

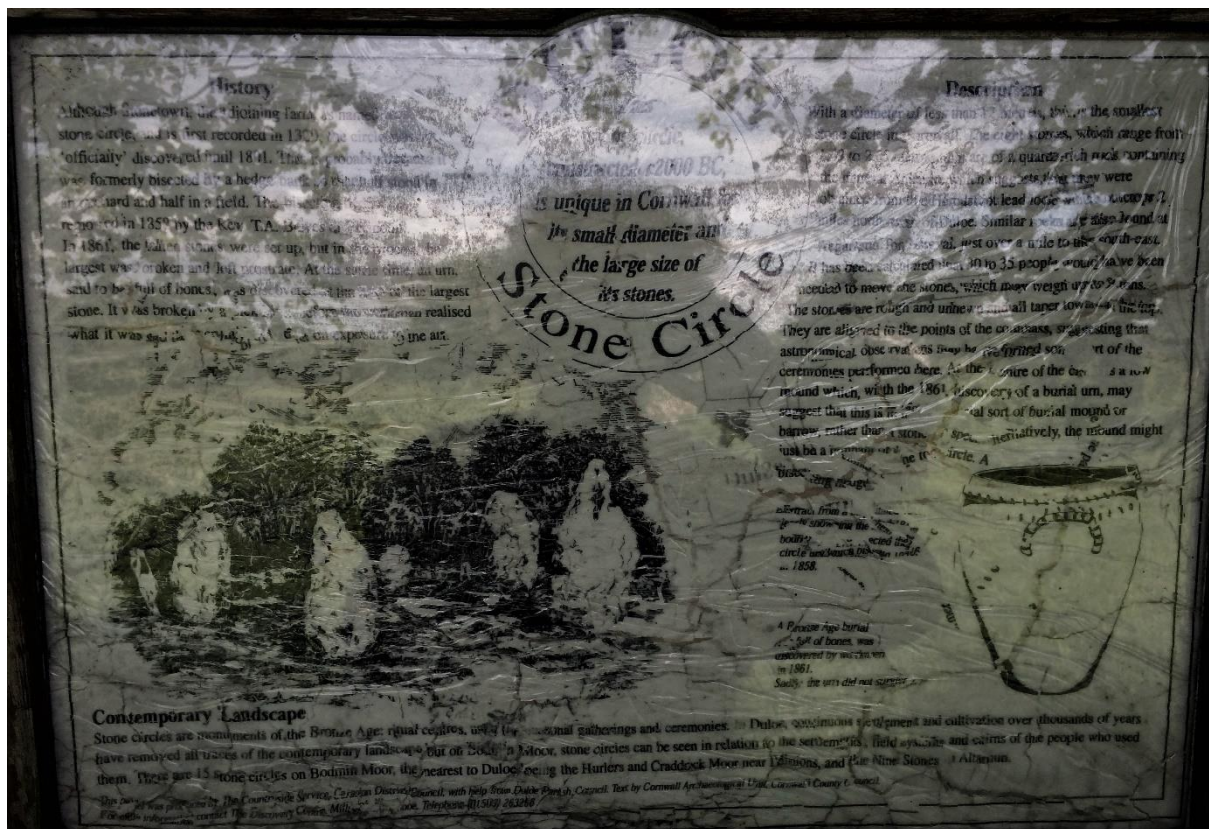
The Duloe stone circle on a glorious afternoon in May, 2019.

Duloe stone circle is often described as 'My favourite stone circle' – it is certainly one of mine. I was first introduced to it by my partner, and it was love at first sight. I consider Duloe a special gift from him: a place of peace where I often spend a quiet hour or more simply 'being'. I am often the only person there for hours at a time.

On the other hand, due to the intimate size of this stone circle, when others do arrive, there is often friendly and fruitful interaction between us. On this occasion two small groups of visitors arrived during my three hours there.

Duloe is the smallest stone circle in Cornwall. The circle consists of eight large and irregular white quartz blocks set in a pattern of alternating large and small stones. Seven of the stones are upright but the largest one has fallen. They are arranged in a slightly elongated 'circle'. For centuries, the circle was hidden by a hedge, but in the mid-1800s of a hedge that ran through the middle of the circle and incorporated two of the original stones was removed, revealing the full circle.

A sign gives information about the stone circle. I'm sorry it is illegible in my photo but you can read it on site. The sign describes the eight stones and what is known about them.



On recent visits I have experienced a kind of barrier at the gate as I entered, as this is sometimes the scene of esoteric activity, so I was interested to find out if the energies had cleared. I was relieved to discover that they had. In fact, today the lower band of the stones seemed to positively glow pink and invitingly win the warm May sunshine, which was strange, as the quartz is white here. Quartz stone circles are known to dowsers to be powerful and unusual, and to me this one feels very special.





The tall stone at the entrance seems quite anthropomorphic. I see it as a guardian stone. Others would no doubt see it differently.





Here is something that really worries me. Someone has hacked a piece off the central stone on the left to provide a 'ninth stone'. Happily, this ninth stone is less visible at the moment because of the long grass. But for some reason, someone has decided that this ring should have nine stones, not eight. When I interact with the stones as a nine-stone circle the energies are very different. With eight stones there is balance, with nine stones there is no balance. I dowsed to ask how many stones there should be and I got the number 8. Whilst I was there two more dowsers arrived and I asked them to dowse the same question. They both got eight, too.

So why has someone done this? True, there are a number of stone circles with nine stones. But in some stone circles, such as the so-called 'nine stones' that I visited during Megalithomania in my tour with Peter Knight, the number of stones actually comprising the stone circle is not clear. At Duloe it is obvious that the ninth stone has been created by vandalising the existing monument. I first noticed the anomaly when somebody had moved the ninth stone to the centre of the circle, changing the energy there.





Here is another photo showing the ninth stone on the right. I would be interested to hear the reactions of other dowzers to this.

To me the creation of this 'ninth stone' seems symptomatic of our time. There is a tendency amongst some to over-generalise, assuming a uniformity about ancient societies which may not have existed, any more than it exists today. Two of these over-generalisations spring immediately to mind – 'all ancient societies had shamans' and 'all ancient societies took hallucinogenic drugs'. When I studied anthropology, many moons ago, the only common thread we could assign to ALL societies was 'man must eat'. For everything else, we found exceptions. It is reasonable to assume the same held for prehistoric societies, particularly as they lacked speed and global reach of present-day communications.





This photo shows the eight stones at Duloe facing towards the church. The recumbent stone on the right was once the largest stone. When the stone circle was uncovered it was found in two pieces, one partly buried. The other piece has since vanished.

I remembered what Maria Wheatley told us at Megalithomania about the form energy bands in stone circles and so I dowsed to find these here. I dowsed using one arm as I can't use the other one, adapting Shean Kirwan's method accordingly. I found three form energy bands as I walked from the centre towards the 'guardian' stone.

One of the fascinating things about the Duloe stone circle is the anthropomorphic quality of the stones. Some seem to stand like people. It is not uncommon for people to see images on the stones. They certainly radiate energy – a very positive form of energy in my experience.





I find Duloe a really good place to simply 'be' and let the stones speak to me. This large stone is particularly 'eloquent'. I lay with my head at this stone and wondered about the 'cosmotelluric chimneys' my French friend had described at Stanton Drew during Megalithomania. These spiralling energy channels resonate with different auras or colours. I didn't dowse but as I lay there with my eyes closed I saw beautiful shades of turquoise, from blue to green.

I also remembered the energy bands that Maria Wheatley had described then. My position on the ground should have corresponded to the third auric field of the stone.





I noticed a trail of molehills that meandered from the largest stone to the 'guardian' stone facing it. I thought back to the 'Introduction to Dowsing' course I attended with Devon Dowzers a year ago and tried to remember. What do molehills indicate? An underground water channel? Perhaps.

When the two dowzers joined me I asked them the same question. They told me about their archaeologist friend, who told them that a line of molehills indicate an underground wall. That might correspond to their original siting, inside a wall – depending on the direction the wall ran in.

Or could it be an energy field? I dowsed and found there was an energy line running roughly between these two stones, which I hesitate to name, but hope someone will enlighten me. It seemed to me to be a beneficent female energy, meandering slightly.





As my dowser visitors and i discussed our dowsing experiences, I also told them how wonderful it is to belong to such a dynamic and active group as Devon Dowzers, and about the amazing field trips, talks, workshops and other dowsing opportunities we experience there. I seem to have done this so many times with so many people recently I should carry cards with the details of Devon Dowzers to share with them!

Here is Bill, one of the dowzers I met at Duloe, dowsing to answer my question about the energy field there. He found a strong energy field in the same direction as I had found, and called it the Margaret or Mary ley line. His companion was not convinced. The stone circle is only about 10 m in diameter, and she believes that leys are generally wider than this. They were interested to hear about my experiences with both Devon and Tamar Dowzers on International Dowsing Days (5 May), re-energising the Michael and Mary lines with positive energies such as sound and dance, and how these leys had expanded in response to this interaction with our energy. But this is an area I know very little about and would like to offer to wider discussion.

Finally, I asked Mr Google 'What does the presence of molehills indicate?' and I got the definitive answer:

'Molehills indicate the presence of moles.'

That made me laugh out loud. We can't argue with that, can we!

But questions can have multiple answers, and some answers may not always be true. For example, moles are not the only creatures that create molehills ... so do mole rats.

