

RSPB Old Moor Stone Carvings

The stone carvings at Old Moor are of an unknown age, some seem to have been carved about 30 years ago, but others are older in age and wear. The plan shows where these carvings are located and then photos follow in order.

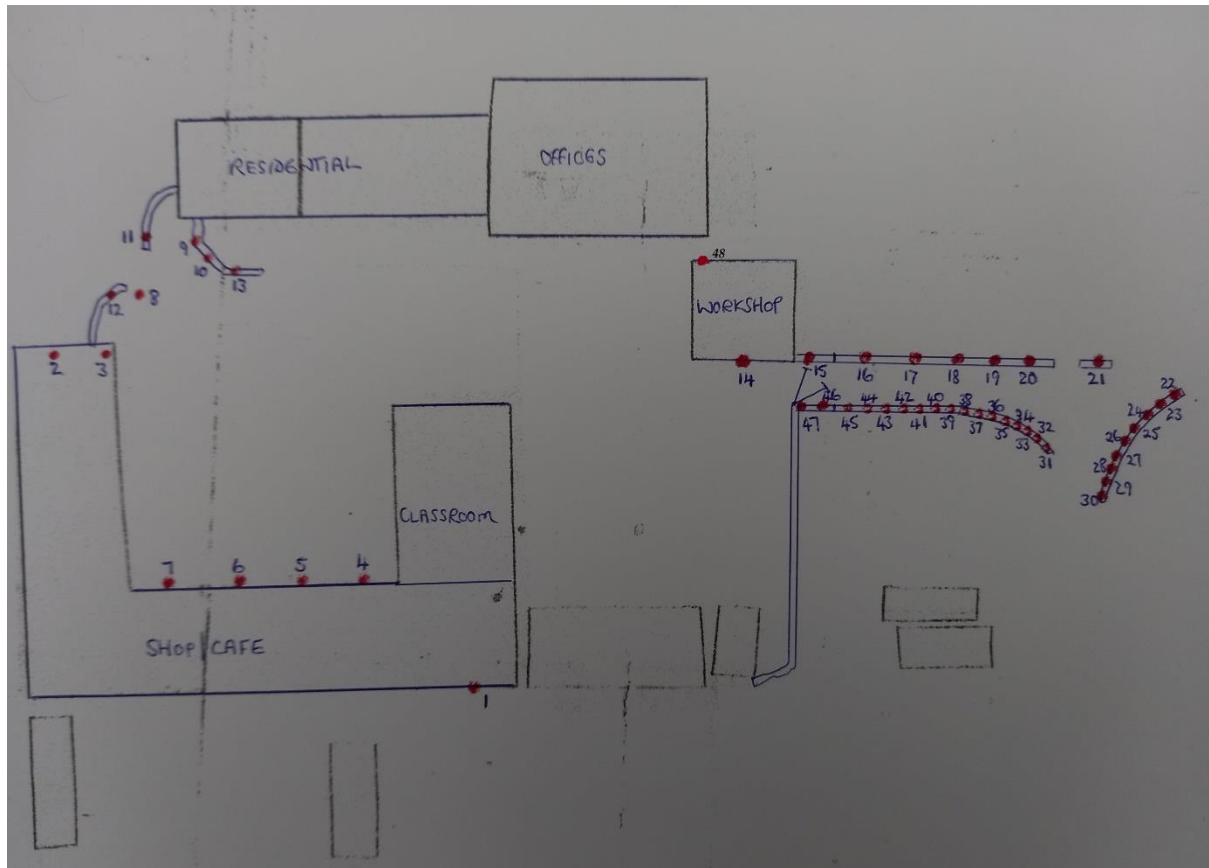


Photo	Position	Description
	1 Back of the Visitors Centre which was former barn.	This is a Benchmark used in the 1800s to mark the height of land above the mean sea level. This level, known as the ODN or Ordnance Datum Newlyn, was determined by the sea level at Newlyn in Cornwall. The straight line or bench was used to rest the stave from which measurements were taken and maps could be created. 500,000 benchmarks were made across the county but not all survive as buildings were demolished or roads built. They were replaced by trig points and then GPS for more accurate measurements.
	2 Gable end of Visitors Centre, inside building.	Pig snout

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	3 Gable end of Visitors Centre at roofline	Reputed to be likeness of the farmer who had a large nose, but possibly not this large.
	4 Far left of main wall of Visitors Centre, courtyard side.	Silhouette carving of a <i>bat</i> – <i>one of three</i>
	5 Middle left, above doors of Visitors Centre, courtyard side.	Relief carving of bat - <i>one of two</i>. This has a snub nose so may be a different variety of bat to the second carving.
	6 Middle right above doors of Visitors Centre, courtyard side	Relief carving of bat – <i>one of two</i>. Clearer in detail with pointed nose and body.
	7 Far right of main wall of Visitors Centre, courtyard side.	Silhouette carving of a bat – <i>one of three</i>.
	8 Inside courtyard gates to right, near gable end	Carving of human ear
	9 Top of wall to left of courtyard gates	North American Indian??

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		10 Top of Top of wall to left of courtyard gates	Bear
		11 Top of wall to left of courtyard gates	Frog
		12 Top of wall to right of courtyard gates	Duck
		13 Top of wall to left of courtyard gates	Lizard or newt.
		14 Workshop north facing wall	Bat silhouette – <i>one of three</i> This is the only one that is raised and coloured black.
		15 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Crow
		16 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Boots

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		17 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Cat with cheese and mouse hiding behind it
		18 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Possibly frog unfinished carving or very worn head
		19 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Unsure – rat / hedgehog?
		20 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard	Toad possibly
		21 Wall to left of drive leaving work yard, past gap in wall	Single boot
		22 Top of wall at end of drive curving in towards polytunnel	Mushroom or fungi growing

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		23 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Rabbit??
		24 Top of wall at end of drive curving in towards polytunnel	Spider
		25 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Maybe ducklings
		26 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Line of frogs??
		27 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Spiders web

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		28 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Traditional shears
		29 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Left hand
		30 Top of wall that curves towards polytunnel	Boot
		31 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Cat
		32 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Snail
		33 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Mole coming out of ground

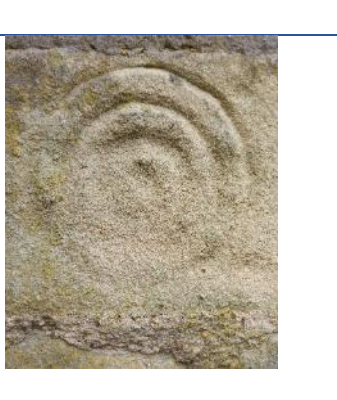
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		34 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Caterpillar
		35 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Toad
		36 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Otter or cat???
		37 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Damaged carving
		38 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Might be a squirrel
		39 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Lizard or newt
		40 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Snake smiling

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	41 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Damaged bird
	42 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Possibly a mole
	43 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Acorn at this end, not sure about the others
	44 Top of wall to right of drive leaving work yard	Bear – how do you date carvings? Could this be in reference to the bear pit at Wentworth Garden Centre garden??
	45 Wall to right of drive leaving work yard; wall broken and this is on the ground now.	Cat or a pig.

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	46 Side of wall by drive / work yard gate	Left hand imprint carving
	47 Side of wall by drive / work yard gate	This looks like a ring carving, of the cup and ring variety, found in northern UK. A copy or older that has been incorporated into the wall?
	48 Workshop east facing wall near roofline	Hand curved around corner of stone.