

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

IRTHINGTON

Roman:

- (a) Track of the Wall and Valium; the Vallum found at Newtown of Irthington, 1903 (F. Haverfield, N.S. iv, 246).
- (b) Old Wall, milecastle (?) (O.S. xiii, 465).
- (c) Bleatarn, milecastle (?) and quarry (O.S. xiii, 462 ; xiv, 191). [The mound was thought by Haverfield (O.S. xiv, 193) to be base of " Nabob " Richardson's belvedere, late 18th cent.]
- (d) Watchcross, " Steadfolds," fort (F. G. Simpson, N.S. xii, 387).
- (e) Road, Stanegate (*ibid.*)
- (f) Inscribed stones :
 - (1) Newtown (C.I.L. vii, 898)
 - (2) Whiteflat (*ib.* 899A) ;
 - (3) Beck (*ib.* 878) ;
 - (4) Irthington Bridge (E.E. ix, 1217)
 - (5) Old Wall (C.I.L. vii, 886, 899, 903, 905, and milestone of Diocletian, 1190)
 - (6) Bleatarn (*ib.* 897)
 - (7) High Stead (876).

Mottes:

- (a) Of 12th cent. type: S.E. of the church; circular summit with breastwork; bailey, now obliterated, was on the side towards the Irthing. Formerly *caput* of Gilsland (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xii, 181; Curwen, *Castles*, 23)
- (b) S.W. of Irthington Mill
- (c) Headswood, on the Wall, N.E. of Newtown

Mediaeval earthwork:

Bishop's or Barras Dyke, from the Wall to the Irthing, boundary between the barony of Gilsland and the bishop's manor of Crosby. A double rampart with intervening space of about 10 feet (R S. Ferguson, O.S. vii, 277; T. H. Hodgson, O.S. xiv, 144; T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xiii, 26).

Church:

St. Kentigern's; 12th cent. chancel-arch and two easternmost arcades : Trans. extension to W. ; body restored 1848, chancel 1853; tower and vestry built 1896. Roman stone built chancel 1853; tower and vestry built 1896. Roman stone built outside chancel 1853. Five graveslabs outside church. Mulcaster altar-tomb in churchyard. Bell 1812. " Ha' well " (O.S. vi, 333).

Stonehouse at Bleatarn, tower of the Hetheringtons (?) from temp. Henry VI (H. Penfold in *Castles*, 410).

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