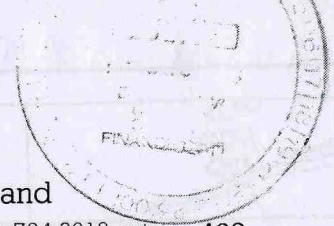


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Your reference

Our reference AA 32122/1

Date  
29 November 1988

Dear Sir

ANCIENT MONUMENTS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT 1983  
Paleolithic and Later Prehistoric Sites at Creswell Gorge  
County Monument No. (Notts) 183 / (Derbys) 275

I am writing to inform you that the scheduled monument whose former designation is given above has been amended to:

**PALAEOLITHIC AND LATER PREHISTORIC SITES AT CRESWELL GORGE INCLUDING BOAT HOUSE CAVE (FORMERLY MONUMENT NO. 42) AND CHURCH HOLE CAVE (FORMERLY MONUMENT NO. 161)**

PARISH: **HOLBECK**

DISTRICT: **BASSETLAW**

COUNTY: **NOTTS**

NATIONAL GRID REF: **SK 5357 7412**

MONUMENT: **183**

REASON FOR CHANGE: Monument 183 was scheduled in 1986 and included within its scheduled area were County Monuments 42 (Boat House Cave) and 161 (Church Hole Cave); however they were not mentioned in the title and it is considered appropriate to mention these two monuments so that their presence is not overlooked.

A part of this monument lies in the County of Derbyshire.

Yours faithfully

P BARRACLOUGH  
CHIEF INSPECTOR'S DIVISION

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PARISH: WHITEWELL

DISTRICT: BOLSOVER

COUNTY: DERBYSHIRE

NATIONAL GRID REF: SK 5347 7430

MONUMENT: 275

Monument 275 was scheduled in 1985 and included within its scheduled area were County Monuments 69 (Pinhole Cave) 75 (Mother Grundy's Parlour) and 237 (Robin Hood's Cave) however they were not mentioned in the title and it is considered appropriate to mention these three monuments so that their presence is not overlooked.

A part of this monument lies in the County of Nottinghamshire.

Yours faithfully

P BARRACLOUGH  
CHIEF INSPECTOR'S DIVISION

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AA 32122/1

ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS COMPILED AND MAINTAINED BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS  
AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT 1983

NAME OF MONUMENT ..... Palaeolithic and later prehistoric sites at .....  
(or brief description) Creswell Gorge

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCES

COUNTY: Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire ..... 1 inch (1: 50,000) Sheet No ...

DISTRICT: Bassetlaw/Bolsover ..... 6 inch (1: 10,000) Sheet No ...

PARISH: Holbeck/Whitwell ..... 25 inch (1: 2,500) Sheet No ...

COUNTY NUMBER: Notts 183/Derbys 275 ..... NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE .....  
SK 535 742

CLASSIFICATION: .....

DESCRIPTION OF MONUMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF ITS IMPORTANCE:

The Creswell Gorge is one of several major gorges cut through the magne limestone zone along the present borders of Nottinghamshire and Derbysh All of these gorges possess caves which preserve important archaeological depo of palaeolithic and later prehistoric date. The largest and most closely-stu concentration of caves is in the Creswell Gorge itself, where there have extensive archaeological investigations since the 1860s. Much of the more re research provides the basis of the present framework for the British palaeolithi

Twenty-four caves, fissures and shelters are known in the Gorge. They r in size from shelters below overhangs in the gorge sides, through narrow fissu to large caves such as the complex of linked chambers known as Robin Hc Cave. In at least sixteen caves or shelters, excavation has produced b remains, artefacts or traces of human activity. Analysis suggests that b use of the caves in the Middle and Upper palaeolithic was both specialist seasonal.

In many of the caves, there are also remains of later prehistoric date - example Mesolithic deposits at Yew Tree Cave, Bronze Age deposits at Pil Cave, and Roman period remains in Church Hole Cave.

Apart from the cave interiors, archaeological deposits exist at the cave mo within scree talus in front of the caves, and throughout the area of the floor. All of these locations also preserve rare and significant palaeo-env mental deposits of all periods.

MONUMENT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE ON ..... 1 August 1985 .....  
RC 24 July 19

The Creswell Gorge is internationally recognised as a major monument of the British palaeolithic. It forms the largest concentration in Britain of Middle and Upper palaeolithic deposits, including some of the earliest known human remains in the British Isles. One of the caves (Mother Grundy's Parlour) provides the type-site for the Creswellian industry. Outside several caves, there exist stratified deposits of Upper palaeolithic date which are continuous with the cave deposits - this is a highly significant survival, rare elsewhere in Britain. The Gorge also provides rare stratified deposits (eg at Pin Hole Cave) spanning the Middle to Upper palaeolithic transition. Finally the later prehistoric remains in the cave are a nationally important concentration of cave settlement evidence.

The site of the monument is shown on the attached plan outlined in red.

THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND RECORDS SERVICE  
AS FORMED BY THE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT 1983  
Creswell Gorge, Derbyshire, England

It is a pleasure to inform you that the monument has been designated  
as a National Monument and is now protected by law.

The monument is situated in the parish of Creswell, Derbyshire, England  
and is bounded by the following description:

NORTH: The monument is bounded by the boundary of the parish of Creswell.  
SOUTH: The monument is bounded by the boundary of the parish of Creswell.  
EAST: The monument is bounded by the boundary of the parish of Creswell.  
WEST: The monument is bounded by the boundary of the parish of Creswell.

The monument is situated in the parish of Creswell, Derbyshire, England  
and is bounded by the following description:

A plan of this monument is in the custody of the Secretary of State  
for the Environment and is available for inspection on request.

Yours faithfully



SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT