

Newsletter: Select List of Topics

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Issue 28

CWAAS financial commitment to putative county VCH.

Carlisle: Archaeology and Carlisle's Millennium Project.

Sheep-wash dubs of the western Lake District.

Recent tree-ring dating and cruck carpentry: clay dabbins.

Kendal: excavations.

Issue 29

Further notes and illustr. - sheep-wash dubs of western Lake District.

Cartmel: Priory Gatehouse becomes Heritage Centre.

Issue 30

Thomas Pennant: bicentenary, incl. ref. to silver hook and terminal of a bossed penannular brooch from Brayton Park, Aspatria.

Maryport: Senhouse Museum acquires Gibson edition of Camden's Britannia and inaugurates annual Camden Lecture.

Issue 31

Carlisle: Millennium Project - excavations at Castle Green and Castle Way.

Furness area (?): auction of antiquarian collection incl. late Upper Palaeolithic flints.

Issue 32

Warwick Bridge: Clay dabbins update: an interesting stapple thatched roof.

Windermere: St John's Church stained glass - designer and maker re-identified.

Issue 33

Thursby: recent excavations.

Reagill: Bland's Image Garden recently Listed.

Issue 34

Hadrian's Turf Wall.

Carlisle: Castle Green and Castle Way excavations - update. (Finds incl. Celtic-style stone head and sculpted genius(?); probable Anglo-Scandinavian-type pin-head; C9 styca and William II penny.)

Maryport: Roman Fort and Settlement - important survey.

Issue 35

Carlisle: Castle Green and Castle Way excavations 2nd update.

New project: Extensive Urban Survey, Cumbria.

Clay dabbins: dendro-dating update.

Alauna and the Bowness Triangle - a consideration.

Rock Art in Cumbria (two notes).

Issue 36

Carlisle: Castle Green excavations - 3rd update.

Ravenstonedale: URC Church exterior renovation.

Drigg: evaluation of prehistoric site.

Maryport: samples from blast furnace deposited Science Museum, London.

Issue 37

Lancaster Canal: planned Northern Reaches restoration.

Cumquenecath, Gilsland: place-name research.

Allithwaite: Bronze Age cremations.

Carlisle: Anglo-Scandinavian folding knife.

Portable Antiquities Scheme: finds from Levens (cast-flange axe), Burgh-by-Sands (Roman inscribed finger ring) and Kendal (bronze plate brooch).

Issue 38

Little Langdale: Greenburn Copper Mine surveyed by English Heritage.

Ravenglass: the mystery of RIB 795.

Coniston: recovery and restoration of Bluebird.

Issue 39

Oxford Archaeology North, Lancaster: launch of Unit.

Carlisle Cathedral: medieval carpentry.

Voices of Cumbria: oral history project summarised.

Bowness-on-Windermere: studies of east window, St Martin's Church.

Wine bars in C16 Cumberland.

Drigg: update on eroded coastal prehistoric site.

Issue 40

Wrynose: Three Shire Stone - discussion and overview.

Distington: Roman coin hoard found.

Bewcastle: cross affected by lichen.

Cumbria: Roman tombstones using plus-minus to record age of person commemorated.

Issue 41

Portable Antiquities Scheme: finds from Arnside (C8 bowl mount and Anglo-Saxon dress-pinhead), Waitby (C1 Romano-British dragonesque brooch), Orton (half a medieval gimmel ring found, and at B.M.), and Burrels (medieval bronze seal matrix).

Carlisle: new Roman discoveries, including pottery kilns.

Outgate, nr. Hawkshead: Iron Age(?) sword found. (Report, Kendal Museum)

Brigsteer: short cross penny found. (Report, Kendal Museum)

Issue 42

Low Borrow Bridge: Roman coins found in the 1840s (Tebay and Shap railway construction) described and identified.

Portable Antiquities Scheme update: Helsington (Roman enamelled bronze seal box lid; handle and rim fragment of medieval cauldron).

Drigg: update on rescued timbers.

Repair of historic railway viaducts.

Tacitus, Agricola and Scotland: a consideration.

Issue 43

Rural Orientalism project.

Francis Towne (1739 - 1816) - drawing acquired by the Wordsworth Trust.

Churches Conservation Trust: four Cumbrian churches in its care.

LDNPA archaeology: Cunsey (forge), Haverthwaite (Lowwood Gunpowder Wks), Rusland (tannery).

Orton: one half of medieval gold gimmel ring (report of discovery).

Burton-in-Kendal: silver verrel (C16-17) found.

Lancaster: rediscovery of Shrigley & Hunt stained glass kilns (see articles by E.H. Hodge in

Transactions: CW₂ Vols. 76, 77.)

Issue 44

Moresby: archaeological excavation and geophysical survey at Moresby Hall and Roman fort.

Orton: medieval gold gimmel ring (photo). See issues 41, 43 above.

Burton-in-Kendal: silver verrel (photo). See issue 43 above.

Penrith: Two Lions hotel - C16 ceiling (Listed II*) incl. photo.

Issue 45

Bewcastle: Bew Castle - restoration and excavation.

Lake District: burnt mounds in the LD.

LDNPA: 2003 archaeological survey and conservation projects (incl. Lowwood Gunpowder Works and Seathwaite Tarn site, c. 2,000 - 1500 BC).

Matterdale: Project - curvilinear site, prehistoric to post-Roman.

Langdale: Upland Peats Project.

Cunsey: forge - recent work.

Crook and Underbarrow: landscape characterisation.

Whitehaven: (the Betsy and links with New England, Virginia, Maryland).

Issue 46

Morland: Viking sword at Morland house; a Markham pedigree.

Cumwhitton: Viking oval brooches found.

Moresby: Roman fort geophysical survey; a picture of Moresby church, Hall.

Dr Syntax: recent research.

Whitehaven: more about the history of the Betsy.

Cockermouth: Wordsworth House restored.

Penrith area: Roman milestone discovered.

Bewcastle: Bew Castle investigation update.

Issue 47

Pevsner: (Buildings of England) Cumbria and North Lancashire projects announced.

Cumwhitton: Norse burials.

Carlisle: sites at Highgrove Dairy and Scotch Street (inscribed fragment of Roman tombstone at latter).

Papcastle: site adjacent to Derwentio House.

Issue 48

Cumbria: 3D laser scanning of prehistoric Rock Art.

Prehistoric stone axes: a consideration.

Silloth: field evaluation; ditch systems with early medieval date (radiocarbon date from charcoal).

Newby (nr. Penrith): trompe l'oeil wall painting discovered at Newby Hall.

Beckfoot: pipeclay dea nutrix found.

Temple Sowerby: Roman milestone threatened by overgrowth cleared and given new enclosure.

Issue 49

England database (clergy of CofE), 1540 - 1835, launched; at launch it included Carlisle Diocesan records 1761 - 1835.

Kirkby Stephen: East Station restoration project; Stainmore Railway Company clearance/excavation of signal boxes at Bleath Gill, Rookby Scarth, Spital and Merrygill.

Issue 50

Portable Antiquities Scheme: Irthington area - late Neolithic arrowhead, fragment of R-B 'dragon-esque' brooch; Kendal area - Anglo-Scandinavian sword pommel and medieval stamp.

English Dictionary of Runic Inscriptions in the Younger Futhark: project explained.

Brough: a Roman inscribed tombstone discussed - Runic or Greek?

Maryport: early Roman fort discovered.

Issue 51

Eskdale: roadside memorial stone restoration project.

Drigg to Central Fells: transect project, report.

Crummock Water area: two Rock Art sites discovered.

Matterdale: Glencoyne Park project reported.

Beckfoot: top portion of Roman altar found on beach.

Brampton area: EBA flat axe found (ref. made to 7 BA axes, dagger and bronze 'cake'; reported to PAS).

Issue 52

Eskdale: the Malkinson roadside memorial stone restored.

Caldbeck area: the Toft wayside memorial stone.

Cumbria: some historic sign/mile posts/stones; project announced.

Morecambe Bay: discovery of medieval fish traps - radiocarbon date mid-1300s.

Holker: enigmatic site - aerial evidence.

Dalton, Burton-in-Kendal: enigmatic earthworks discussed, dates considered.

Milnthorpe: Dallam School excavation; late Neolithic and LBA cremations, urns recovered.

Endmoor: report on Gatebeck Gunpowder Works - research project by English Heritage.

Beckfoot: excavations - finds discussed.

Hincaster: C16-17 coin hoard found 2004 acquired by Kendal Museum.

Kendal: 5 sets of wool washing steps restored.

Issue 53

Grasmere: gift to Wordsworth Trust of important collection of sketches incl. local views.

Levens: archaeology project at Levens Hall.

Cumberland and Westmorland: medieval stained glass research project outlined (Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi).

Bassenthwaite: update on Mirehouse archives project.

Drumburgh: excavation at Drumburgh House - evidence of Hadrian's Wall and Wall Ditch uncovered.

Cumwhitton: aftermath of discovery of Viking graves.

Pennington (corrected Dalton next issue): two late IA button and loop fasteners found.

Furness: rare IA brooch found (recorded Portable Antiquities Scheme).

Newbiggin, nr. Carlisle: bridge severely damaged by flood.

Aspatria: Viking material from Beacon Hill moved from school to Tullie House Museum, Carlisle.

Issue 54

Penrith: gravestone of Mrs Anne Carleton (wife of Edward Carleton of Penrith) in Dorchester Abbey, Oxon., discussed.

Ambleside: evaluation trenches at Wateredge Inn.

Dearham: excavations revealed structure of mid-C18 pottery works and 15,000 sherds.

Nenthead area: lime kiln restoration and experimental lime burning.

Cumbria/Lancashire border: La Tene brooch found (C4/C3BC) (recorded Portable Antiquities Scheme).

Holmrook area: 1728 column bearing names (amended 'images', Issue 55) of Georgian soldiers removed.

Issue 55

CWAAS: Dated Stones, War Memorials and Historic Direction Signs Projects launched and reported on.

Isel: portrait of Rev'd James Austen discovered at Isel Hall.

Penrith: The Height of Ambition by Jacob Thompson (1806 - 79) acquired by Penrith Museum; discussed.

Burton-in-Kendal and Dalton: two traditional milestones discussed.

Kendal: bee boles discovered in yard to north of Lowther Street.

Nenthead: Middlecleugh Mine Shop and Hodgson's High Level Shop restored.

Barrow-in-Furness: steam corn mill excavated.

Baycliff: barn at Low Farm (cruck-framed roof) recorded.

Newbiggin, nr. Carlisle: pedestrian bridge succeeds flood-damaged predecessor (see Issue 53)

Issue 56

CWAAS: War Memorials and Datestones Projects updated.

Beetham: Beetham House Lodge (c. 1600) demolished. Case discussed.

Shap: Heron Syke Turnpike's cast iron mileposts discussed and recorded.

Bewcastle: history of guideposts in area outlined.

Lamplugh: table cloth bearing many signatures discussed; deposited with local history society.

Ullswater: pleasure yacht (1920s?) discovered at bottom of lake and possibly identified.

Carlisle: survey and evaluation at Carlisle Airport.

Nenthead: Thompson's Level (C18 - Cmid-19) rediscovered and recorded.

Kendal: excavation of C18 tannery reported.

Nenthead area: Smallcleugh Mine Shop excavated and recorded.

Scordale: excavation at Hilton lead mine.

Gilsland: evaluation trench across line of Hadrian's Wall at Willowford Farm reported.

Brampton: evaluation at Heads Wood Farm - Hadrian's Wall revealed.

Kirkby Stephen: medieval coin hoard - detailed report.

Bassenthwaite area: Grampus Heritage Project reported - historic landscape features recorded,

Caermote Roman Fort fieldwork reported, Whittas Park survey reported.

Burgh-by-Sands: 700th anniversary of death of Edward 1 on Burgh Marsh commemorated.

Issue 57

Ennerdale & Kinniside: Centenary Agricultural Show
CWAAS Projects updated: War Memorials, Dated Structures, Signposts.
Clare Fell Bursary: 2nd holder's report summarised.
(Sarah Beck Valley, Furness)
Elva Plain: stone circle's improved access.
Ravenglass: coastal erosion.
Ulverston: funding sought – Sir John Barrow Memorial.
Cumbria: medieval parks of; towards a gazetteer.
Portable Antiquities Scheme: finds from Ireby (Neolithic axe),
Ambleside (flat axe), Maryport (eagle mount), and Kendal (Henry VII
groat).
Burgh-by-Sands: results, watching brief and evaluation excavations reported.
Brough Castle: results, watching brief reported.
Appleby: 18, Doomsgate recorded.
Brampton: Evinson's Garage, Carlisle Road, recorded.
St Bees: Fleatham Farm recorded.
Thirlmere: fox trap clearance recorded.
Bampton: recent work on John Bowstead recorded.

Issue 58

CWAAS Projects updated: Dated Structures, War Memorials, Signposts.
Mardale: plan of Flakehow discovered and published.
Portable Antiquities Scheme: finds from Cockermouth (annular brooch),
Brampton (lunula fragment) and Longtown (mjolnir pendant).
Sedburgh: C10/11 gold finger ring reported.
Carlisle: Dove's Yard, watching brief reported.
Maryport: Mote Hill, assessment, survey reported.
Low Furness: C16 farmsteads surveyed.
Whitley Castle, Northumberland: English Heritage survey reported.
Coniston: foundation stone laid, Bluebird wing at Museum.

Issue 59

Penrith & Eden Museum: 125 years celebrated.
Millom: report from Museum.
Cumbria: Public Monuments survey; research fund grant holder's report.
Kirkby Stephen East: station restoration, progress reported.
Buttermere (LDNPA): Gatesgarth Farm survey report.
Aspatria (Overby): Bronze Age Cemetery excavated.
Portable Antiquities Scheme: finds from Whitehaven area (nummus of Maxentia),
Derwentwater (barbed, tanged flint arrowhead), Carlisle (Bronze Age flanged
axe), Ravenglass (Roman gaming board fragment), Barrow area (nummus of
Constantius II) and Maryport (Roman mortarium fragment).
Shap: C18 Quaker burials.
Eden Valley: field walking report.
Brackenber Moor: Judgment Seat excavation reported.

Issue 60

St Bees: notes on very large box mangle found at Vicarage.
CWAAS: Cumbria Past is Society's new name for Outreach work.
Projects updated: Dated Structures, Signposts.
Armboth House: painting recorded.
Maryport: Camp Farm acquired by Hadrian's Wall Heritage Limited.
Lancaster: pot house kiln excavated (source, Windermere char pots?). *Portable
Antiquities Scheme*: finds from Penrith area (medieval jug

handle fragment), Arnside area (Roman trumpet brooch),
Cockermouth (Roman terret ring) and Arnside (post-medieval finger
ring).

Keswick (Naddle): stone axe recorded.

Castle Rigg, Keswick: survey reported (?Roman fort).

Caldbeck: finds at Silver Gill mine recorded.

Kendal: Nos. 130-136 Stricklandgate recorded.

High Harrington: desk-based assessment reported.

Holm Cultram: abbey excavations reported.

Issue 61

CWAAS: Projects updated: Signposts, Dated Structures.

Research & Grants Committee: recent awards reported.

Isel: discoveries made at Isel Hall recorded.

Ambleside: Moses Bowness, photographer –notes on work and life.

Brougham: excavation reported.

Castle Rigg, Keswick: Roman camp - ditch excavated; report.

Portable Antiquities Scheme: Arnside (tanged copper dagger), Penrith (copper alloy
flanged palstave), Arnside (copper alloy spearhead) and Kendal (Roman hinge
mechanism, from an artillery piece).

Great Musgrave: early C19 bridge railings repaired and restored.

Issue 62

CWAAS: New Editors of Newsletter appointed.

Projects updated: Dated Structures, Signposts.

13th Hadrian's Wall Pilgrimage reported.

21st Limes Congress: reports by two in receipt of Society grant aid.

Carlisle R.O.: important docs./lists noted – Whitehaven etc., seamen
serving 1678 and 1690.

Kendal R.O.: Henry VIII Letters Patent acquired; notes, photos.

Cockermouth: Nos. 14, 28 Market Place – survey and report, incl. Tudor
features.

Bonstead Hill; Newton Arlosh: agric. buildings (incl. w/daub) recorded.

Beckfoot: Roman cemetery finds recorded.

Birdoswald: Roman cemetery site evaluation recorded.

Carlisle: Cumbria's Military Museum – appeal.

Sedbergh: Thomas Crapper manhole covers recorded with illustr..