

# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND MILLOM CASTLE ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT WHY THIS AREA?**

Millom and District Local History Society



# CASTLE BUILT 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY LIKELY EARLIER)



# 10<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY STONES

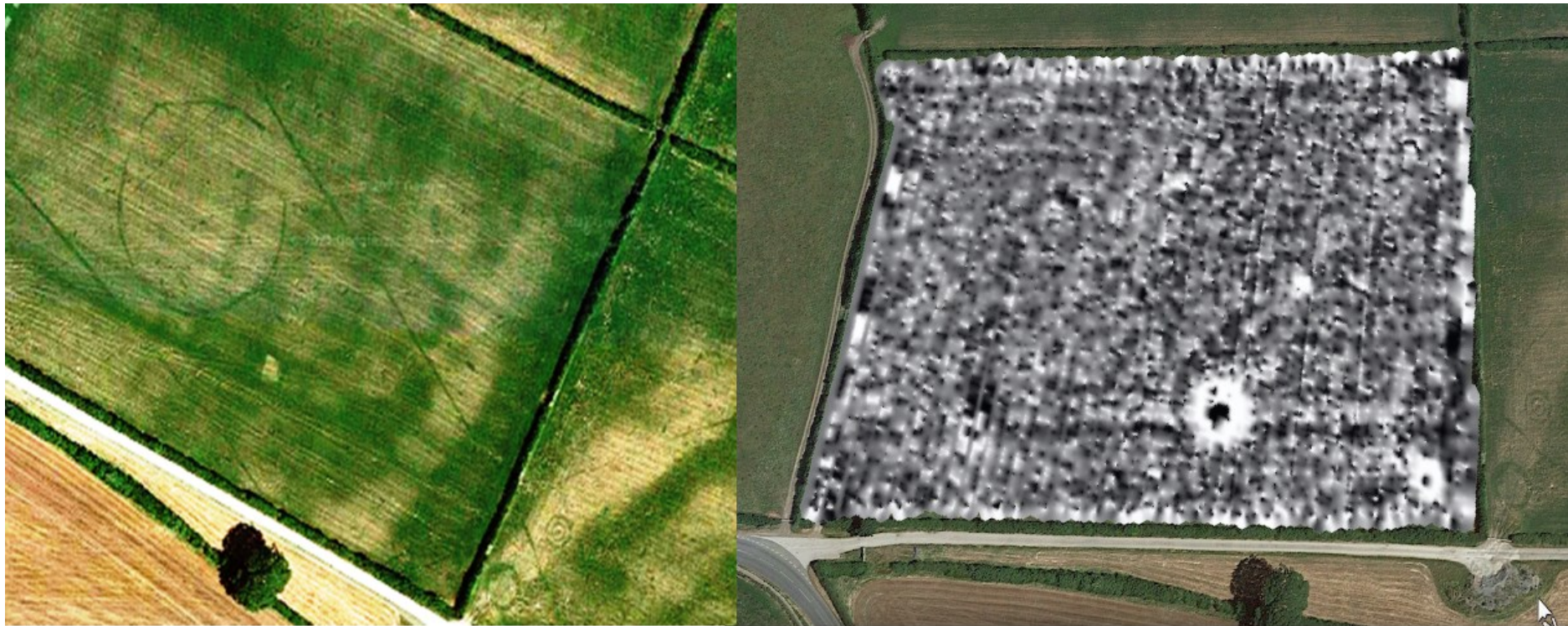


# PREHISTORY

(Before 43 AD)



**CROP MARK, MILLOM CASTLE: PETER  
MASTERS: NEOLITHIC/ROMAN; PITS  
METALLED ROAD; KILN**



# FLINTS, SHARON ARROWSMITH



# BRONZE AGE FUNERARY URN, BECK FARM 1842



# 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 CHILD'S TOY, 8-11<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES, DAVID HARTLEY



**VIKING GAMING PIECE, 8<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURIES, JOSH CARR**



# MEDIEVAL AMPULAE, 12-14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES, DAVID HARTLEY



# MEDIEVAL AMPULLAE, JOSH CAR



# SPINDLE WHORLS, DIFFERENT PERIODS, IRON AGE —POST MEDIEVAL, DUANE FARREN



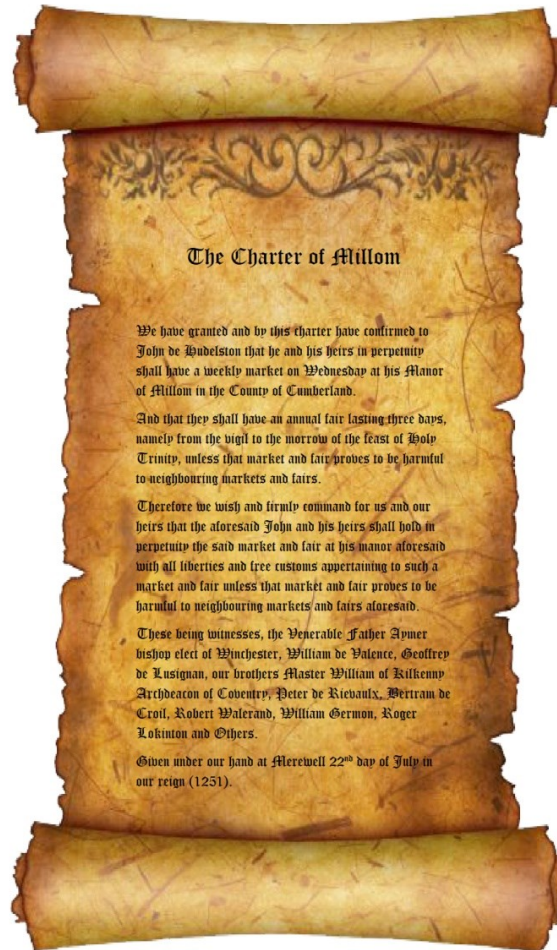
# MEDIEVAL RING BROOCH, DUANE FARREN



# 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 Huddelston 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 Aymer bishop elect of Winchester, William de Valence, Geoffrey de Lusignan, our brothers Master William of Kilkenny Archdeacon of Coventry, Peter de Rievaux, Bertram de Croil, Robert Waterand, William Gernon, 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



# STUART PERIOD

1603-1714



# SCOTTISH KING CHARLES 1<sup>ST</sup> 1637-1642, JOSH CARR



# ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

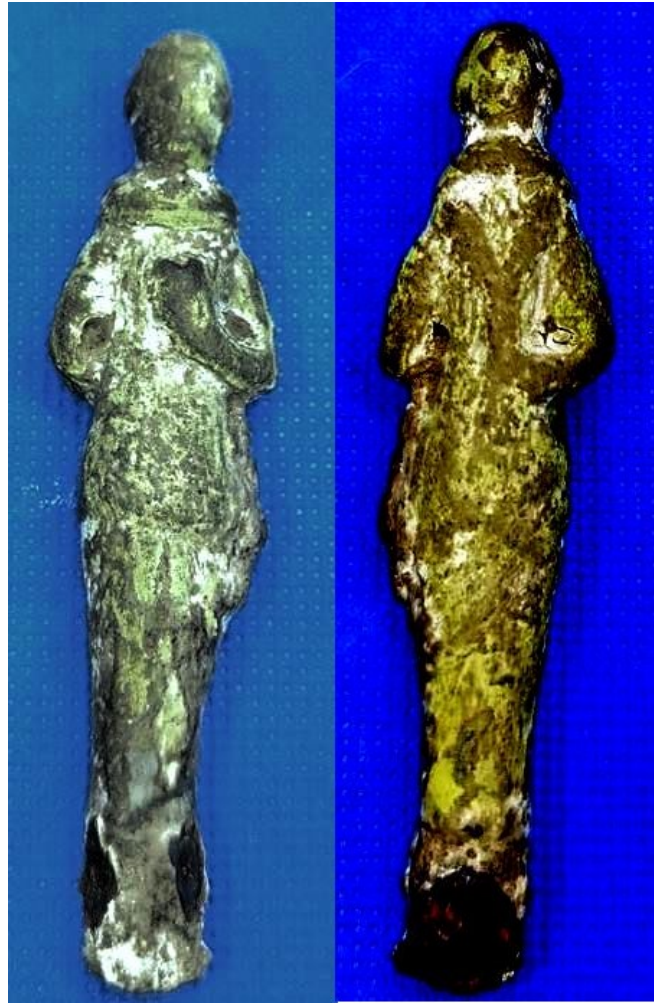
(1642-1651)



# 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 14 OCT 1644

1645/W4/1 47

In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Ward  
of Stoughton in the County of Surffolk Parlb.  
doe make this my Last Will & Testament in maner  
& forme following. In witness whereof I have put to my  
hand to God Almighty & my Lawfull Executors &  
Administrators what should & I have put to my Kingdom  
of England I give unto my dear wife Mary  
the sum of five pounds I do also make & give my sole  
Executor do give & bequeath unto for all my  
years & Chastell what I have in mine house  
I have put to my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of  
October. 1644.

Signe & sealed in my  
presence of us.

Robert Grey.  
John Fleetwood  
John Jun. West.  
Thomas H. W. W.  
Jo. Heath

NW.



# SIR WILFRED LAWSON: SIEGE MILLOM CASTLE SEP/OCT 1644

~~was~~ Thomas Browlye Jo. Hudson  
Carlike being delivered to the Colledge, the said Colonel  
Sir Wilfred Lawson presently and quietly disbanded all his  
forces, and some foot in the 3 garrisons aforesaid, and  
one troop of horse were continued for the country  
service by order from the Comd of parliament who  
proportioned their pay:  
The Barons Jo. Hudson Jo. Barvis Wm. G. M. J.  
Edward <sup>Winder</sup> William Osborn Mich. Studdholme.



# MUSKET BALL – EVIDENCE? R.J. LEESE, 2020 SIEGE ARCHAEOLOGY



Figure 5: Photograph of stone replacement adjacent to an impact scar at Chester Cathedral



# HOLY TRINITY MUSKET IMPACT?



# 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



# VICTORIAN SHILLINGS 1837-1901, JOSH CARR



# SCHOOL 1858: EDUCATION OF POOR



# MAPS



Brook Farm  
HOUSE 10 . 2 . 12

365

Town Craft

3 . 3 . 16

364

Town Craft

4 . 0 . 15

367

Oxen Close

4 . 3 . 29

368

Near Sewels

9 . 2 . 20

362  
Childrens Meadow

4 . 1 . 9

366  
Stable Garth

0 . 3 . 32

361  
Childrens Meade

4 . 1 . 13

MILLOM

353 352 351  
0.1.12 0.3.19 0 0.36

CASTLE

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358  
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354  
Orchard

2 . 1 . 24

350  
Dove Cole

3 . 2 . 36

348  
Gallons Sewel

7 . 2 . 25

356  
d Orchard

2 . 1 . 10

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Bushes

2 . 1 . 26

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Bushes

3 . 6 . 35

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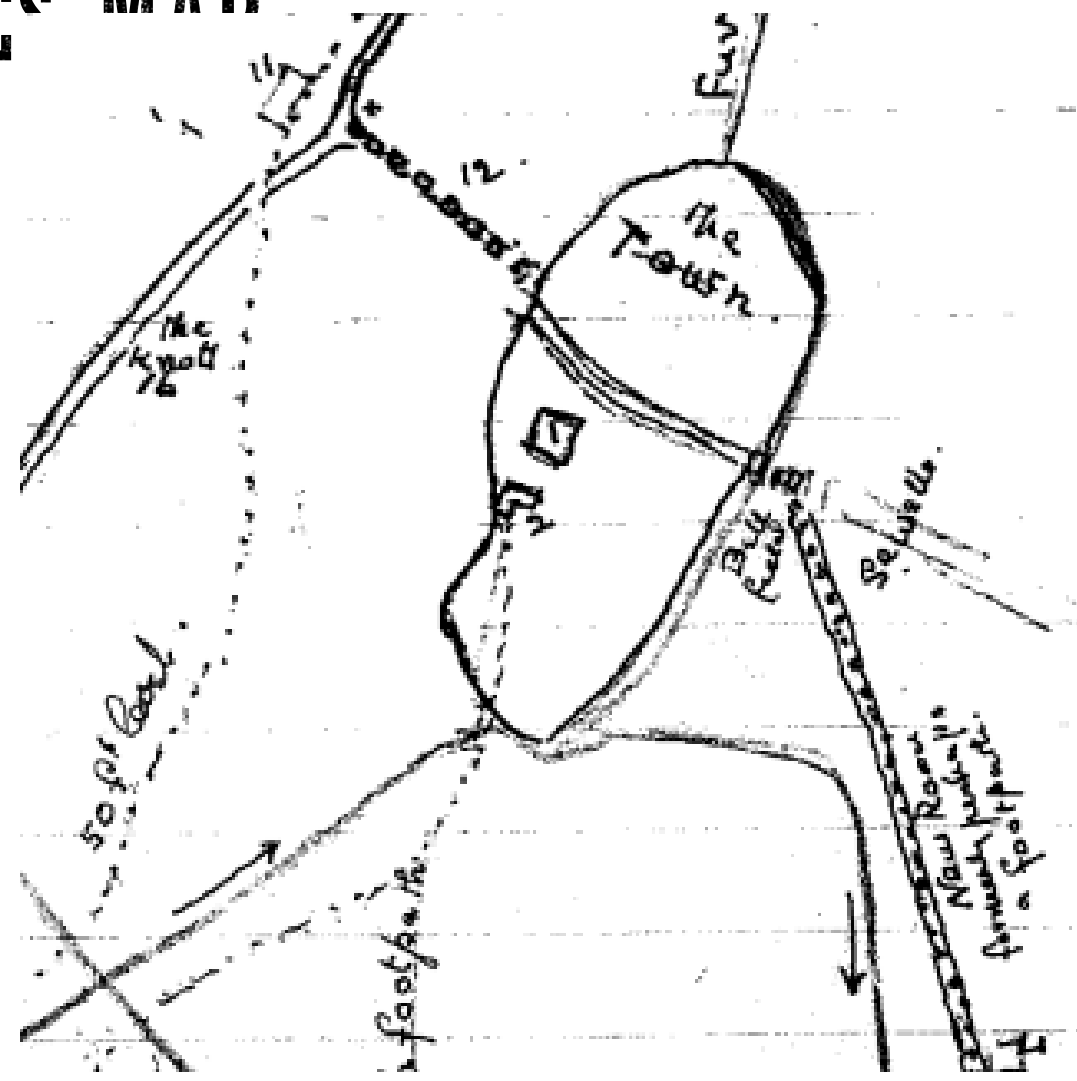
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old park Bottom

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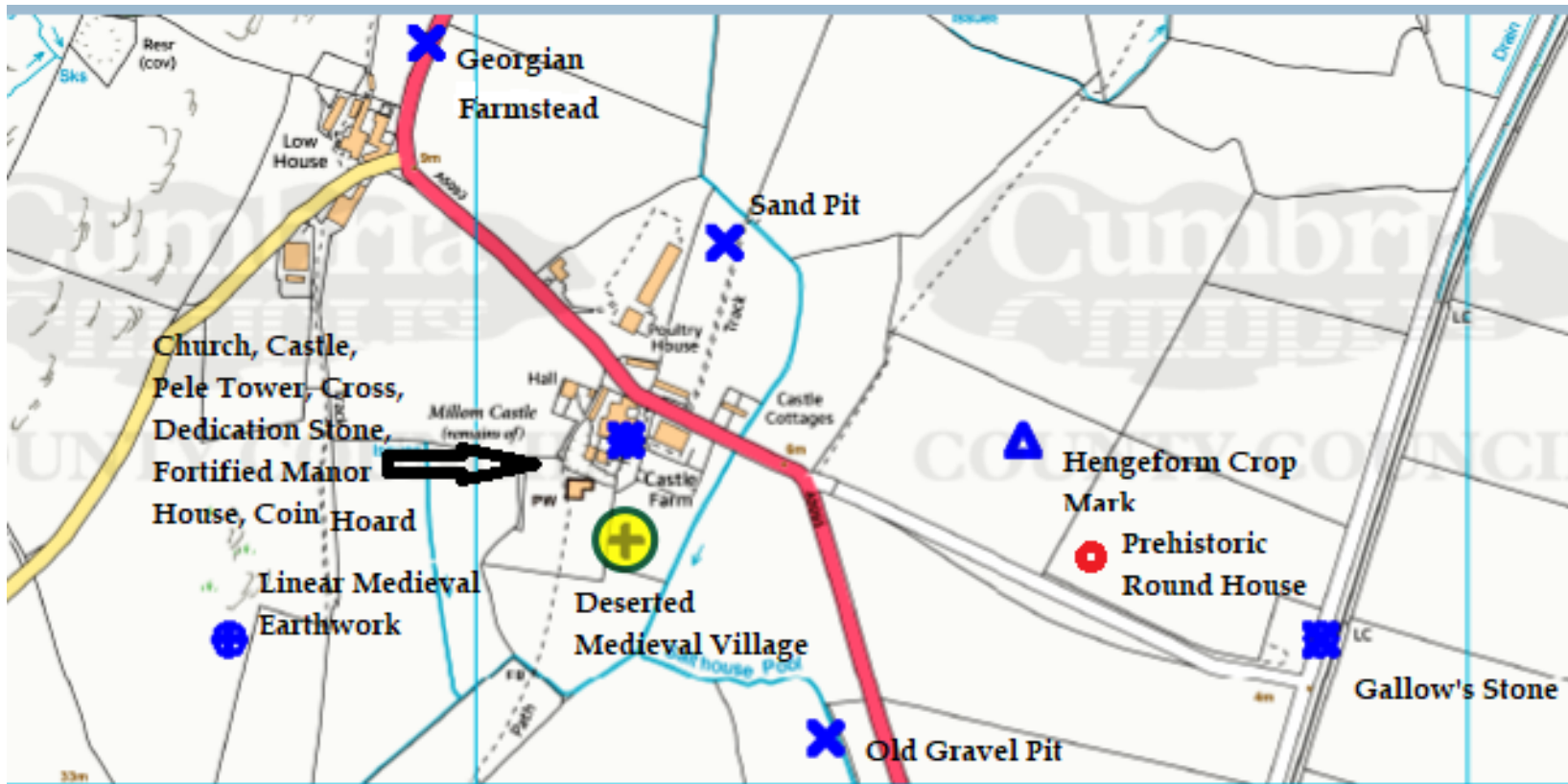
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Old Park Bottom

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New Sand  
9 . 2 . 10

# SYKE<sup>C</sup> MAP



# CCC HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORDS



# LIDAR



# GOOGLE EARTH



# STONES PROJECT 2022



# GEOPHYS SURVEY 2023





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Furnace Road

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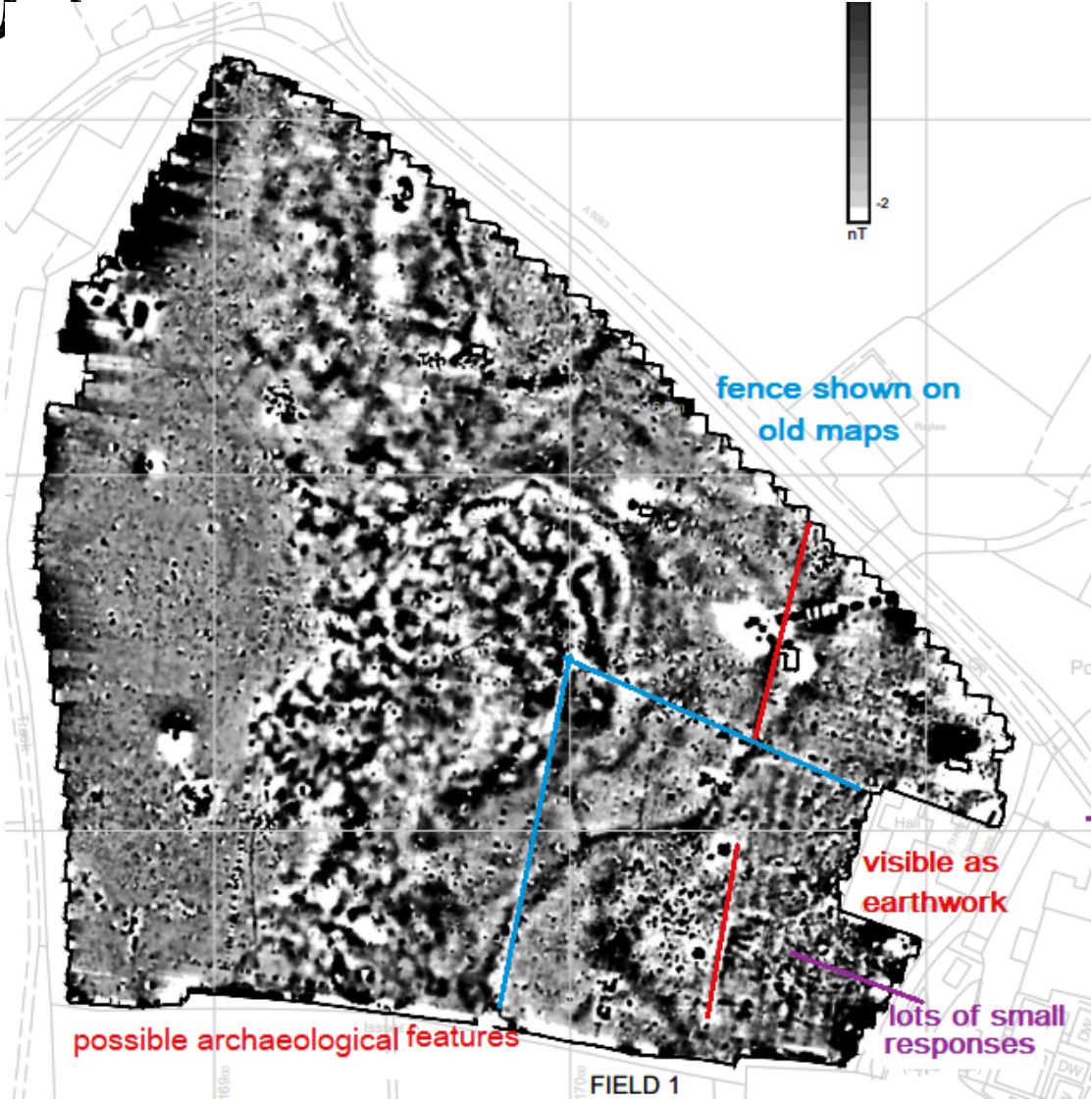
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Millom Castle

Holy Trinity Church, Millom

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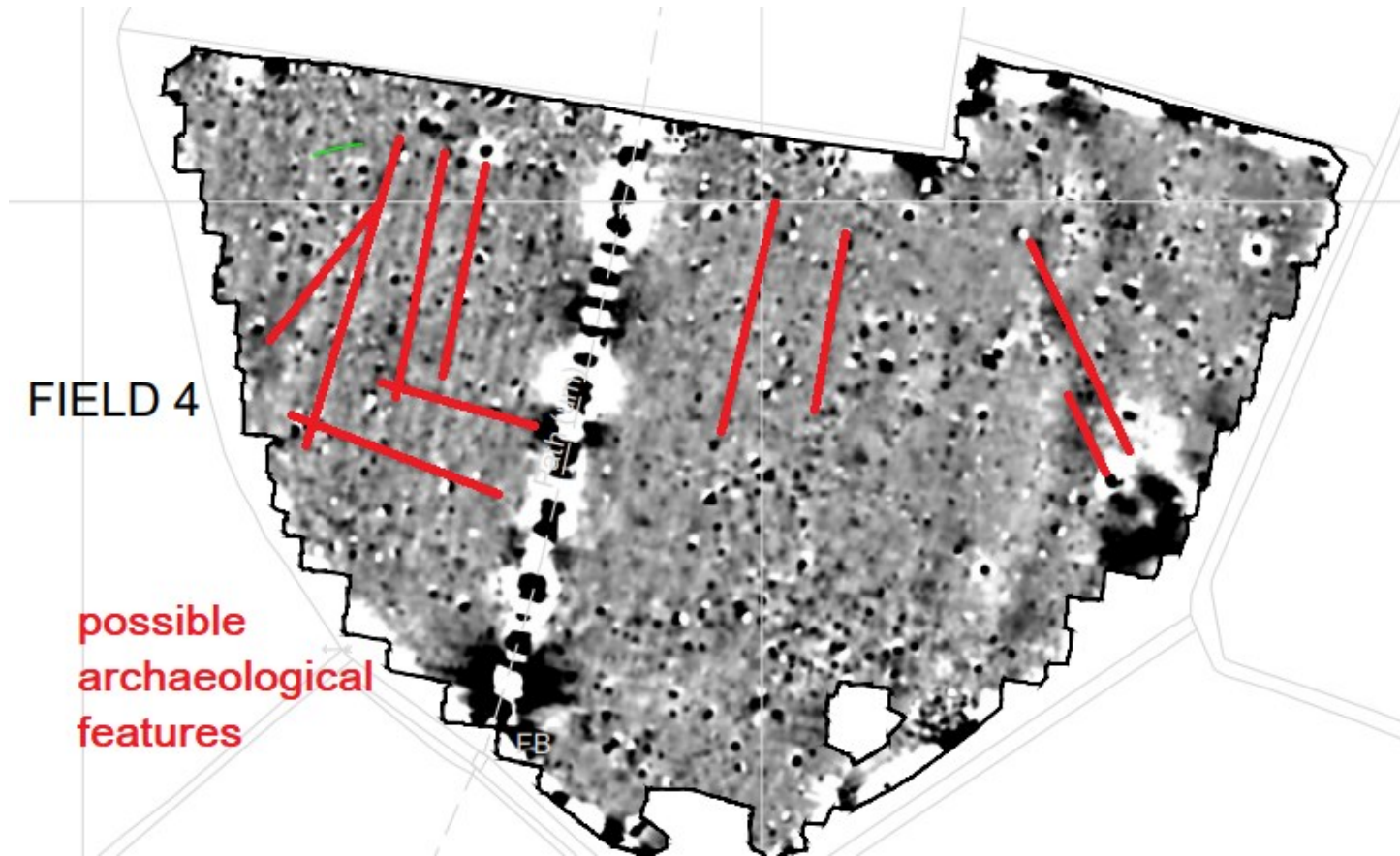
# FIELD 1



# FIELD 2

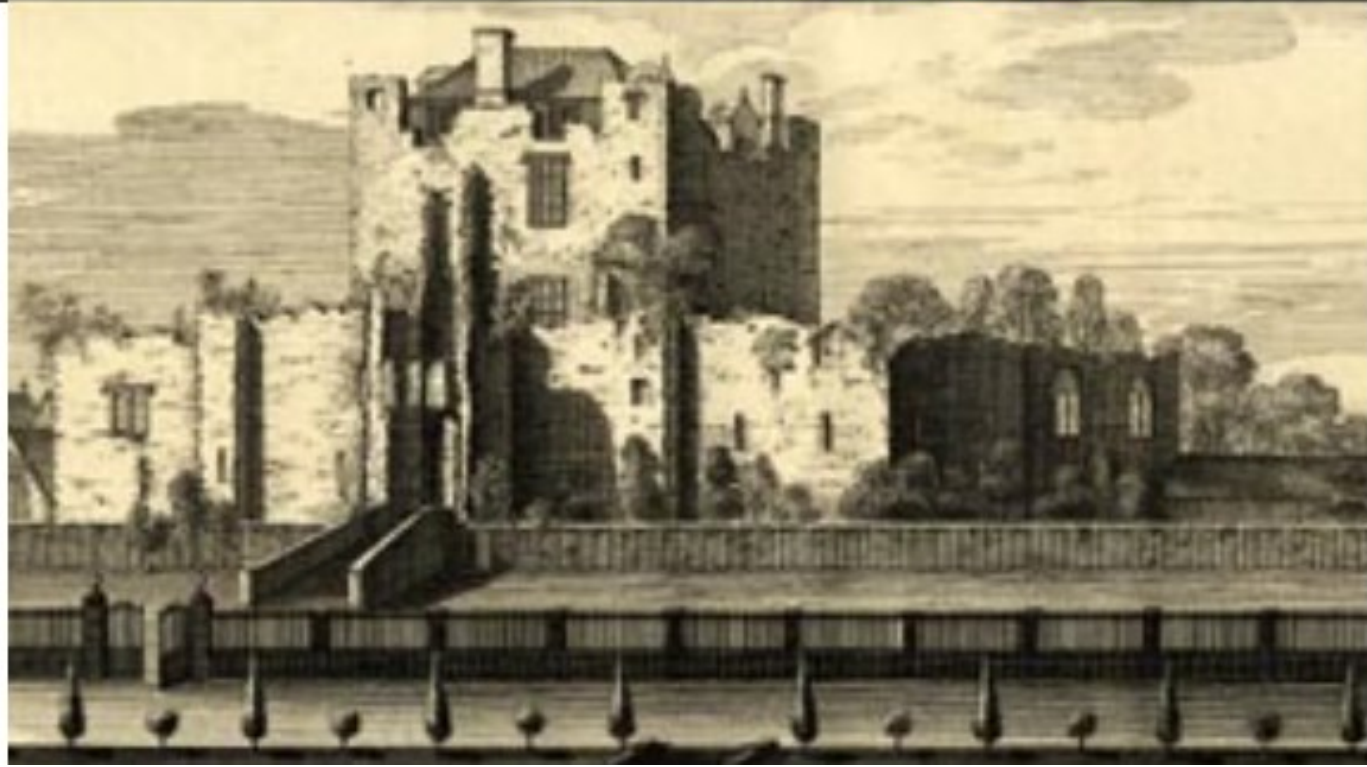


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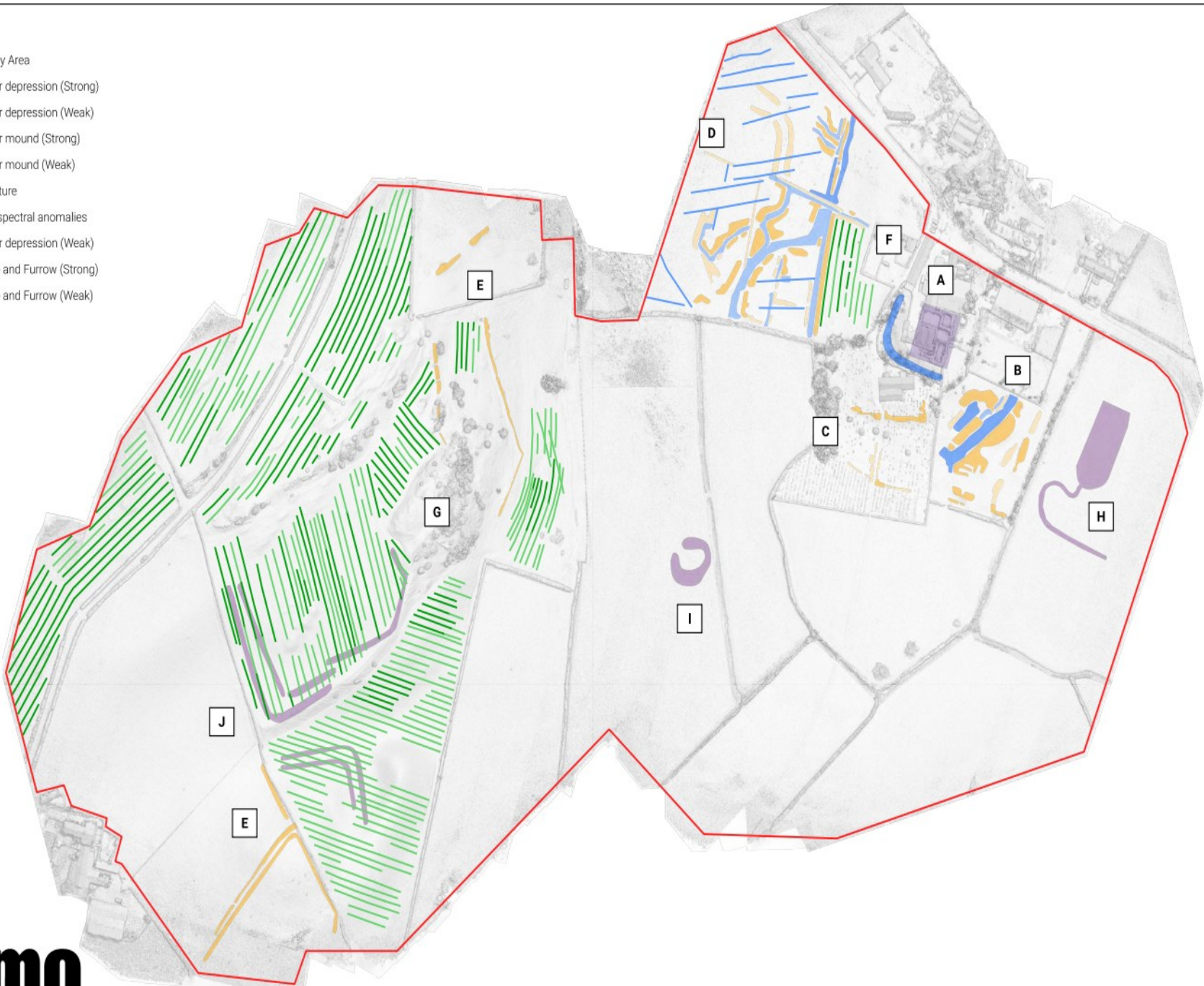


# PHASE 2 (2024)





- Survey Area
- Linear depression (Strong)
- Linear depression (Weak)
- Linear mound (Strong)
- Linear mound (Weak)
- Structure
- Multispectral anomalies
- Linear depression (Weak)
- Ridge and Furrow (Strong)
- Ridge and Furrow (Weak)



# INTERPRETATION

- A. Castle
- B Probable outer moat
- C Possible edge of terrace ?medieval enclosure, monastic
- D Possible water meadow; droveway
- E Relict field boundaries; pathway
- F Ridge and furrow, ?Roman road?
- G Ridge and furrow
- H Relict boundaries ?pond/tidal harbour
- I ?prehistoric burial monument
- J Relict boundaries or trackways ?civil war earthworks



# PHASE 3 2024: COMMUNITY DIG

1 Originally hoping to dig up to 10 trenches in areas identified in Phases 1 & 2. But two farmers pulled out. My fault: overwhelmed them.

2 Got £30,000 funding Cumberland – Government's Levelling Up

3 Rethink where to dig? Fate?????



# FUNDING



**Cumberland  
Council**

POWERED BY  
**LEVELLING  
— UP —**

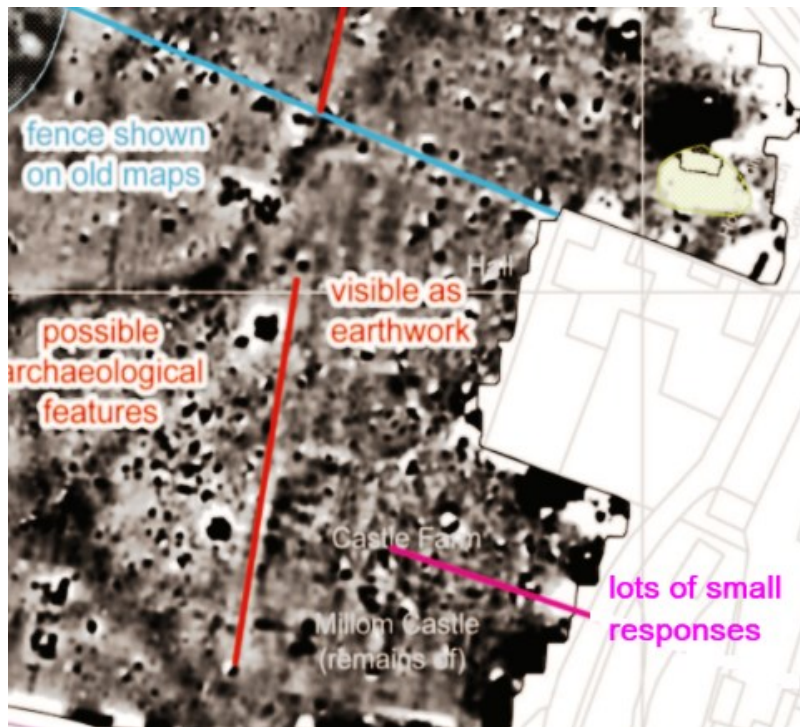


# **NEW PLAN (MAY-JULY 2024)**

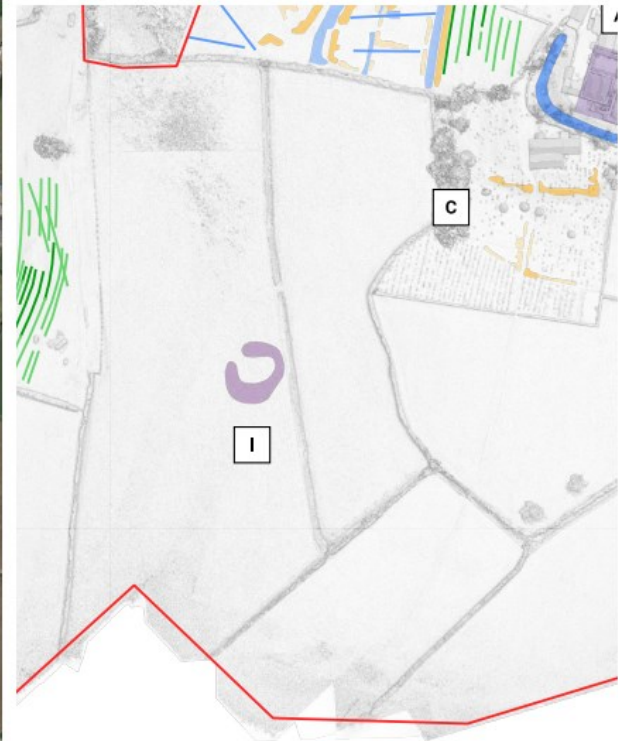
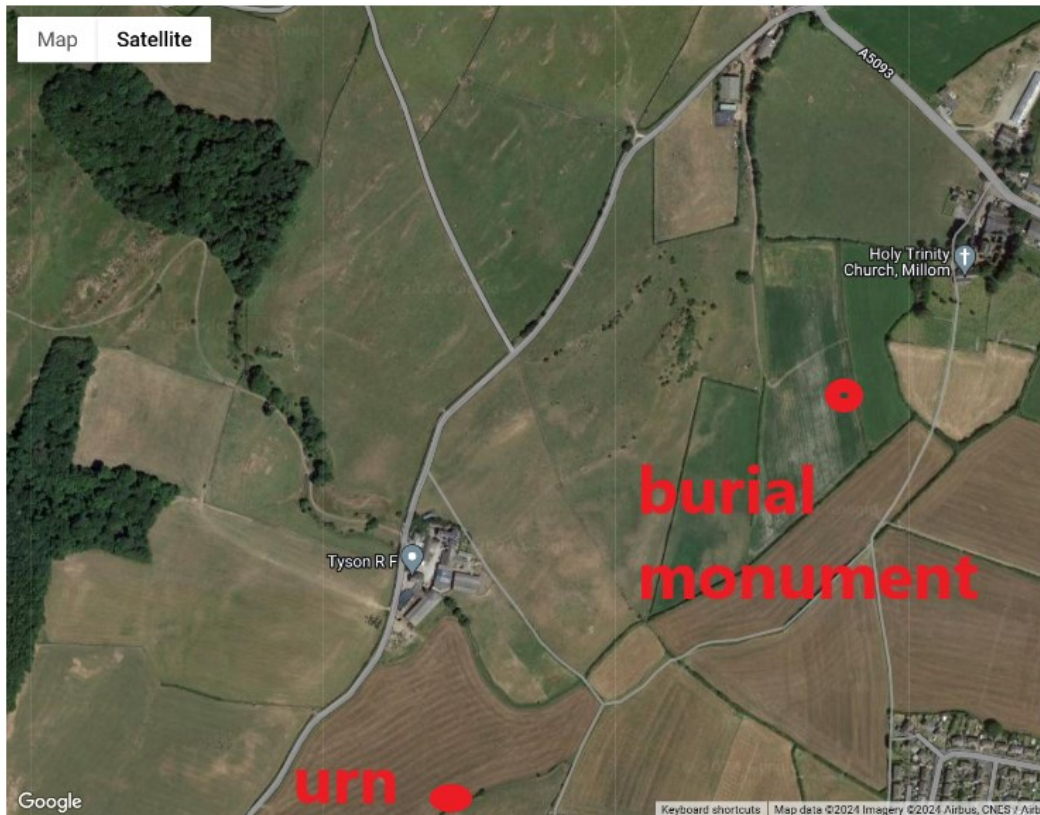
- Old School playing field
- Cottage garden
- Urn field (found 1842)
- Crop mark field (bottom E)



# PLAYING FIELD: VICARAGE? CIVIL WAR



# URN FIELD: ALLITHWAITE BRONZE AGE CEMETERY?

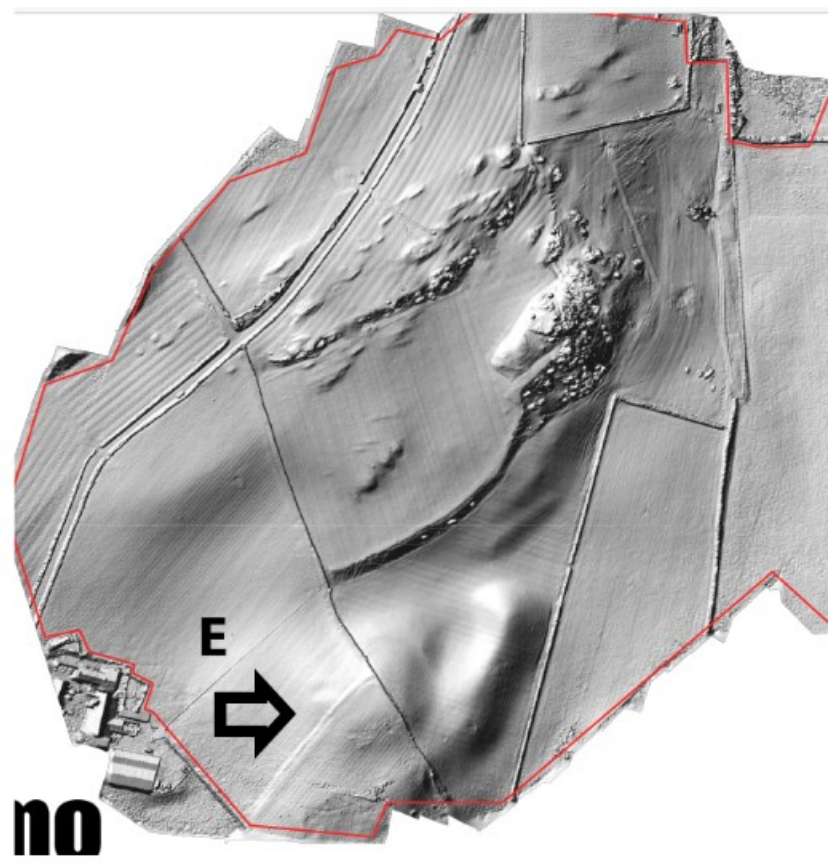


# CROP MARK FIELD



# CROPMARK FIELD: RELIC FIELD BOUNDARY / PATHWAY?? OR CIVIL WAR EARTHWORKS?

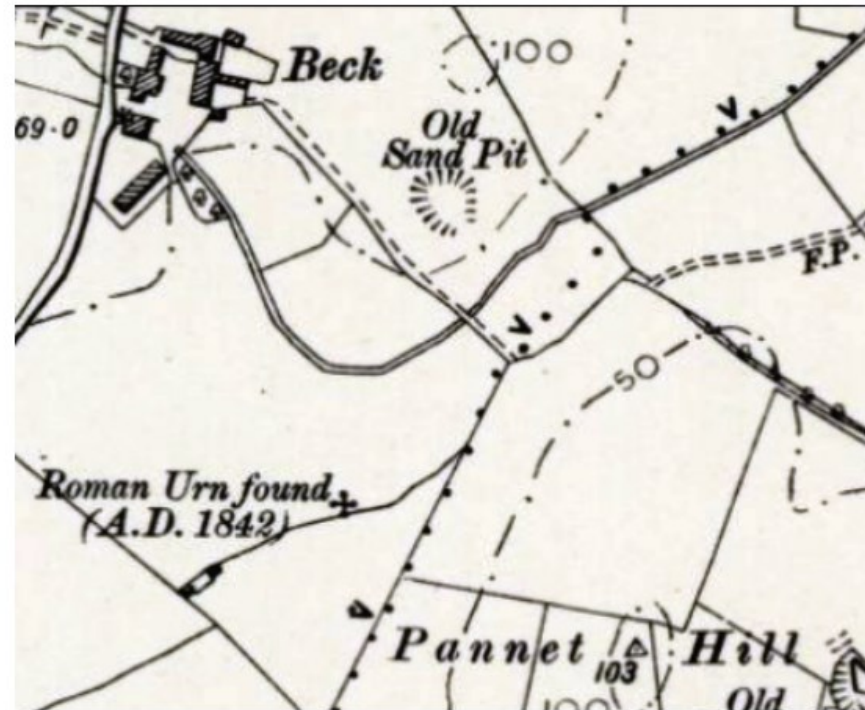
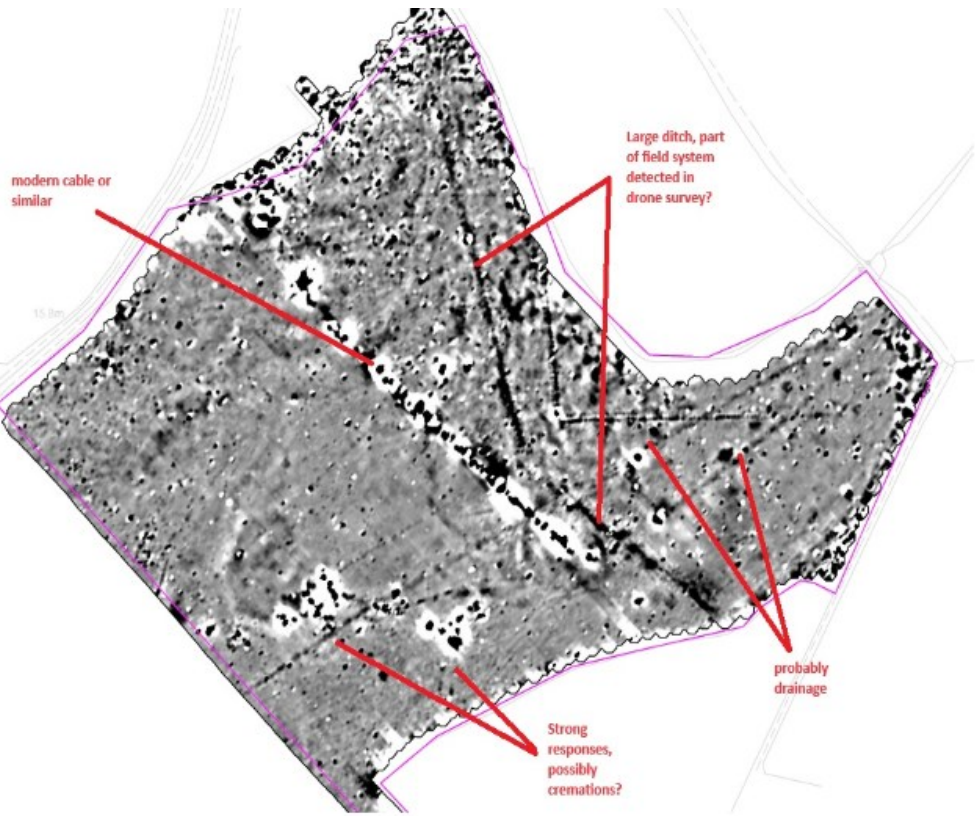
structure  
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ridge and furrow (Weak)



# URN FIELD RESULTS OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY







# **TRAINING DAYS**

- **SATURDAY, 18 MAY 1-3**
- **WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 1-3**
- **SATURDAY 1 JUNE 1-3**



# **OPEN DAYS: PUBLIC INVITED: 10-4**

- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July**
- **Presentations 10 and 1 except 23<sup>rd</sup> – just 10 a.m.**

