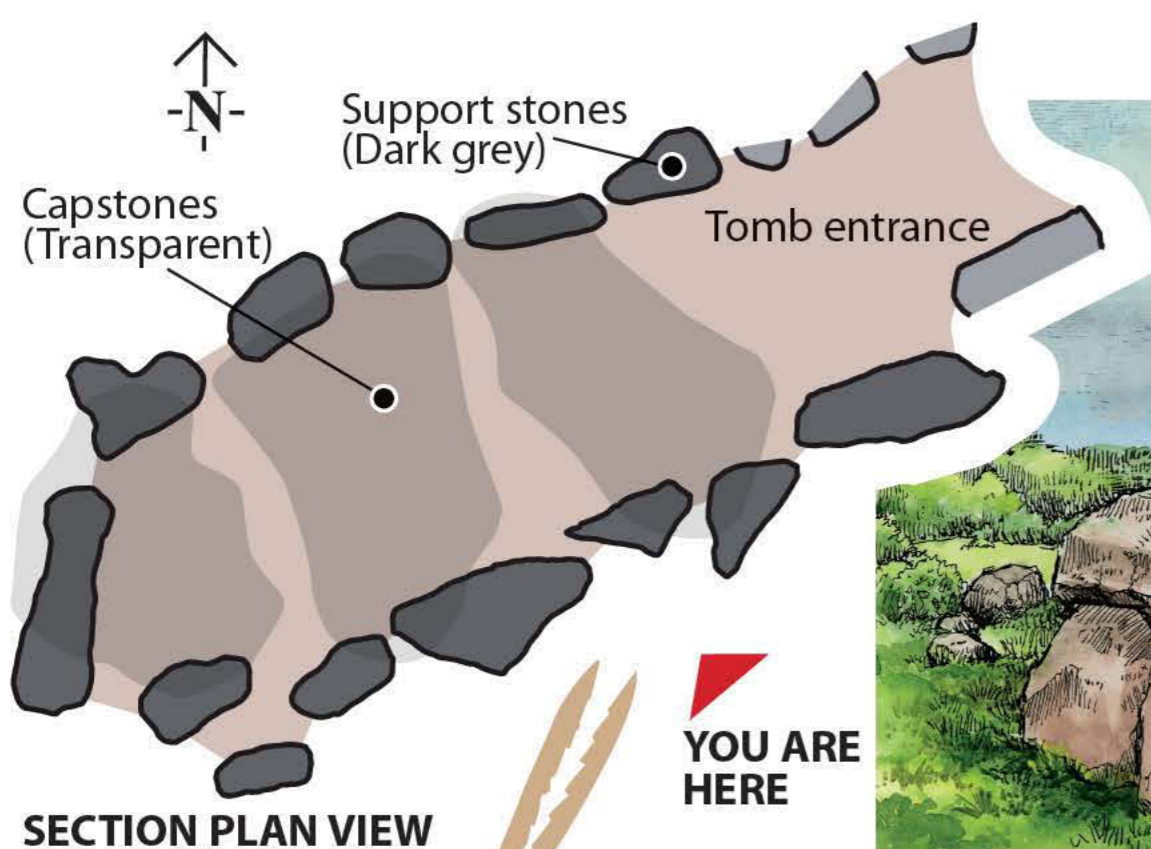
This prehistoric passage grave was built during the Neolithic period c 4000 to 2500 BC and was in use until the Late Bronze Age c 1000 BC. Successive burials or cremations were deposited within the chamber together with grave goods which include pottery, flint and stone tools.

Le Trépied has a small bottle-shaped chamber, 5.5 metres long, and three surviving capstones. No certain trace of a mound or kerb remains. It was excavated by F C Lukis in 1840 when pottery

of Beaker type and barbed and tanged flint arrowheads dating to c1800 BC were discovered. One of the capstones was re-positioned by his son J W Lukis and a party of soldiers in 1870.

Guernsey Folklore

The tomb was a notorious meeting place for Guernsey witches. The Friday night sabbats were allegedly attended by the Devil himself and the place is repeatedly mentioned in the seventeenth century witch trials.



Artist's impression of a burial party approaching the chamber
illustration by Brian Byron



Carinated pottery bowl found inside the burial chamber

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