

## Transcript for Meaning film

Whatever Stonehenge meant to prehistoric people, today it has many different meanings. It is an icon of Britain, a wonder of the world, a place of spiritualism and a source of inspiration.

Stonehenge, together with Avebury and their surrounding monuments, is internationally important and inscribed as a World Heritage Site. The National Trust, English Heritage and others work together to ensure that the monument and its landscape, are preserved for future generations, whilst providing access for the million people who visit every year from all over the world.

For many Stonehenge has no meaning other than its great beauty and dramatic appearance. Artists have been drawn to Stonehenge since the late 17th century. Painters such as Constable and Turner have helped make the site part of popular imagination and it continues to inspire artists and writers today.

Stonehenge's unique image is often used in advertising, and has featured in films and music, from Spinal Tap to the Beatles and Doctor Who.

For some, Stonehenge is a sacred monument and a living temple. Modern Druids, pagans and others come here to celebrate the solstices at midsummer and midwinter, and the autumn and spring equinoxes.

What does Stonehenge mean to you? Whatever you believe, this extraordinary monument allows us all to feel a connection to the deep past.

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