



SOCIÉTÉ JERSIAISE

European Day of Megalithic Culture

“Megaliths as Landmarks” Walks

Sunday 28th April 2024



To mark this year's European Day of Megalithic Culture*, the Archaeology Section of the Société Jersiaise is organising a walk around St. Clement to explore megaliths (literally meaning "large stones") dotted around that parish. Many of these megaliths are in plain sight and visible from the roadside, although they are probably unrecognised by most people as they pass by.

On this walk we will find megaliths placed into a landscape which was shaped by the first farmers and our prehistoric ancestors between 4000 and 6500 years ago. They colonised the Island, cut down woodland to create farmland for their crops and domesticated animals, and which still forms part of our landscape today.

These megaliths served and continue to serve as landmarks. Why were they placed there and what significance do they have? Where do the megaliths come from? Why are there so many and are there others which no longer exist? Are there more to be found? These are all questions which we will try and answer.

The walk is mainly on public roads but there are sections across fields and along paths which may be rough, slippery, and undulating. There are some climbs and descents and overall, the walk is moderate but requires physical stamina. Sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing are essential. (The guides reserve the right to deny participation to walkers not fulfilling this in their discretion)

This walk starts and finishes at Green Island Beach car park at 10am and will last about 2 hours. There is no charge for the walk.

Please book on Eventbrite via the Société website www.societe.je

If the morning walk is filled, we will open another walk in the afternoon on Eventbrite.

For other enquiries, please contact info@societe.je or telephone 758314

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