

## Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

### LANERCOST (BURTHOLME TOWNSHIP)

#### *Tumuli, etc.*

- (a) *Baron's* or Barnspike, ½ m. E.S.E. of High grains.
- (b) Two tumuli, 2/3 m. S. of Gillalees Beacon.
- (c) Murchie's Cairn, ½ m. N. of Hazelgill crags; skeleton found c. 1848 (J. Maughan, O.S. i, 320).
- (d) Tumulus and Cairn, Tower Brow, W. of High House.
- (e) Two Cairns, S.E. corner of Mollin wood, Askerton park.
- (f) Standing stone, 1¼ m. N.W. of Wileysike house (Ordnance map).

#### *Roman:*

- (a) Wall and Valium, etc.
- (b) Milecastle, found 1899, at Castlefield, Low Wall (N.S. i, 81).
- (c) Road, Birdoswald to Bewcastle, found near Highstead Ash (F. Haverfield, O.S. xiv, 196) ; its track, crossing at Slittery ford,
- (d) quarries at Butts (R. G. Collingwood, N.S. xxii, 178).
- (e) Bridge (?) E. of present Lanercost Bridge.
- (f) Milestone (C.I.L. vii, 1189).
- (g) Banksburn quarries, rock-inscriptions, 300yds. S.W. of Banksfoot (C.I.L. vii, 872).
- (h) Banks; coins found: two altars found 1808, now at Lanercost (C.I.L. vii, B00, 802). Slab of Antoninus Pius, found 1832 (C.I.L.vii, 836).
- (i) Howgill, two inscribed stones (C.I.L. vii, 801, 863).
- (j) Lanerton, two centurial stones, now lost (o.s. xiv, 196; C.I.L.vii, 847).
- (k) Low Wall, inscribed stone (C.I.L. vii, 804).
- (l) Randylands, two inscribed stones (C.I.L. vii, 851, 852).
- (m) The Wall, inscribed stones now in Lanercost priory in the undercroft.
- (n) Romano-British cist with urn, found 1895 on Lanercost priory green (F. Haverfield, O.S. xiv, 1 95).
- (o) (Undated) cist with skeleton, two other skeletons and remains of horse, found c. 1889 at the farm dairy, Lanercost priory (Rev. H. J. Bulkeley, O.S. xi, 70)

#### *Priory:*

- (a) Founded 1169 for Augustinians; 12th cent., lower courses in S. wall of church and S. transept, with three doorways and a door inserted in N. aisle; c. 1250, choir, E. part of church and cloister; late 13th cent., nave clerestory and W. front; Undercroft of refectory; 14th cent. Gatehouse with Trans. arch.

- (b) St. Mary Magdalene's is the N. aisle of the priory chapel refitted c. 1680, and the nave, roofed 1739-49, with later restorations (R. S. and C. J. Ferguson, o.s. i, 95).
- (c) Monuments (G. Baldwin Brown and H. Whitehead, o.s. xii, 312) include a cross of 1214 (base on the green; shaft in the church); Effigy, c. 1400 (inscribed "John Crow, 1708 ") on a Dacre tomb; part of figure of a deacon; tomb of Vaux of Triermain, 15th cent; tomb of Thomas, Lord Dacre, and wife, c. 1516; eight graveslabs and fragments; part of super-altar, found 1873; stone coffin; modern monuments of the Howards of Naworth.
- (d) Glass with Dacre Arms, 1559.
- (e) Bell, 1773.
- (f) Dacre Hall, part of priory buildings restored.
- (g) Dacre's tower, at the vicarage; 14th (?) cent. made into a dwelling-house 1559 (Curwen, *Castles*, 293).

*Castles and Towers :*

- (a) Askerton Castle, built early 16th century by Thomas, Lord Dacre (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xi, 254; Curwen, *Castles*, 344) . "Gallows Hill"
- (b) Triermain Castle; licence to crenellate, 1340, to Robert de Vaulx; traces of foundations and moat (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xi,250; Curwen, *Castles*, 238).
- (c) Collin bank, beside the Roman road to Bewcastle; a grassy mound on which stood a pele-tower.
- (d) Gillalees beacon, 16th cent. stonehouse, ruins in Yellowslack at head of Melefarm beck.
- (e) High grains, 1½ m. E. of Bewcastle; base of tower.
- (f) Robin Hood's Butt; foundations of square building c. 18 by 20 ft.
- (g) Robin Hood's Well, 370 yds. S.W. of the Butt (F. Haverfield, N.S. i, 82).
- (h) Willeava, near Parkgate, Askerton, foundation (now invisible) of tower of the Armstrongs (for this and Gillalees, Collin bank and High Grains, see H. Penfold in *Castles*, 408-9).
- (i) Woodhead, ¾ m. S.E. of Bewcastle; earthworks on W., tower on a bluff, now converted into a house (Curwen, *Castles*, 388, 406).

*Beacon at Spadeadam top in use 1468 (N. and B. i, xliv).*

*Old Roads (post-Roman) :*

- (a) Lanercost to Cumquencath, past the Black Oak at Knorren beck mentioned 1169 (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. XXI, 132) ; and Friar Waingate, crossing the King at Waingate bridge (*ibid.*)
- (b) To Triermain " through a break in the wall," c. 1200 (Prescott, *Wetherhal*, 223).

*Lanercost Bridge*

- (a) foundations ancient. Remains of smaller bridge, 30 yds. nearer abbey.

"Stonecross" rig 2m. N.E. of Walton; (?) site of the stone Cross in boulder of Triermain, 1588 (N.S. xi, 252).

[Forged Runic inscriptions at Barnspike and Hazelgill (W. G. Collingwood in Calverley, *Crosses*, 48).]

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (21 in total – though there may be some overlap from adjacent townships).