

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

ASKHAM

Stone circles, tumuli etc. on Moor Divock (Canon Simpson, o.s.vi, 180; M. W. Taylor, o.s. viii, 323) [18 sets in all] namely:

- (a) " Copstone "in double ring-mound, 76 ft. diam.
- (b) Six stones of a circle 15 ft.diam.
- (c) Circle and cairn, 11 ft. diam., opened c. 1860.
- (d) Circle of 11 stones, 19 ft. diam.; dug 1866, urn and fragments of another urn found (Greenwell, *Brit. Barrows*, p. 400). Hence to W. of N. a stone avenue has been traced as far as No. (i).
- (e)Tumulus revetted with stone circle, dug by Canon Simpson; urn and bone ashes found in centre; projections from the circle (early disturbances ?) suggested the name " Starfish circle."
- (f) Single circle, 7 stones, 25 ft. diam.; not dug.
- (g) Double circle; outer ring of 5 stones, 14 ft. diam.; inner ring of 6 stones, 7 ft. diam.; not dug.
- (h) Single circle, 9 ft. diam.
- (i) Single circle, 14 ft. diam., revetting a mound with stone near centre.
- (j) " White Raise," tumulus 57-60 ft. diam. and 7-8 ft. high; dug by Canon Simpson; cist with bones found in an inner circle of stones and left exposed (as at present) ; projections as before, suggesting the name " Starfish cairn."
- (k) Long barrow, 25 ft. by 15 ft. apparently revetted with stones.
- (l) Round barrow, 15 ft. diam.; disturbed. The following are near the Roman road :
- (m) " The Cockpit," double circle of stones, diam. 103-90 ft., with four cairns enclosed.
- (n) Double circle, 27 ft. diam.; not dug.
- (o) Another double circle, 15 ft. diam., disturbed in centre.
- (p) Group of mounds.
- (q) " The Standing stones," ½m. S. of Swarth fell; 65 stones, 57 ft. diam. (N.s. xxi, 273).
- (r) Also tumulus on Riddingley's Top and circles and cairns ½m. E. of it, undescribed.

Earthworks: Setterah Park, medieval moat and ramparts; traces of building (N.s. xxiii, 283).

Church, mentioned 1245 (N. & B. i, 421) ; St. Peter's (N. & B. i, 420) or St. Kentigern's (Ecton, *Thesaurus*); rebuilt 1832 (N.s. iv, 92).

Domestic:

(a) Askham Hall; burnt in 14th cent.; solar and hall 15th cent.; domestic buildings *c.* 1574; alterations 1659. Chapel with piscina and pointed arch (o.s. xii, 209; N.S. iv, 97). (M. W. Taylor, o.s. ii, 38; Rev. F. W. Ragg, N.S. xxi, 228; Curwen, *Castles*, 347, and N.S. xxii, 438)

(b) Low Close, of Bowmans, lintel 1759 (N.s. v, 85).

Finds:

(a) bronze palstave, Askham fell (o.s. vi, 510).

(b) bronze blade, Helton dale (exhibited Carlisle, 1859).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (61 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).