

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND MILLOM CASTLE: GEOPHYS PROJECT - BACKGROUND

Millom and District Local History Society

# View from The Knott





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Millom Castle

Holy Trinity Church, Millom

Curnana Road

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# Why this area?

- 12<sup>th</sup> century church with evidence something before – possibly monastic building?
- 11<sup>th</sup> century castle but something may have existed before
- What evidence already exists?

# Prehistory

(Before 43 AD)

# Crop Mark, Millom Castle



# Magnetometer



# Flints, Sharon Arrowsmith



# Bronze Age Funerary Urn, Beck Farm



# Iron Age Terret Ring, Josh Carr



# Metal Socketed Axe Heads, Josh Carr



# WHAT LOOKING FOR?

- Round houses
- Burials
- Hill top fort
- Other?

# Roman Period

(43-410 AD)

# REV WILLIAM STUKELY

***“Millom Castle. 18<sup>th</sup> April 1759. Sir Hedworth Williamson, of Monkweremouth, told me at Millom Castle, Cumberland, which was a Roman castrum, they dug up two great urns full of silver Roman coins, which they sent up to London, and sold by pound weight. – Diary, vol xviii., 46.”***

# Roman Trumpet Brooch, Josh Carr



# Silver Denarii Marcus Aurelius, Josh Carr



# Roman Stylus (?), Josh Carr



# Various Rm coins, Duane Farren



# Roman Lead Shell Weight, Duane Farren



# Various Roman Weights, Duane Farren



# What Looking For?

- Roads
- Buildings
- Evidence of what was happening here

# MEDIEVAL

410-1485

# Viking Gaming Piece, 8-11<sup>th</sup> centuries, David Hartley



# Viking Gaming Piece, 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries, Josh Carr



# Castle built



# Holy Trinity Church (12<sup>th</sup> Century likely earlier)



# 10<sup>th</sup> Century Stones



# Medieval Ampulae, 12-14<sup>th</sup> centuries, David Hartley



# Spindle Whorls, Different periods, Iron Age – Post Medieval, Duane Farren



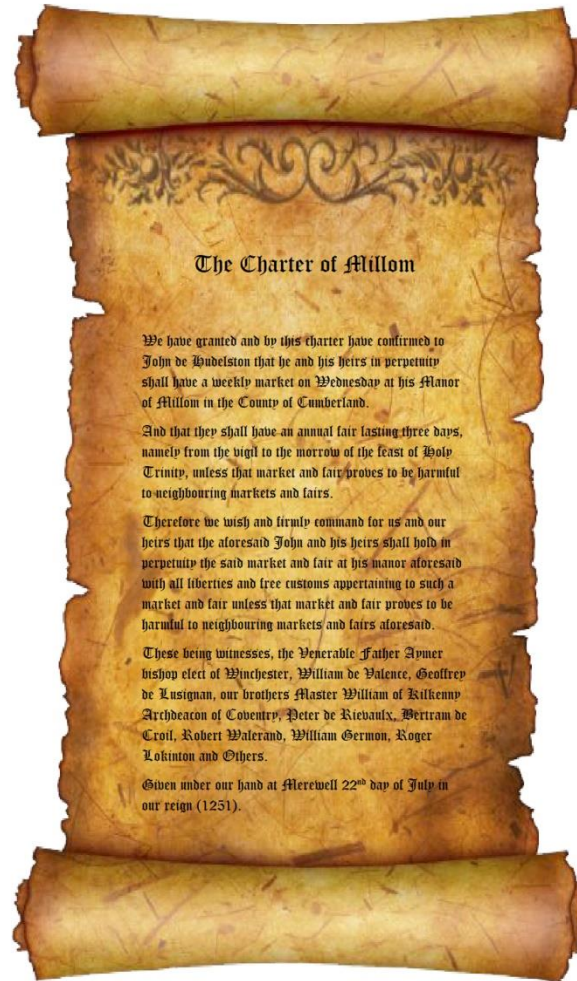
# Medieval Ring Brooch, Duane Farren



# King John 1199-1216, Josh Carr



# Market Charter 1251 Henry 3<sup>rd</sup> to John de Huddleston



## The Charter of Millom

We have granted and by this charter have confirmed to John de Huddleston that he and his heirs in perpetuity shall have a weekly market on Wednesday at his Manor of Millom in the County of Cumberland.

And that they shall have an annual fair lasting three days, namely from the vigil to the morrow of the feast of Holy Trinity, unless that market and fair proves to be harmful to neighbouring markets and fairs.

Therefore we wish and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid John and his heirs shall hold in perpetuity the said market and fair at his manor aforesaid with all liberties and free customs appertaining to such a market and fair unless that market and fair proves to be harmful to neighbouring markets and fairs aforesaid.

These being witnesses, the Venerable Father Spner bishop elect of Winchester, William de Valence, Geoffrey de Lusignan, our brothers Master William of Rilkenny Archdeacon of Coventry, Peter de Riebaux, Bertram de Croil, Robert Walerand, William Sermon, Roger Lokinton and Others.

Given under our hand at Herewell 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July in our reign (1251).

# Henry 3<sup>rd</sup>, Edward 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1216-1377, Josh Carr



# Huddleston Aisle, 1330's



# Font, early 14<sup>th</sup> Century



# Henry 5<sup>th</sup> (1413-1422) Josh Carr



# Henry 6<sup>th</sup> (1422-1461) Josh Carr



# What Looking For?

- What was there before the Castle?
- What was there before the Church?
- Any evidence of annual fair?
- Any evidence of weekly market?
- Any evidence of deserted village?

# WARS OF THE ROSES

1455-1487

# What evidence is there? 1460

- Wikipedia: History of Cumbria – no battles took place in Cumbria; Millom Castle - In 1460 Millom Castle was captured by Lancastrian forces.
- Frank Warriner: The Millom District A History: p 20 “It appears that in 1460 Millom Castle was badly damaged by the Lancastrians.” P46 “The Castle seems to have been largely destroyed about 1460, during the Wars of the Roses.”
- Interesting no mention whatsoever of the castle being taken over by Lancastrians in --Millom Castle and the Hudlestons, H. S. COWPER, F.S.A. CWAAS Transactions, 1923.
- Not convinced; family possibly fined for being on Yorkist side but cannot find evidence castle attacked or damaged

Richard Huddleston & Margaret Neville (half-sister to Queen Anne, wife of Richard 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
m c. 1465. Died Bosworth Field



# TUDOR PERIOD

1485-1603

# King Henry 7th 1485-1509; Josh Carr



# King Henry 8th 1509-1547, Josh Carr



# Spanish Real 1500's, Josh Carr



# Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> 1558-1603, Josh Carr



# Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> heads 1558-1603, Josh Carr



# STUART PERIOD

1603-1714

# Scottish King Charles 1<sup>st</sup> 1637- 1642, Josh Carr



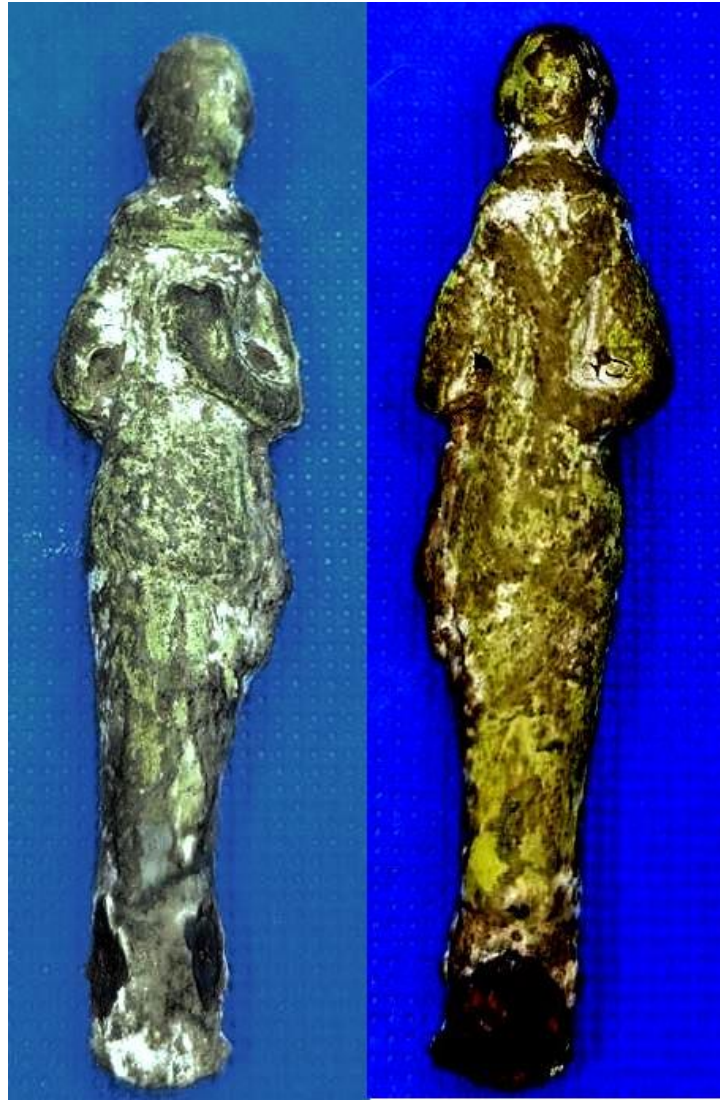
# ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

(1642-1651)

# English Civil War 1644 Castle and Church badly damaged, Duane Farren



# Processional Cross, Wars of the Roses (1460) or Civil War?? (c.1644)? Josh Carr



# Processional Cross, 15 C Lamport Cross (similarities with Bosworth Cross – possibly Battle of Bosworth Field)



# Rev Nathaniel Ward

Nathaniel Ward, M.A., of King's College, Cambridge. Vicar of Staindrop. Slain, fighting for the King at Millum Castle, Cumberland, 1644. "He was a very learned and estimable person."—*Cooper*.—  
Born, 1605. Left School, 1620.  
Died, 1644

# Battlefields Trust

Preserving, researching and interpreting  
Britain's battlefield heritage



# Charles II 1660-1685, Josh Carr



# William 3<sup>rd</sup> (1689-1702), Josh Carr



# French Jeton? Josh Carr



# GEORGIAN PERIOD

1714-1837

# George 3<sup>rd</sup> (1689-1702) Josh Carr



# Lots of penny coins, plus

- Turner sketches in Tate
- William Wordsworth came to his cousin's funeral in Holy Trinity
- Gravestones
- Manorial Records
- Industrial Revolution

# VICTORIAN PERIOD

1837-1901

# Queen Victoria SILVER THREE PENNY BITS, Josh Carr



# Victorian Shillings 1837-1901, Josh Carr



# School 1858: education of poor



MAPS

Broad Mountain  
HOUSE 10 . 2 . 13

365

Town Craft

3 . 3 . 18

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Town Craft

4 . 0 . 15

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Oxen Close

4 . 3 . 29

368

Year Sewels

9 . 2 . 20

362  
Childrens Meadow

4 . 1 . 9

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Stable Garth

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Childrens Meade

4 . 1 . 13

MILLON

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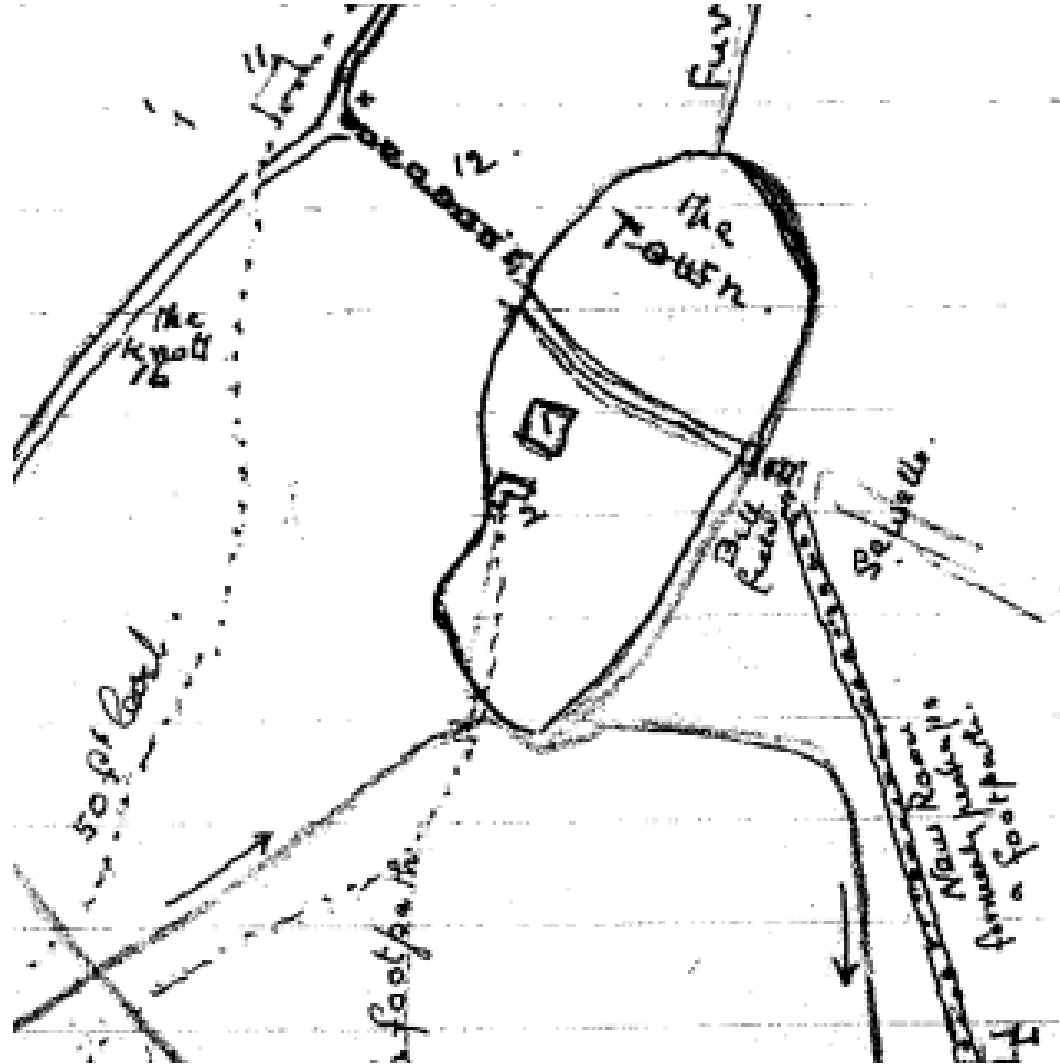
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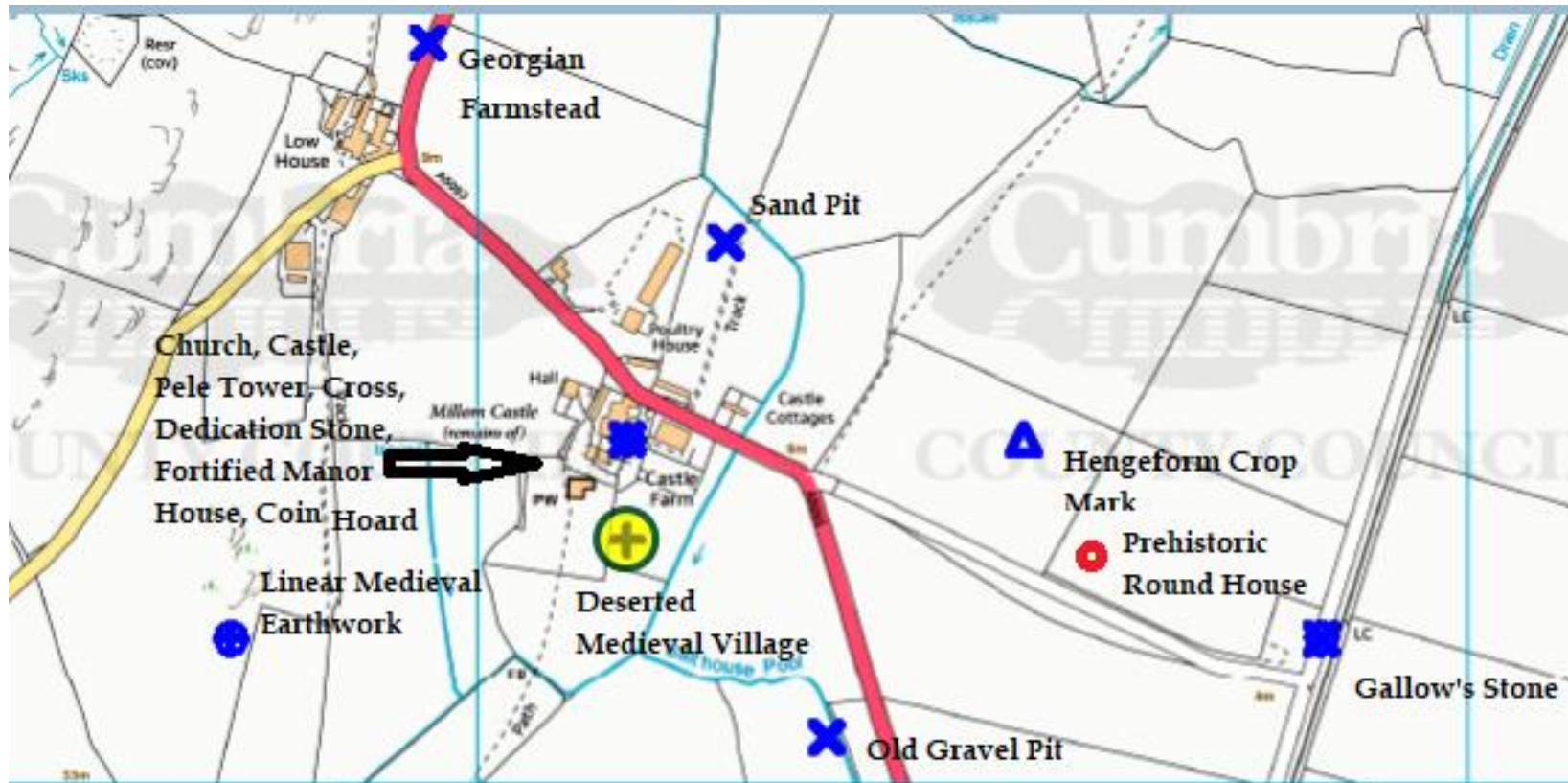
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Old Park Bottom

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New Sand  
9 . 2 . 10

# Sykes Map



# CCC Historic Environment Records



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# FUNDING

- Already submitted two unsuccessful bids to Castle Studies Trust
- Copeland: Government's Levelling Up Scheme
- The Fund is a rural top-up to UKSPF allocations and supports activities that specifically address the challenges rural areas face.
- Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer
- Awarded £5,500 in for pilot project to be completed by end June.

# Project Milestones

- Permission from Pauline and Michael Park
- Acquire funding
- Recruit volunteers
- First meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 1-4
- Desk-based Assessments – on-going
- Phase Site Investigations completed fields 1 and 2 early May
- Volunteers surveyed field 3 end May
- Unable to survey field 3 as cows but earth works very interesting
- Analysis of findings
- Glossy project report
- Celebration event to share findings with public 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023