

# ST. BRIDGET'S PROJECT REPORT



## **'Brigham and Greysouthen: Our Victorian ancestors who shaped the parish'**

A socio-economic investigation, into the lives of subscribers of the 1865 Butterfield renovation of St Bridget's church in Brigham, West Cumberland.



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# 1 D. SYNOPSIS

As a result of this project, I have come to a number of conclusions that define and shape my arguments and viewpoints. For the purposes of clarity and full disclosure I have decided to state these viewpoints clearly to assist anyone who might go on to do further research in this area.

1. Twice William Butterfield renovated St. Bridget's, once in 1864-1865 and again in 1874-1875.
2. In 1864-1865 the nave, tower, and aisle were completely restored, and renovated. In 1874-1875 the chancel was restored at the expense of Lord Lonsdale, when a vestry and organ chamber was also added.
3. William Butterfield used Alexander Gibbs because he could be 'controlled' and 'directed' in his work by Butterfield.
4. The funding for the renovation came primarily from subscriptions, and bazaars, but also from the sale of items, monetary collections in the church and school, card sales, and the donation of building materials.
5. The majority of the subscription funding (50%) came from industrialists who owned and operated mines, iron works, and other industrial businesses.
6. Isaac Fletcher was the chief churchwarden and organizer of the church renovation and restoration.
7. The majority of subscriptions came from within the parish boundaries; others came from Newcastle, London, Liverpool, and Birmingham.
8. A significant proportion of the subscribers had a vested interest in the church, having been christened or married in the church.
9. Many of the subscribers knew each other, with local landowners, and industrialists spending time together socialising.
10. At least 6 past, present, and future M.Ps for Cockermouth subscribed to the restoration.
11. Dissenters subscribed to the renovation of the church.
12. Some of the skilled workers came from far away, although local workers, and parishioners were primarily used.
13. Some of the workers on the renovation (and subsequent restorations) etched their names into the woodwork of the ceiling.
14. The painted ceiling was directly painted onto the plaster instead of wood panels.
15. A Sunday school building was built and subsequently demolished near the entrance of the churchyard.
16. Donations came from a variety of donors, from quarrymen up to Lords of the Manor.
17. Since the 1850s, local parishioners had been complaining about the poor condition of the church.
18. The restoration began in earnest because the church council did not want to lose the £200 John Harris had left for the restoration of church as it had a time restriction on it.

## 2 A. SUBSCRIBER LIST

### Key

- 1 = Gentry/Aristocracy
- 2 = Professionals
- 3 = Commercial
- 4i = Agricultural Farmers
- 4ii = Agricultural Labourers
- 5i = Industrial Owners
- 5ii = Industrial Labourers
- 6 = Independent/Non-productive/Annuitants
- 7 = Unknown

### Note

Each entry begins with the subscribers name, birth-death date, subscription amount, occupation, area where they lived, and their occupation classification.

**John Harris, Esq**

1827-1863

£200

Colliery owner

Brigham<sup>3</sup>

5i

Soldier and conservative politician

1

**Isaac Fletcher, Esq**

1827-1879

£225

Colliery owner

Greysouthen<sup>5</sup>

5i

**Rev. John Wordsworth**

1803-1875

£75

Reverend Vicar of Brigham

Brigham<sup>4</sup>

2

**Fletcher Norman**

1806-1875

£5

Farmer

High Dyke, Blindbothel<sup>6</sup>

4i

**Lord George Wyndham Leconfield**

1781-1869

£100

Soldier and peer in the House of Lords

1

**Ballantine White**

1791-1871

£20

Farmer

Brigham<sup>7</sup>

**Honourable Percy Scawen Wyndham**

1835-1911

£50

<sup>3</sup> 1851 England Census: Class: HO107; Piece: 2435; Folio: 41; Page: 3; GSU roll: 87115-87116.

<sup>4</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 20; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>5</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 51; Page: 27; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>6</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3936; Folio: 71; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543209.

4i

**William Stamper, Jun**

1806-1881

£20

Land proprietor

Brigham<sup>8</sup>

5i

**John Norman**

1823-1900

2 guineas (£2 2s)

A farmer/Master Waller

Brigham<sup>9</sup>

4ii

**Wilson Gibson**

1839-1899

£1

Farmer

Brigham<sup>10</sup>

4i

**John Henry Lowther**

1793-1868

£5

Conservative M.P. who represented  
Cockermouth, Wigtown, and York.

Swillington<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 19; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>8</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 16; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>9</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 28; Page: 13; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>10</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 26; Page: 9; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>11</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3916; Folio: 79; Page: 34; GSU  
roll: 543206.

**John Thompson**

1817-1877

£2

Farmer of 67 acres

Brigham<sup>12</sup>

4i

**Reverend James Taylor**

1830-1897

£5

Parish Curate of Brigham

Brigham<sup>13</sup>

2

**Rebecca Cort**

1793-1880

£10

Landowner

Greysouthen<sup>14</sup>

5i

**Joseph Brown**

1814-1904

£5

Grocer/general merchant

Cockermouth<sup>15</sup>

3

**Joseph Wren**

1817-1882

£5

Tanner journeyman

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<sup>12</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 30; Page: 18; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>13</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10;  
Piece: 5238; Folio: 72; Page: 16; GSU  
roll: 847445.

<sup>14</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG10;  
Piece: 5241; Folio: 67; Page: 24; GSU  
roll: 847445.

<sup>15</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10;  
Piece: 5238; Folio: 54; Page: 6; GSU roll:  
847445.

Cockermouth<sup>16</sup>

5i

**Reverend Christopher H. Wybergh**

1800-1876

£5

Church of England Vicar

Isel (Incumbent from 1826-1876)<sup>17</sup>

2

**John Steel, Esq**

1786-1868

£25

M.P.

Cockermouth (Lived in Derwent Bank)<sup>18</sup>

2

**William Fletcher**

1831-1900

£200

Coal owner, land owner, etc.

Greysouthen/Brigham<sup>19</sup>

5i

**Edward Waugh**

1816-1891

19 guineas+1 shilling

Solicitor and Liberal politician

Papcastle<sup>20</sup>

2

**George Moore, Esq**

1806-1876

5 guineas

Land proprietor

Whitehall<sup>21</sup>

5i

**Thomas A. Hoskins, Esq**

1800-1886

£10

JP and landed proprietor

The Higham, Bassenthwaite<sup>22</sup>

5i

**Joseph Pocklington Senhouse, Esq**

1804-1874

£5

High Sheriff/living by own means

Netherhall, Cumberland<sup>23</sup>

6

**Henry Jefferson, Esq**

1830-1892

£20

A West Indies Wine Merchant

Springfield, Whitehaven<sup>24</sup>

3

**William Cooke, Esq**

1823-1883

£5

Gentleman and coalmine proprietor

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<sup>16</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 24; Page: 21; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>17</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 54; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>18</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 102; Page: 28; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>19</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5238; Folio: 74; Page: 20; GSU roll: 847445.

<sup>20</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 93; Page: 10; GSU roll: 543208.

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<sup>21</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 55; Folio: 115; Page: 12; GSU roll: 542565.

<sup>22</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3936; Folio: 4; Page: 3; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>23</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3942; Folio: 62; Page: 49; GSU roll: 543210.

<sup>24</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5262; Folio: 66; Page: 7; GSU roll: 847452.

Camerton Hall, Camerton<sup>25</sup>

5i

**John Harrison**

1801-1882

£10

Landowner

Brigham, Cockermouth<sup>26</sup>

5i

**Richard Ferguson**

1796-1878

£1

Farmer of 68 acres

Eaglesfield<sup>27</sup>

4i

**Mary Blackstock**

1780-1869

£1

Widowed farmer

Brigham<sup>28</sup>

4i

**Joseph Fletcher, Esq**

1819-1898

5 guineas

Proprietor of Iron ore mines

Whitehaven (1 Dawson place)<sup>29</sup>

5i

**Joseph Robinson**

1795-1881

£1

Farmer of 60 acres.

Eaglesfield (near the Hollins)<sup>30</sup>

4i

**Margaret Calvert**

1793-1867

5s

Widowed farmer of 60 acres.

Eaglesfield<sup>31</sup>

4i

**Mary Phillips**

1832-????

5s

Lived with her mother who was a farmer of 60 acres.

Eaglesfield<sup>32</sup>

6

**John Todhunter**

1794-1867

1 shilling

Innkeeper of the Black Cock

Eaglesfield<sup>33</sup>

3

**Amelia Johnstone**

1811-1888

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<sup>25</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 30; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>26</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5238; Folio: 68; Page: 7; GSU roll: 847445.

<sup>27</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5239; Folio: 11; Page: 4; GSU roll: 847445.

<sup>28</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 23; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>29</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3947; Folio: 46; Page: 9; GSU roll: 543211.

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<sup>30</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 44; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>31</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 47; Page: 10; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>32</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 47; Page: 10; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>33</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 45; Page: 5; GSU roll: 543208.

1 shilling  
Wife of a John Johnstone, farmer in Brigham  
Brigham<sup>34</sup>  
6

**William Walker**  
1827-1872  
1 shilling  
Servant living with and working for William  
Parkin as a carter.  
Eaglesfield<sup>35</sup>  
4ii

**Thomas Graham**  
1843-1897  
1 shilling  
Ploughman, worked at Joseph Robinson's  
farm as a servant.  
Eaglesfield<sup>36</sup>  
4ii

**Andrew Stephenson**  
1812-1884  
1 shilling  
Farmer of 12 acres  
Eaglesfield<sup>37</sup>  
4ii

**John Asbridge**  
1798-1866  
£2  
Master stone mason, retired from duty.  
Brigham Low Houses

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<sup>34</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 27; Page: 11; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>35</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 48; Page: 12; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>36</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 47; Page: 10; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>37</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 45; Page: 6; GSU roll:  
543208.

Married in 1847 at Brigham church.<sup>38</sup>  
5i

**William Shaw**  
1805-1887  
Half a crown  
Farmer of 99 acres  
Eaglesfield<sup>39</sup>  
4i

**Thomas Norman**  
1816-1900  
£1  
Tailor  
Eaglesfield<sup>40</sup>  
5i

**John Fox**  
1820-1893  
Half a crown  
Cart wright/joiner  
Eaglesfield<sup>41</sup>  
5ii

**Joseph Newton**  
1824-1898  
10 shillings  
Master shoemaker  
Eaglesfield<sup>42</sup>  
5ii

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<sup>38</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 22; Page: 2; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>39</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 43; Page: 2; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>40</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 44; Page: 4; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>41</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 46; Page: 7; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>42</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 46; Page: 7; GSU roll:  
543208.

**Jonathon Watson**

1789-1874  
1 shilling  
Master shoemaker  
Eaglesfield<sup>43</sup>  
5ii

**Edmund Wood**

1827-1890  
5 shillings  
Butcher  
Eaglesfield<sup>44</sup>  
3

**Venerable Archdeacon Robert Wilson**

**Evans**  
1789-1866  
£10  
Archdeacon of Westmoreland, Vicar of  
Heversham.  
Heversham<sup>45</sup>  
2

**Miss Margareta Skelton**

1819-1892  
1 guinea  
Landed proprietor  
Lowswater (Foulsike house)<sup>46</sup>  
5i

**William Walker**

1792-1864

2 guineas  
Farmer of 20 acres, also owned the Lime  
Kiln Inn.  
Brigham, Low Houses<sup>47</sup>  
3

**Richard Cass**

1820-1897  
10 shillings  
Tailor  
Brigham, Low Houses<sup>48</sup>  
5ii

**Isaac Todhunter**

1796-1867  
£1  
Innkeeper and farmer of 30 acres  
(Appletree Inn)  
Brigham<sup>49</sup>  
3

**John Johnstone**

1808-1889  
5 shillings  
Farmer of 37 acres  
Brigham<sup>50</sup>  
4ii

**Adam Thompson**

1805-1891  
5 shillings  
Coach door labourer, stonemason  
Brigham<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 46; Page: 8; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>44</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 47; Page: 9; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>45</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3972; Folio: 6; Page: 5; GSU roll:  
543215.

<sup>46</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 79; Page: 16; GSU  
roll: 543208.

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<sup>47</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 20; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>48</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 25; Page: 7; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>49</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 30; Page: 18; GSU  
roll: 543208.

<sup>50</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 27; Page: 11; GSU  
roll: 543208.



4ii

**John Graham**

1813-1876

£2

Farmer of 200 acres

Brigham, Low Houses<sup>52</sup>

4i

**William Black**

1807-1867

18 shillings

Limestone quarrier

Brigham<sup>53</sup>

5ii

**Samuel Renney**

1841-1935

5 shillings

Son of a farmer/Railway signalman

Brigham (Old Parsonage)<sup>54</sup>

4ii

**John Harding**

1824-1893

Half a crown

Threadmaker at Derwent Mill

Cockermouth<sup>55</sup>

5ii

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<sup>51</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 30; Page: 18; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>52</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 26; Page: 9; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>53</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 23; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>54</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 15; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>55</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 92; Page: 29; GSU roll: 543208.

**John Satterthwaite**

1813-1878

1 shilling

Agricultural labourer

Brigham<sup>56</sup>

4ii

**William Black**

1812-1877

5 shillings

Teacher of mathematics and schoolmaster at National School in Brigham

Brigham<sup>57</sup>

2

**Henry Willis**

1797-1875

1 shilling

Farmer

Brigham<sup>58</sup>

4ii

**Joshua Gibson**

1800-1871

5 shillings

Farmer of 270 acres

Eaglesfield<sup>59</sup>

4i

**Miss Coulthwaite**

5 shillings

Unknown

7

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<sup>56</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 32; Page: 22; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>57</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 23; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>58</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 19; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>59</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 26; Page: 9; GSU roll: 543208.

**Jonathon Watson**

1818-1891

Half a crown

Freestone quarrier

Brigham<sup>60</sup>

5ii

**John Robinson**

1811-1866

Half a crown

Farmer of 40 acres

Brigham<sup>61</sup>

4i

**Peter Robinson**

1832-1906

Half a crown

Quarryman, roadman, etc

Brigham<sup>62</sup>

5ii

**Septimus Hodgson**

1829-1888

£1

Veterinarian

Greysouthen<sup>63</sup>

2

**Henry Allison**

1795-1867

10 shillings

Shoemaker and farmer of 20 acres

Greysouthen<sup>64</sup>

5ii

**John Thompson**

1817-1877

Half a crown

Farmer of 67 acres

Brigham<sup>65</sup>

4i

**Thomas Bennett**

1809-1882

Half a crown

County carpenter and cartwright

Broughton Cross<sup>66</sup>

5i

**William Mackreth**

1825-1884

5 shillings

Innkeeper & farmer

Brigham<sup>67</sup>

3

**A friend**

£1

7

**George Head**

1795-1876

£20

Banker and local magistrate

Rickerby House, Rickerby<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 19; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>61</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 15; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>62</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 15; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>63</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 27; Page: 11; GSU roll: 543208.

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<sup>64</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 22; Page: 2; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>65</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 30; Page: 18; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>66</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 24; Page: 5; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>67</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5238; Folio: 78; Page: 27; GSU roll: 847445.

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**Frechville Dykes**

1802-1866

£10

Justice of the Peace/Landed proprietor

Dovenby Hall, Dovenby<sup>69</sup>

1

**Reverend Shepley Watson Watson**

1827-1899

£5

Reverend Church of England

Plumbland<sup>70</sup>

2

**Elizabeth Bridge**

1807-1882

£5

Land proprietor

Lorton (Lorton Hall)<sup>71</sup>

5i

**George Stockdale**

1803-1875

2 guineas

Stockbroker

London

7

**William Sim, Esq**

1795-1864

£25

Retired tailor

Millom (Prospect Hill)<sup>72</sup>

5i

**William Renney**

1796-1886

£1

Farmer of 34 acres

Brigham (Old Parsonage)<sup>73</sup>

4i

**A friend for Mr Thompson**

2 shillings

7

**William Stamper, Snr.**

1772-1865

£5

Landed proprietor

Brigham<sup>74</sup>

5i

**William Faulder**

1814-1889

£5

Veterinary surgeon

Brigham<sup>75</sup>

2

**Robinson Mitchell**

1821-1888

2 guineas

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<sup>68</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3922; Folio: 68; Page: 11; GSU roll: 543207.

<sup>69</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3940; Folio: 4; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543210.

<sup>70</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3940; Folio: 45; Page: 14; GSU roll: 543210.

<sup>71</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 63B; Page: 10; GSU roll: 543208.

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<sup>72</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3954; Folio: 62; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543212.

<sup>73</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 15; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>74</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 29; Page: 16; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>75</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 24; Page: 22; GSU roll: 543208.

Land agent and auctioneer

Cockermouth<sup>76</sup>

3

**John Fleming**

1809-1893

5 shillings

Master cooper and wood joiner

Cockermouth<sup>77</sup>

5i

**Reverend Albert Marriot Wilson**

1825-1870

3 guineas

Reverend of Ainstable, Penrith

Ainstable<sup>78</sup>

2

**Mrs. Eleanor Kelly (nee Steel)**

1824-1880

£5

Father was farmer of 120 acres

Mine End, Dean<sup>79</sup>

6

**Mrs. Jane Fawcett**

1786-1872

£2

Farmers wife

Brigham<sup>80</sup>

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<sup>76</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 11; Page: 24; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>77</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 71; Page: 37; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>78</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3905; Folio: 11; Page: 22; GSU roll: 543204.

<sup>79</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 87; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>80</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 25; Page: 8; GSU roll: 543208.

6

**W. Miller, Esq**

£5

Oak Bank,

7

**Unknown**

Half a crown

7

**Lord Bourke (Richard Bourke) Naas**

1822-1872

£25

Politician, represented Cockermouth  
between 1857-1868

Cockermouth

1

**Henry Jefferson, Esq**

1800-1877

20 guineas

Wine merchant

Whitehaven<sup>81</sup>

3

**William Todhunter**

1796-1866

5 shillings

House proprietor

Cockermouth<sup>82</sup>

5i

**John Wybergh**

1790-1873

£5

Retired Treasurer of the Corporation of  
Liverpool

Papcastle<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>81</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3924; Folio: 67; Page: 17; GSU roll: 543207.

<sup>82</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 69; Page: 34; GSU roll: 543208.

2

**John Richardson**

1817-1875  
Clerk  
1 guinea  
Newcastle<sup>84</sup>  
2

**William Parkin**

1822-1889  
£1  
Miller  
Eaglesfield<sup>85</sup>  
4i

**G. Sharpe, Esq**

1 guinea  
Deanscales  
7

**John Thwaite**

1802-1869  
Half a crown  
Auctioneer and Innkeeper  
Cockermouth (Cornmarket)<sup>86</sup>  
3

**J B Wilson, Esq**

£5  
Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
7

**Robert Jefferson, Esq**

1827-1902  
5 guineas  
Wine merchant  
Whitehaven<sup>87</sup>  
3

**John Nicholson, Esq**

1817-1868  
£6  
Farmer of 200 acres  
Blindbothel (The Hill)<sup>88</sup>  
4i

**Mary-Anne Walker**

1831-1908  
£5  
Innkeeper of Lime Kiln Inn  
Brigham<sup>89</sup>  
3

**Robert Parker**

1816-1868  
10 shillings 6 pennies  
Coal miner  
Flimby<sup>90</sup>  
5ii

**William Park**

1827-1886  
5 shillings  
Blacksmith  
Cockermouth<sup>91</sup>

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<sup>83</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5239; Folio: 63; Page: 20; GSU roll: 847445.

<sup>84</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3818; Folio: 26; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543191.

<sup>85</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 48; Page: 12; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>86</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 46; Page: 25; GSU roll: 543208.

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<sup>87</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5259; Folio: 21; Page: 9; GSU roll: 847451.

<sup>88</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3936; Folio: 71; Page: 2; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>89</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 31; Page: 20; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>90</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3941; Folio: 20; Page: 35; GSU roll: 543210.

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**Miss Hodgson**

£5

7

**Robert Twentyman**

1797-1868

£5

Land and ship owner  
Harrington/Papcastle<sup>92</sup>

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**A dissenter**

Half a crown

7

**Jane/Sophia/Caroline Graves**

£5

Land proprietors  
Eaglesfield<sup>93</sup>

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**William Bell**

Half a crown

7

**Elizabeth/Ann Nicholson**

£1

Not employed, living with brother, John  
Nicholson  
Blindbothel<sup>94</sup>

6

**Richard Harbord**

1803-1878

£5

Gentleman, Justice of the Peace  
Lorton (Lorton Park)<sup>95</sup>

1

**Mr. Crosthwaite**

2 guineas

Whitehaven

7

**William Douglas**

1817-1892

20 shillings

Innkeeper

Eaglesfield<sup>96</sup>

3

**Henry Braithwaite**

1833-????

£1

Corn miller, farmer of 20 acres  
Lorton (Low Mill)<sup>97</sup>

4i

**Humphrey Senhouse, Esq**

1812-1875

Solicitor

£2

Papcastle/Loweswater<sup>98</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 88; Page: 22; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>92</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3944; Folio: 42; Page: 20; GSU roll: 543211.

<sup>93</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 44; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>94</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3936; Folio: 71; Page: 2; GSU roll: 543209.

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<sup>95</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 2708; Folio: 3; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543016.

<sup>96</sup> 1881 England Census: Class: RG11; Piece: 5173; Folio: 47; Page: 11; GSU roll: 1342248.

<sup>97</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3936; Folio: 11; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>98</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5258; Folio: 62; Page: 9; GSU roll: 847450.

**Joseph Railton**

1780-1863

2 guineas

Magistrate

Snittlegarth<sup>99</sup>

2

**Mrs. Lowe**

10 shillings

Liverpool

7

**Mrs. Mary Watts**

1792-1868

£5

Lives in Clifton house with her husband

Richard Watts who was a J.P. and D.L

Clifton (Clifton House)<sup>100</sup>

6

**Reverend Joseph Wood**

1813-1868

£10

Rector of Clifton

Clifton<sup>101</sup>

2

**Miss Wood**

£10

7

**Humphrey Pocklington Senhouse, Esq**

1843-1903

£5

Living on own means

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<sup>99</sup> 1851 England Census: Class: HO107; Piece: 2434; Folio: 7; Page: 6; GSU roll: 87114.

<sup>100</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 68; Page: 23; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>101</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3962; Folio: 10; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543213.

Hensingham<sup>102</sup>

6

**William Wordsworth, Esq**

1811-1883

£5

Magistrate

Carlisle<sup>103</sup>

2

**John Akett**

1844-1887

10 shillings

Joiners/wheelwrights

Greysouthen<sup>104</sup>

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**Wilson Jenkinson**

1820-1889

£1

Farmer of 170 acres

Greysouthen<sup>105</sup>

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**Miss Cort**

£5

7

Kirby, Prescott

**Mr. Whitelock**

1 guinea

Birmingham

7

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<sup>102</sup> 1871 England Census: Class: RG10; Piece: 5258; Folio: 62; Page: 9; GSU roll: 847450.

<sup>103</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3922; Folio: 28; Page: 6; GSU roll: 543207.

<sup>104</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 47; Page: 19; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>105</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 40; Page: 6; GSU roll: 543209.

**William Wood, Esq**

1800-1881

£10

Solicitor, JP & Landowner

Cockermouth<sup>106</sup>

2

**Anthony Dalzell**

1811-1877

£2

Farmer of 100 acres

Workington<sup>107</sup>

4i

**Elizabeth Ostle**

1787-1863

2 shillings

Wife of Henry Ostle, shoemaker

Greysouthen<sup>108</sup>

6

**Henry Hayton Fawcett, Esq**

1808-1881

£10

Member of Lloyds Bank

London<sup>109</sup>

3

**Sir Henry Fletcher**

1783-1873

1 guinea

Victualler and farmer of 15 acres

Lorton<sup>110</sup>

3

**Mr J N**

2 guineas 13 shillings

7

**William Spedding**

1815-1881

£5

Master Mariner

Whitehaven<sup>111</sup>

2

**Col Clay**

£5

7

**John Armstrong**

1787-1867

2 guineas

County carpenter

Brigham<sup>112</sup>

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**Mrs. Hannah Harris**

1779-1861

7 guineas 4 shillings

Yeomans widow

Greysouthen<sup>113</sup>

6

**John Dawson**

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<sup>106</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 15; Page: 32; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>107</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3938; Folio: 18; Page: 11; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>108</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3937; Folio: 38; Page: 2; GSU roll: 543209.

<sup>109</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 363; Folio: 140; Page: 3; GSU roll: 542623.

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<sup>110</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 63B; Page: 9; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>111</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3946; Folio: 21; Page: 35; GSU roll: 543211.

<sup>112</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 22; Page: 2; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>113</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3934; Folio: 26; Page: 9; GSU roll: 543208.



1798-1884  
10 shillings  
Shoemaker  
Broughton<sup>114</sup>  
5ii

**Miss Mabel Collis**  
5 shillings  
7

**Mrs. Harvey**  
Rossal  
10 shillings  
7

**Mrs. Sharp**  
£1  
7

**Miss Hemmingway**  
£1  
7

**Miss Skinner**  
£1  
7

**Miss Brown**  
10 shillings  
7

**Miss Senhouse**  
£5  
7

**Dr. Richard Bell**  
1807-1887  
£3  
Doctor of Medicine  
Brigham<sup>115</sup>

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<sup>114</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3936; Folio: 33; Page: 2; GSU roll:  
543209.

2

**Annie Paisley**  
1832-1907  
£5  
Wife of Thomas Paisley, farmer of 270 acres  
Overend House, Greysouthen<sup>116</sup>  
6

**Mr Leathes**  
Liverpool  
7

**Sarah Rapley**  
1829-1877  
10 shillings  
Wife of Frederick Rapley, Victualler at the  
Globe Inn  
Cockermouth<sup>117</sup>  
6

**Lady Naas, Blanche Wyndham (daughter  
of George Wyndham)**  
1827-1918  
£2  
1

**Thomas Fawcett**  
1826-1907  
£1  
Farmer, employing 2 labourers  
Bassenthwaite<sup>118</sup>  
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<sup>115</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3934; Folio: 24; Page: 5; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>116</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3937; Folio: 50; Page: 25; GSU  
roll: 543209.

<sup>117</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3935; Folio: 58; Page: 9; GSU roll:  
543208.

<sup>118</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9;  
Piece: 3933; Folio: 63; Page: 1; GSU roll:  
543208.

**Thomas Graves**

1817-???

£1

Farmer of 90 acres

Bassenthwaite<sup>119</sup>

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**Mrs. Harris**

£8 10 guineas

Greysouthern

7

**Mrs. Harris**

1 guinea 9 shillings

Greysouthern

7

**Joseph Mark**

1819-1890

£2

Cotton weaver

Cockermouth<sup>120</sup>

5ii

**Mrs Fletcher**

5 guineas 5 shillings

7

**Earl of Lonsdale, Henry Lowther**

1790-1867

£75

Conservative politician, cricketer, DL and JP

1

**James Lumb, Esq**

1826-1901

£15

Agent of the Earl of Lonsdale

Hensingham<sup>121</sup>

2

**Thomas Dixon, Esq**

1808-1870

£5

Owner and occupier of 127 acres.

Rheda, Frizington<sup>122</sup>

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<sup>119</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3933; Folio: 75; Page: 4; GSU roll: 543208.

<sup>120</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3935; Folio: 85; Page: 15; GSU roll: 543208.

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<sup>121</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3950; Folio: 100; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543212.

<sup>122</sup> 1861 England Census: Class: RG 9; Piece: 3944; Folio: 81; Page: 3; GSU roll: 543211.

## 3 B. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RELATING TO THE RESTORATION

In this section there are a number of newspaper articles directly relevant to the restoration that I have transcribed. All are taken from the Carlisle Journal and are from the late 1850s until the mid-1860s.

### BRIGHAM CHURCH

"To the editor of the Carlisle Journal. Sir, - Doleful Jeremiads are being breathed from high places over our parish, that should compulsory church-rates be no more, Brigham Church will soon become an interesting ruin, if somebody doesn't repair it shortly. This is quite true, and furnishes a strong argument in favour of the voluntary principle. Under the old system the church and all that appertaineth thereto has been shamefully neglected. A slip-shod gate, lopsided, ruinous, and old, closes the chief approach outside the churchyard with a ghastly grip. Beyond in a corner to the left, near the Sunday-school, lies a mount of debris, often in a condition claiming the attention of a nuisance inspector. The churchyard iron gates are honeycombed, patched, and grate upon their hinges, in a manner threatening a complete schism of all joining's. The exterior of the building is nearly denuded of rough case on a great part of the rubble work, and the ashlar work wants sadly to be pointed. The walks are kept free from weeds with the greatest difficulty, and the beautiful tracery in the noble window of the south transept is mended with unseemly daubs of plaster - the other windows are more or less defaced in a similar manner. Interior; all the fine carved work, mouldings, urches, basses, &c., are either smeared with whitewash or hid behind cumbrous contrivances of joiner-work, entirely out of keeping with the original design of the venerable edifice. A glance up the stream of time to the reign of King Charles II., and down to the present, gives the sum total of what has been done or allowed to be done under compulsory church rates, towards destroying the harmony of proportion within. The greatest part of the seats are something like the third class carriages on the Cockermonth and Workington Railway, one-half of the congregation have to stare the other half in the face, while "the priest in his pulpit" escorts them sideways from a corner of the semi-north transept. An unsightly stove, scarcely of any use for warming purposes, points a long black arm from the centre of the nave through a black window, and an ugly galley, penny theatre fashion, has been jamb'd into the steeple. Any change from this state of things could hardly be for the worse. £22 have been annually levied on the ratepayers for doing twenty-two times worse than nothing towards keeping the church in repair. To seat the congregation decently, and partly restore the edifice, would cost not less than £200. This sum could easily be raised in the district by subscription, if energy enough to set about it was forthcoming in the right place. After that, there is a nice little revenue derived from the sale of land in the churchyard, which it would be no hardship for a person in the vicar's circumstances to give up towards keeping things in order- viz, 10s for every headstone erected, and from £5 to £10 for tombstones and vault spaces. The monies derived from this source during the last four years, cannot, from my own personal knowledge, be less than £20. Finally, however, should the House of Lords reject the church-rate abolition bill this session, after what has transpired in the case of Tiffin and Bacon, no compulsory rate can be laid without an equitable valuation of the whole district, and the Act of Parliament legally applied by competent parties chosen with the

consent of the ratepayers. The gross rental is not equitable, neither is the present system of rating the district or the mean value of the same, each is illegal so far as regards a church-rate. And knowing this, any churchwarden or other person who uses threats or intimidations to secure a compulsory rate, is liable to a prosecution under the vagrant act for obtaining money under false pretences. I am &c., A Churchman, Brigham Parish, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1858.'

Carlisle Journal – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1858

## RESTORATION OF BRIGHAM CHURCH

The below extract comes from the Carlisle Journal where a number of articles relating to the Brigham Church restoration appeared.

'On Friday evening last, a vestry meeting of the ratepayers of the parish of Brigham was summoned for the purpose of taking such steps as might be necessary in order to restore the church at that place. The meeting was held, in the first instance, in the church, but as there were only three persons present at the appointed hour they preceeded to the adjoining school-room, and after a short conversation the meeting was adjourned till Monday evening. At seven o'clock on Monday evening the adjourned meeting took place in the school room which was about half filled. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. Taylor, curate of Brigham, and amongst those present we noticed Messrs. J. Fletcher, Tarn Bank; Thomas Paisley, Greysouthen; Valentine White, F. Norman, J. Park, W. Stamper, J. M. Lowther, J. Harrison, - Gibson, and W. Stamper, junior, Brigham. The chair was taken by Mr. Taylor. – Mr. Fletcher said they would all understand the reason why they were met that night. The late Mr. John Harris, Greysouthen, intended to put the church in better condition, but unfortunately he was seized with an illness which proved fatal before he could take any steps in the matter. In his will he left £200 to repair the church. It appeared to him (Mr. Fletcher) and Mr. Taylor, that the best plan would be to get some thoroughly qualified person to examine the church, and prepare suitable plans for its restoration. They got Mr. Butterfield, who had had great experience as an architect, to look at it in April last year. The plans were now finished, but whether they could carry out those plans would depend upon the subscriptions they could obtain. One of Mr. Butterfield's suggestion was the removal of the gallery; and the proposed removal was not relished by some parties who had a vested interest in the gallery pews. But if the gallery were removed parties holding seats there were clearly entitled to compensation and they should have pews allotted to them in the body of the church. He (Mr. Fletcher) intended to defray the cost of the plans himself, and he would subscribe what he could. He hoped that others would do the same, and that they would be enabled to put the church into a respectable condition. (Applause.) The best plan would be to appoint a committee to raise subscriptions, and see what could be done. – Mr. Paisley objected to the gallery being taken down.-Some further discussion took place on this point, when Mr. Stamper stated that Mr. Harris would not have subscribed a single half-penny if he had understood that the gallery was to remain.-Mr. Fletcher; This legacy left by Mr. Harris lapses and loses if it be not applied within a certain, and we are all agreed that the church should be repaired. – Mr. Stamper moved that the vestry meeting approve of the plans and specifications of Mr. Butterworth for the restoration of Brigham church.- Mr. Norman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. – Mr. Fletcher moved that the vestry meeting be empowered to

apply for a faculty for restoring the church, and for power to provide seats for those whose seats in the gallery might be interfered with by the proposal alterations. – Mr. Parks seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. – Mr. White moved as follows: That the vestry meeting appoint the vicar and curate of Brigham church for the time being; Messrs. Stamper, Norman, White, Harrison, Graham, Gibson, Rennie, Cooper, Lowther, Hodgson, Park, and Norman a committee, with power to add to their number, to raise subscriptions, and take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the whole of the proposed alterations, or such portions of them as the funds will admit. – Mr. Stamper seconded the motion, which was carried. – Mr. Fletcher hoped they would be able to meet the views of all gentlemen who held sittings in the gallery, and also to raise a sufficient sum to carry out the whole of the alterations. – Mr. Paisley proposed and Mr. Norman seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman. – The Chairman having briefly replied, the meeting separated. We may add, as a supplement to the above report, that a memorial window of the late Captain and Mrs. Harris, of Greysouthen, is to be placed in Brigham Church.'

Carlisle Journal – January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

## ALTERATIONS IN BRIGHAM CHURCH

'Mr. J. G. Mounsey applied for a faculty to authorize certain alterations in Brigham Church. The Rev. Mr. Taylor said the church was in a very bad state, and the alterations were very necessary. The cost would be £1,410, of which £435 had already been subscribed by three persons, and Mr. Fletcher would give a guarantee for the carrying out of the improvements. – Mr. Fletcher said he was prepared to give a guarantee to the effect that no part of the building should be removed until there was sufficient funds in hand to restore it. He offered to guarantee the re-pewing and re-roofing of the church. The Chancellor decided to grant the faculty subject to the money being raised and a guarantee given.'

Carlisle Journal – 26<sup>th</sup> February 1864

## RESTORATION OF BRIGHAM CHURCH

'A subscription of £100 from Lord Leconfield, and £50 from the Hon. Percy Wyndham, M. P., have been added to the fund for carrying out the restoration of the above church. A subscription is also being organized amongst the workmen of the late Mr. Harris of Greysouthen, for the purpose of placing a memorial window of that gentleman and his beloved wife in the sacred edifice.'

Carlisle Journal – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1864

## RESTORATION OF BRIGHAM CHURCH

'This venerable parochial edifice was re-opened, after being extensively restored, on Sunday last. About two years since, the Rev. James Taylor, curate, in conjunction with several of the parishioners stimulated by a legacy of £200 left by the late Captain Harris, Greysouthen, and being impressed with the dilapidated condition of the old church, determined to bestir

themselves in the matter. A meeting of the parishioners was held, and it was then resolved to restore the nave, tower, and aisle, according to plans prepared by Mr. Butterfield, an eminent architect. The repairs of the chancel were left to some future time. Subscriptions flowed in freely, and we are happy to say that the expenses (£1,800, including a heating apparatus) are nearly liquidated, the late bazaar having realized upwards of £300. It may be as well to state that the work was executed by day labour, by the parishioners. The principal part of the edifice is the nave, the predecessor of the present restorations having been erected in the eleventh century, in the Roman style, and there are indications that it was erected on the ruins of a much earlier ecclesiastical building. It is separated from the south aisle by fine Roman arches. The south aisle, in the decorated style of about the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, was built and endowed as a chantry by one of the Twinham family, with a moiety of the manor of Brigham. The western tower is of the early English style, and the old part was built towards the close of the twelfth century. From long continued neglect, and injudicious repairs and alterations, the sacred edifice had gradually fallen into a very dilapidated and discreditable condition; the original Gothic roofs had given place to unsightly barn like structures, with flat lath and plaster ceilings; the tracery of the south windows had been destroyed, and wooden frames substituted; from want of drainage the foundations had sunk, the walls were rent and out of perpendicular; and a few more years would probably have suffered to complete the work of ruin. From the foregoing description it will be acknowledged that it was high time something was done towards the restoration; and the present improved aspect of the building will prove that the change is exceedingly happy, and altogether reflects the considerable credit on the architect and builders. The alterations are all of a most substantial nature, and are characterized by exceeding good taste and effect. The architecture of the exterior has been interfered with as little as possible, the original style being adhered to. As regards the interior the ancient sculptures and carvings have been preserved by being fixed in the masonry of the walls; and their former chasteness has not been marred by the change. The floor has been newly tiled, and the roof ornamented with Gothic woodwork. The pews are also now, of stained pine. But the most interesting of the additions are three stained glass windows. The principal one has been presented by Mrs. Harris, Greysouthen, and represents, in the centre, the nativity; at each side, the Adoration of the Shepherds, and that of the Wise Men of the East; above these is a figure of our Saviour sitting in Glory, surrounded by the heavenly choir; the whole being surrounded by the heavenly choir; the whole being surrounded by figures of the Apostles. The eastern of the other two windows represents the Annunciation, and the western, the Temptation and Expulsion of our first parents from the garden of Eden, these two last windows having been the gift of the workmen employed in the restoration of the church. The total cost of these windows, including fitting, was £320, and they were manufactured by Gibbs, of London, being altogether works of extreme beauty in the art. The re-opening, therefore, of this venerable parish church took place on Sunday last. The afternoon service was attended by a large congregation, amongst which were the members of the Cockermonth Rifle Corps, under the command of Lieut. Dodgson. The Rev. Mr. Taylor took for his text the 16<sup>th</sup> verse of the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye, therefore, wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." The reverend gentleman addressed his remarks more particularly to the volunteers, whose patriotism, he said, was quite consistent with that charity which ought to exist between all nations.'