

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

ESKDALE AND WASDALEHEAD

Stone circles and cairns: Burnmoor, three groups

- (a) three circles and cairns on Acre Hows and Brat's hill, 1 m. N.W. of Gillbank;
- (b) two circles and cairns on Low Longrigg;
- (c) standing stones and cairns E.N.E. of the last, W. of the road and $\frac{2}{3}$ m. N. of Gillbank (J. C. Ward, O.S. iii 250; C. W. Dymond, O.S. v, 39; Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. v).
- (d) " Maidencastle," circular walled enclosure, 21 ft. diameter ; $\frac{1}{2}$ m. N. of Burnmoor tarn (J. C. Ward, O.S. iii, 250) mentioned 17th cent. (Miss Fair, N.S. xxii, 77).
- (e) A beacon site (Rev. W. S. Sykes).

Roman; track of road between Hardknot and Ravenglass (C. R. B. McGilchrist, N.S. xix, 17).

Churches:

- (a) Eskdale, St. Catharine's ; E. window 14th cent.; square headed windows of debased Gothic; restored 1874, 1881. Octagonal font, 14th cent. Ancient bell. " St. Catharine's well."
- (b) Wasdalehead church; pew dated " J. S[tanley] 1687 ".
- (c) An old chapel existed at Eskdale Green. St. Bega's built 1891-2.

Domestic:

- (a) Randlehow, 1679, of Nicholsons (Miss Fair , N.S. xxii, 98).
- (b) Low Holme, ancient farmstead.

Old roads

- (a) converging near Randlehow from Broughton, Whitehaven, Hardknot and Muncaster.
- (b) Wasdalehead and Tongue moor and down Miterdale.
- (c) Doctor's bridge widened 1734 by Ed. Tyson, surgeon, of Penny Hill (Miss Fair, N.S. xxii, 99).

Bloomeries (ibid. 92-95) : Eskdalegreen; Linbeck mill; Stanley gill, Beckfoot, and N.N.E. of Taw House.

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (170 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).