

## Ancient Monuments in this Township

### Introduction

### 1926 List

#### WARCOP

*Stone circle ?" Druid's Temple," ½m. N.E. of Scober (O.M.).*

#### *Tumuli*

- (a) ?S. of main road near Platts (O.M.). Also sites of
- (b) *Tumuli sites* near Sandford field corner, N. of road; the largest opened 1766, cremation urn, (iron ?) sword and other interments. The -two other tumuli 86 and 40 paces circumference; also stone circle 50 paces diam. and two enclosures, one with a fosse (N. & B. i, 609-10).
- (c) Foundations of round fort, 40 paces diam. N. of Coupland beck bridge; and nearer the bridge, square foundations, supposed to be of the Hospital of Coupmanbeck (*ibid.*).

*Roman road under present road (see Brough)*

#### *Church*

- (a) mentioned 1291; " St. Coume " (Columba) in 1380 and 1536 (O.S. vii, 146) ; built 12th cent.; N. transept E.E., rebuilt 1703, retaining piscina and sedile; chancel rebuilt 1855 with E.E. materials. S. transept windows early 14th cent., with Trans. piscina (O.S. xii, 209). Eight Norm. and E.E. graveslabs (Canon Bower, N.S. vii, 172) perhaps from Bleatarn. Female effigy. Ancient font, but re-cut. Churchyard cross.
- (b) Birks chapel and burying-ground, formerly of Independents and then of Sandemanians; now disused.
- (c) Bleatarn (site), cell of Byland *temp.* Henry II. Remains found c. 1745; fishponds and fence of Abbey Park removed 1777 (N. & B., i, 616, 618).

#### *Castles, etc.*

- (a) Warcop Castle (site) at Castle hill (*ibid.* 606).
- (b) Warcop Tower (*ibid.* 605), now a farm-house.
- (c) Warcop Hall, rebuilt 18th cent. (*ibid.*), with Dutch garden.
- (d) Sandford Hall had a chapel (*ibid.* 609).
- (e) Vicarage, formerly moated (*ibid.* 602).
- (f) Burton Hall, birthplace of Cardinal Bainbridge, d. 1511; now a farm-house.

#### *Roads:*

- (a) The main road, made c. 1770, on the Roman road,

(b) "High Street," deviating at Street House.

Old bridge over Eden mentioned 1380 (*Test. Karl.* 43)

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries ( 106 in total – though there may be some overlap with adjacent townships)).