

In a recent television programme (2005) on BBC2 entitled “Talking Landscapes” the presence of unexplained prehistoric stone features above ground was explained by the significant statement “*Belonging to a landscape results in a desire to replicate it with these structures*”.

Quite clearly there were influences beyond man’s comprehension in early history, when the forces of nature were a cogent element to be acknowledged and reacted to when creating a town or settlement on a virgin site. The wind direction was in effect a natural compass and one can find no other reasonable conclusion to explain the phenomenon of the south westerly orientation of some coastal settlements.

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