

Kirkan Enclosure and Farmstead –visited by E Blackburn and M Marshall 1st Oct 2014

Kirkan Farmstead centred on NH 3675 6957

The stone remains of the structures are as described previously. The remains of two further buildings were identified on raised ground a few metres to the west of the farmstead and also the remains of a further enclosure to the north of the large one already described. Details follow

Building A centred on NH 36701 69569

This rectangular building, on an E-W alignment, is defined by low turf banks which are more evident at its west end where they are 0.4m in height. The building measures 7m x 3m internally and has a possible entrance in its NE corner

?Building B centred on NH 36712 69569

This structure is circular and appears as a depression 4m in diameter x 0.6m to 0.8m deep surrounded by a low turf bank. See photograph.

Enclosure NH 36736 69857 (west corner)

The remains of this rectangular turf walled enclosure are in a sheltered hollow to the north of the main stone walled enclosure at Kirkan. The enclosure is on a NE-SW alignment and measures circa 20m x 25m.

Kirkan Sheepfold centred on NH 36343 69874

Comprises a circular enclosure with a rectangular pen/?building abutting to the south

The main structure is c11m in diameter and surrounded by a ruinous dry stone wall 0.5m to 1m high x 1m thick, there is a small pen (1m square internally) abutting the inside wall in the E part of the sheepfold and two entrances, one into the rectangular structure, in the south wall.

The abutting structure measures c8m x 2.5m internally and has dry stone walls up to 1m high. There is a narrow entrance in the south end and a possible dividing wall separating the southern third.

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