

Castles in the mist: the Norman invasion in the Northmarsh of Somerset

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Norman earthwork castles are still difficult to understand, and even more difficult to manage and conserve. We know next to nothing of their contents, their use, the environment they were constructed in and their relationship to the local communities; yet there may be as many as five around Weston-super-Mare.

Castle Batch, on Sand Point in Kewstoke, is a good point. While confidently described as an 11th century motte-and-bailey when Scheduled, other reputable archaeologists have called it the remains of an Iron Age promontory fort, a potential Henrician coastal defence fort, a natural rock outcrop extensively damaged in the Second World War, or even an optical illusion.

The Weston Castles Project is hoping to look into old and new techniques and ways of analysing, recording and understanding these structures to better look after their future. And what's so special about Weston?

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