Record Nr. UNINA9910438232403321 Autore Mytum H. C Titolo Monumentality in later prehistory: building and rebuilding Castell Henllys Hillfort / / Harold Mytum New York, : Springer, c2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4614-8027-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2013.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (334 p.) Disciplina 936.2962 Soggetti Fortification, Prehistoric - Wales Historic sites - Conservation and restoration - Great Britain Iron age - Wales Great Britain Antiquities, Celtic Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1- Enclosure and Monumentality: Hillforts in British and European Late Prehistory -- Chapter 2- Castell Henllys in its Temporal, Cultural and Intellectual Contexts -- Chapter 3 - The Palisade and Entrance -- Chapter 4- The Interior: Roundhouses, Scoops and Activity Areas -- Chapter 5- A Boundary In Stones: The Chevaux-De-Frise --Chapter 6- The Palisaded Settlement: Its Size, Character and Environmental Impact -- Chapter 7- Previous Research on Hillfort Ramparts and Ditches -- Chapter 8- Ramparts and Ditches on the Western Side of the Fort -- Chapter 9- The Building of a Rampart: Stratigraphy and Action Unpicked -- Chapter 10- Encircling the Promontory -- Chapter 11-Ramparts and Ditches: Evidence and Inference -- Chapter 12- Crossing Thresholds: Entrances in Stone --Chapter 13- Crossing Thresholds: From Monumental to Non-Monumental -- Chapter14- An Epilogue: The Late Roman or post-Roman refurbishment -- Chapter 15- Context, Function, Meaning. This volume provides the results of a 30-year excavation, Sommario/riassunto reconstruction, and public interpretation campaign at the late prehistoric inland promontory settlement of Castell Henllys, here

focusing on the defensive sequence and the role of monumentality in later prehistory. The site has international significance because of the

extensive excavations of the Iron Age palisaded settlement and later earthen ramparts, complex gateway, and chevaux-de-frise of upright stones. It is now widely recognised that the Iron Age consisted of many regional cultural traditions, and the excavations at Castell Henllys provide a vital contrast to the well-known large hillfort communities in other parts of England and Wales as well as across Europe. As such, it is a unique window into a widespread but largely ignored site category and form of social and economic organisation. The publication will provide a case study for the construction and use of the earthworks of a major European late prehistoric settlement type – the Iron Age hillfort; the monumental construction is compared with other communal investments such as the Mississippian mounds. It will also offer an innovative form of site reporting, including alternative interpretations of the earthworks as either military defences or the community-binding symbols. Along with Excavation, Experiment, and Heritage Interpretation: Castell Henllys Hillfort Then and Now, these books will be required reading by those studying the late prehistoric archaeology of Britain and Europe at advanced undergraduate and postgraduate level, and by those in North America studying complex societies, monumentality, and ways of writing archaeology.