

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

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STANDING STONE

At the southern end of the village of Johnstown, stands a most interesting holed stone.

It is made of granite and stands 146 cm high, with a roughly dressed face 27cms wide facing the north-west (320 degrees). The hole, which is cut through the pillar 25 cm from the top, makes an angled cylindrical 'tube' through which, it has been observed in recent years, the setting sun shines directly down at the Summer Solstice.

It would seem therefore to be one of the many astronomical alignments used by our Stone Age ancestors to measure time and the seasons, and to incorporate ritual purpose into their day to day lives.