

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

KIRKBYTHORE. MILBURN AND TEMPLE SOWERBY

Earthworks : "Greencastle," round enclosure with deep trenches 2¾m. E.N.E. of Howgill Castle; altar DEO SILVANO (N. & B. i, 388).

Roman fort, BROVONACAE, explored (*Arch. Ael.* N.S. v, 140); also buildings S. of the fort (bath ?) whence Samian pottery (N.s.ix, 321). Inscribed stones (C.I.L. vii, p. 73-4) at Underwood and Crowdundale wath. Road ran N.E. of present road through Temple Sowerby village.

Churches:

- (a) Kirkbythore, mentioned 1194 as St. Michael's (*Holm Cultram Cartulary*). Early 12th cent. lower part of tower; chancel c. 1240; Norman and E.E. stones re-used in rebuilding. Piscina, c. 1340 (o.s. xii, 208). Bell, 13th cent. Altar and pulpit 1631; rails 1683. Font, 1688. Cross-base in churchyard. (Rev. J. Heelis, o.s. xi, 314; Rev. A. J. G. Curwen, N.S. ix, 315).
- (b) Milburn, chapel of Kirkbythore in 13th cent. ; in 1354 (*Test. Karl.* 4) St. Cuthbert's. Late 12 cent. doorway with early dials re-inserted. Church repaired 1788; restored 1894. Two graveslabs (N.s. vii, 171). Effigy (o.s. xv, 448). Cross-bases at churchgate and on village green (J. G. Goodchild, o.s. vi, 485; Rev.R. S. E. Oliver, N.S. ix, 202; D. Scott, N.S. xxi, 442).
- (c) Temple Sowerby, chapel of Kirkbythore, mentioned 1280-91 (N. & B. i, 385) ; St. James' ; rebuilt 1770, restored 1873.

Castle

- (a) Howgill; twin towers, 14th cent., with hall, c. 1550,. between them. Staircase in N. wall of hall, which was remodelled c. 1650 (M. W. Taylor, o.s. xii, 27; J. H. Martindale, N.S. ix, 198; Curwen, *Castles*, 281).
- (b) Kirkbythore Hall, of Whartons, 15th cent. (M. W. Taylor, o.s. ii, 245; xii, 27) .
- (c) Acorn Bank, of Dalstons, part 14th cent.; E. wing, 18th cent. Staircase 1656. Sundial from Millrigg (H. H. Batten, N.S. ix, 161).
- (d) Temple Sowerby mill, mentioned 1323, still existing (*ibid.*).

Old roads :

- (a) "High Street," on the Roman road, made c. 1770.
- (b) Bridge over Troutbeck at Kirkbythore mentioned 1357-8 (*Test.Karl.* 18).
- (c) Bridge over Eden at Temple Sowerby mentioned 1357-8 (*ibid.*) ; rebuilt 1575, 1748 (N. & B. i, 385).

Finds:

- (a) Stone hammer, Temple Sowerby (*Proc. S.A.*, N.S. viii, 492)

- (b) Roman fibulae etc. from Kirkbythore in the Gillbanks collection at Clifton, Penrith (N.s. iii, 407).
- (c) Roman silver coins found 19oz near Kirkbythore (N.s. iii, 415).

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