

Towers of the Elwald



Scotlands Places

Redheugh Tower

Organisation The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland

Alternative Name(s)

Canmore ID 67876

Site Type TOWER HOUSE

County ROXBURGHSHIRE

Parish CASTLETON

Council SCOTTISH BORDERS, THE

NGR NY 4944 8981

Latitude, Longitude 55.199947N, 2.795871W

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Archaeological Notes

NY48NE 7 4944 8981

(NY 4935 8978) Redheugh Tower (NR) (Site of)

OS 6" map (1957)

This spot was pointed out by three local informants in 1858 as the site of Redheugh Tower, property of the Elliots (Name Book 1858).

(See also NY 48 NE 10) "Robin Elliot of the Reddhughe, cheife of the Ellotes" (of Liddesdale) is on record in 1583.

RCAHMS 1956

The site falls on a level area overlooking the flood plain of the Hermitage Water. No trace of any structure could be found. The landowner (Sir Arthur Elliot, Redheugh, Newcastleton) agrees with the OS site and although Dr Robson (Hawick Museum) suspects that this is the probable site of Redheugh Tower, he has no documentary evidence to support this view.

Visited by OS (TRG) 21 June 1979

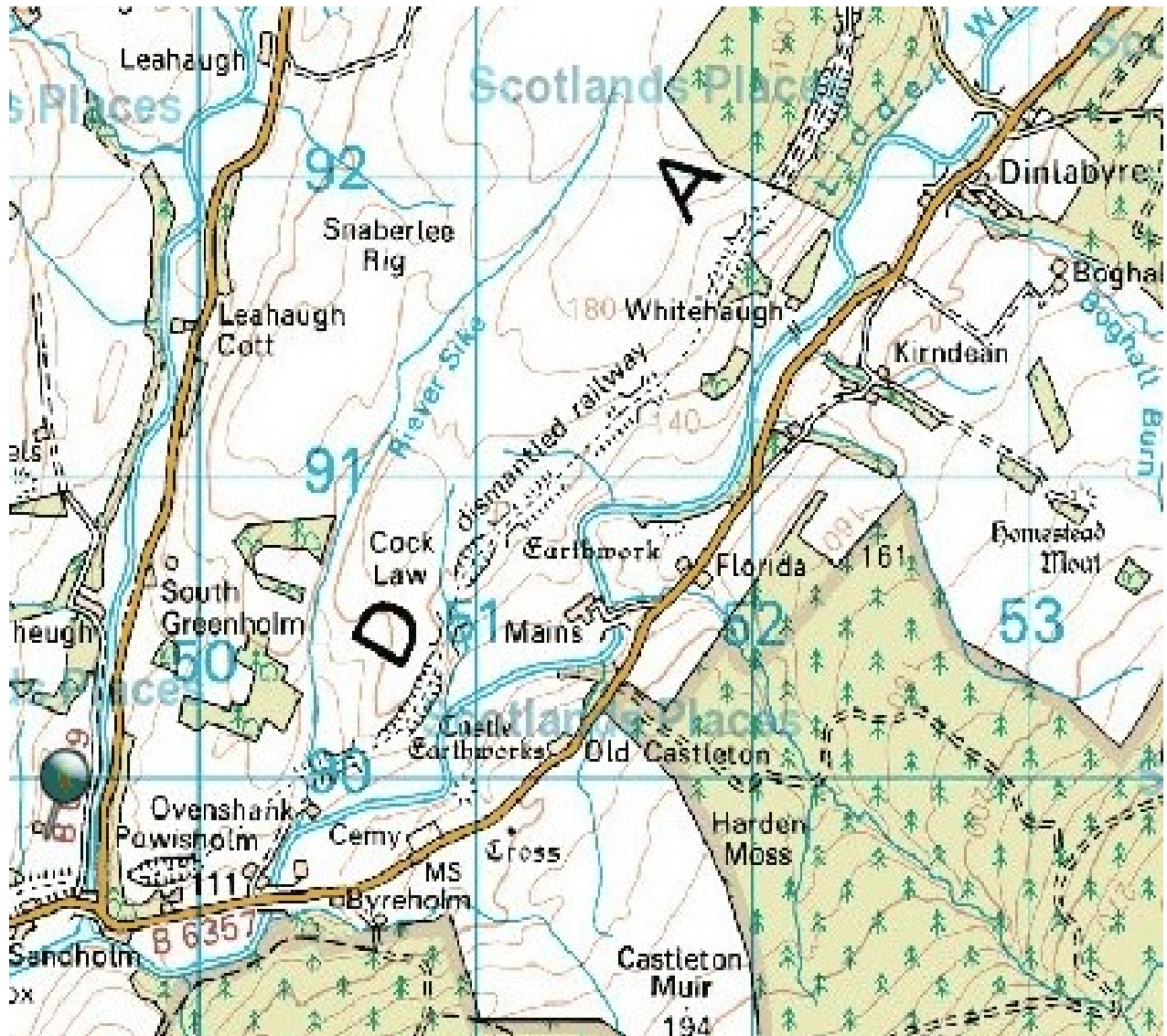
At NY 4944 8981 are the buried footings of a 2-compartmented rectangular building. Possibly the site of Redheugh Tower found by dowsing. The site at NY 4935 8978 is too small, and may be a curling-stone storehouse.

Information from letter from A Elliott, Providence Cottage, Bishop Auckland, Durham 10 November 1986.

Related Material Information - Bibliographical References

Ordnance Survey (Name Book) Object Name Books of the Ordnance Survey

RCAHMS (1956) The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. An inventory of the ancient and historical monuments of Roxburghshire: with the fourteenth report of the Commission, Edinburgh. Held at RCAHMS: A.1.1.INV/14



Redheugh Tower at green pin.



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Gorrenberry Tower

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Alternative Name(s)

Canmore ID 67917

Site Type TOWER HOUSE

County ROXBURGHSHIRE

Parish CASTLETON

Council SCOTTISH BORDERS, THE

NGR NY 4635 9729

Latitude, Longitude 55.266827N, 2.845836W

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Archaeological Notes

NY49NE 6 4635 9729.

(NY 4635 9729) Gorrenberry Tower (NR) (site of)
OS 6" map (1962)

Gorrenberry Tower stood near the source of the Hermitage Water, about two miles above the castle (NY49NE 5); it belonged to the Elliots. Remains of the tower existed until within the last thirty years, when they were demolished to build farm offices.

A Jeffrey 1864

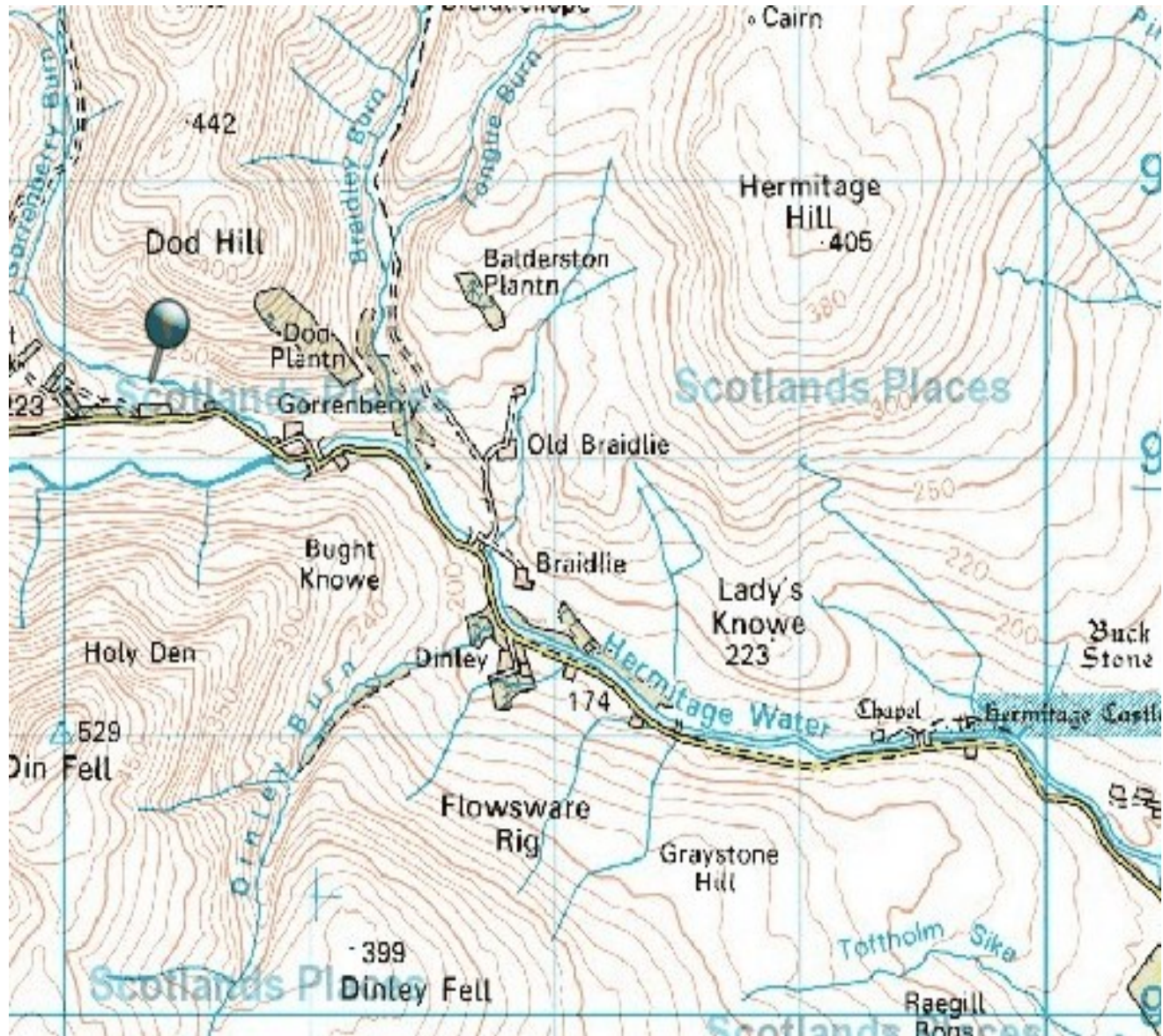
No structural remains of a tower can now be seen, but at the published site there is a slight mound, rectangular on plan, and measuring about 11.0m E-W by 4.5m transversely. Numerous small field enclosures which lie adjacent may indicate that this was the site of a farmhouse rather than a tower. Local enquiries failed to confirm the existence of a tower.

Visited by OS (JLD) 27 September 1960

Previous field report confirmed. The name "Gorrenberry Tower" is known locally.

Visited by OS (DWR) 23 March 1972

Related Material Information - Bibliographical References



Jeffrey, A (1855-64) The history and antiquities of Roxburghshire and adjacent districts from the most remote period to the present time, London; Edinburgh. Held at RCAHMS: D.1.3.JEF.R

Gorrenberry Tower located at the green pin.



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Thorlieshope Tower

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Alternative Name(s)

Canmore ID 67972

Site Type TOWER HOUSE

County ROXBURGHSHIRE

Parish CASTLETON

Council SCOTTISH BORDERS, THE

NGR NY 5713 9650

Latitude, Longitude 55.260786N, 2.676086W

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Archaeological Notes

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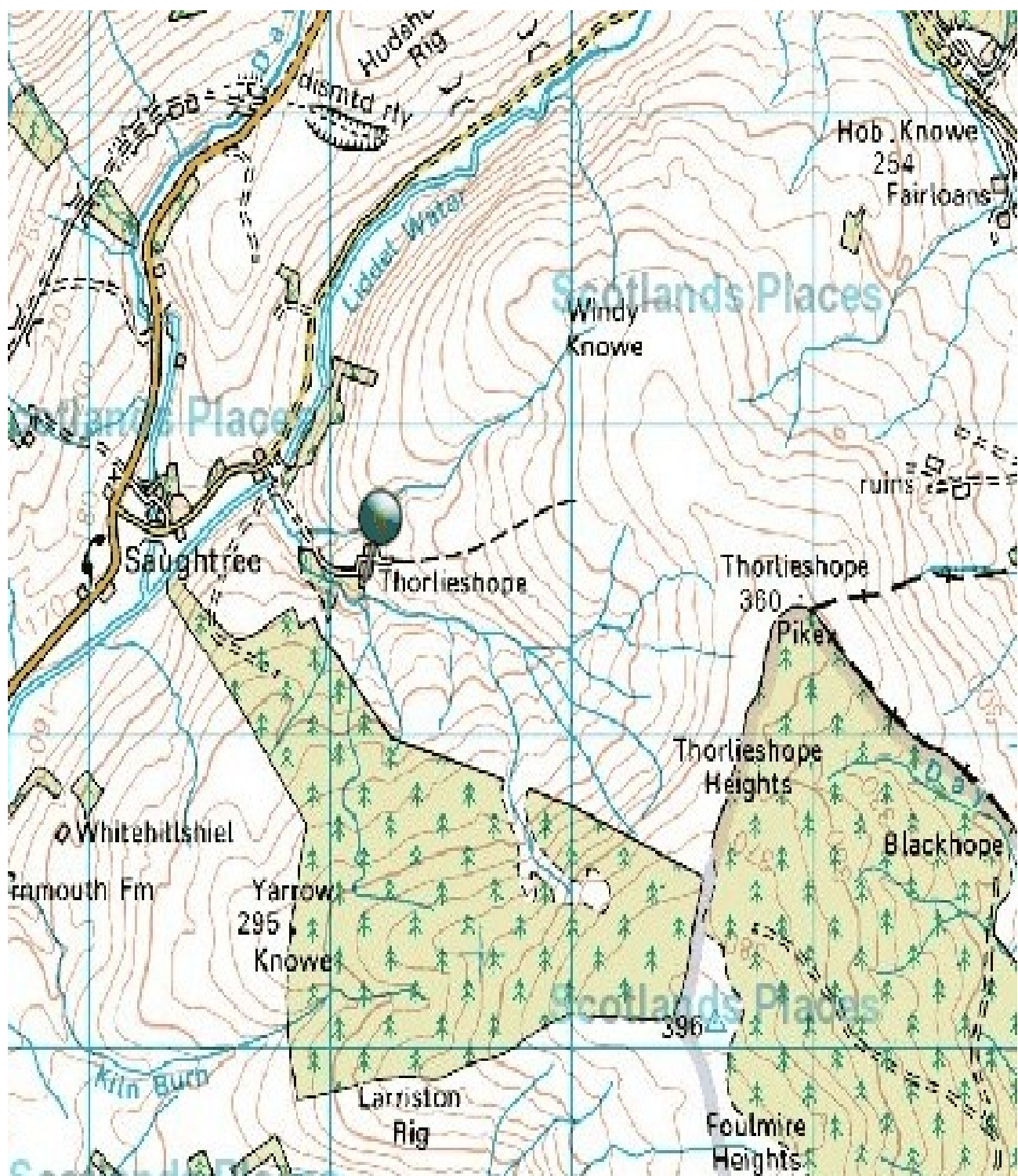
A tower, said to have belonged to the Elliots, formerly stood where the garden of Thorlieshope now is.
Name Book 1858

No traces remain of this tower.

Visited by OS 6 October 1960 and 23 March 1972.

Related Material Information - Bibliographical References

Ordnance Survey (Name Book) Object Name Books of the Ordnance Survey





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Larriston Tower

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Alternative Name(s) LARRISTON

Canmore ID 68008

Site Type TOWER HOUSE

County ROXBURGHSHIRE

Parish CASTLETON

Council SCOTTISH BORDERS, THE

NGR NY 5453 9442

Latitude, Longitude 55.241864N, 2.716655W

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Archaeological Notes

NY59SW 13 c5467 9438.

(Approx NY 547 944) The strong fort of Robert Elliot stood on the left bank of Liddel Water and adjacent to the house of Haggishaugh (marked on Stobie's map of Roxburghshire, 1770, at Larriston). When its foundations were dug up about sixty years ago, the workmen discovered what had been a large oven also an 18 lb cannon-ball. A map in the British Museum dated 1590 marks a tower symbol in this area, with the name "Robert Elliot, Ladiestane". All the Border Elliots are descended from this Robert Elliot. (cf NY59SW 7 and 8).
A Jeffrey 1864

The published site for Larriston Tower is at NY 5555 9370, beside Larriston Burn (see NY59SE 1). Dr Robson (Hawick Museum) does not dispute this location, although he states a form of tower may have existed at or near Haggishaugh whose site is believed to be occupied by the present 18th century Larriston House. There is no external sign that this house incorporates earlier material, and enquiries there proved negative.

Visited by OS (JRL) 31 July 1979

At NY 54679438 are the buried footings of a small rectangular building. Possibly the site of Ladieston

Tower found by dowsing.

Information from letter from A Elliott, Providence Cottage, Bishop Auckland, Durham.

Footings of Haggishaugh Hall found by dowsing on the lawn of Larriston House (NY 5453 9442), August 1989.

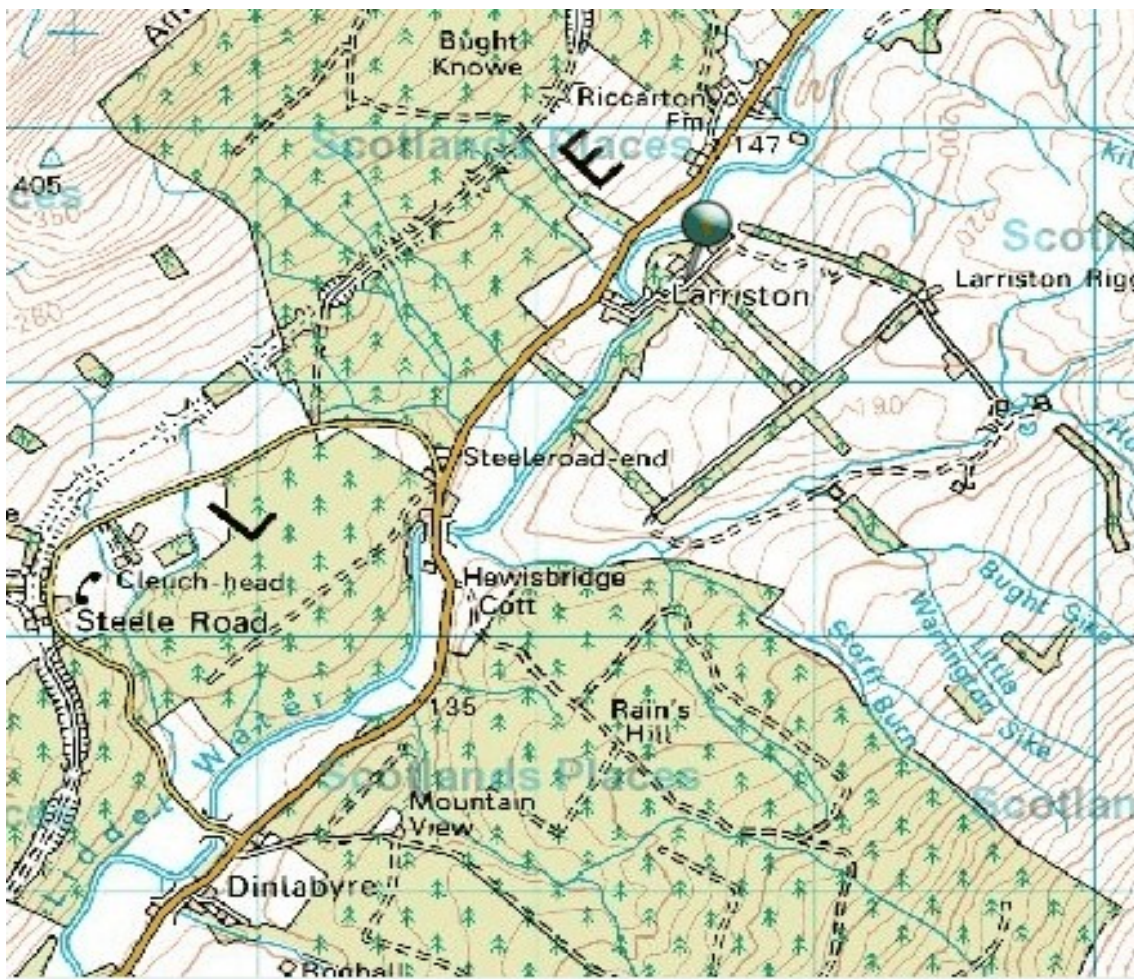
Information from letter and plan from A Elliott, Providence Cottage, Bishop Auckland, Durham 21 November 1989.

Architectural Notes

Possibly Ladiestone Tower

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Copshaw Tower



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Alternative Name(s) PARK TOWER

Canmore ID 67878

Site Type TOWER

County ROXBURGHSHIRE

Parish CASTLETON

Council SCOTTISH BORDERS, THE

NGR NY 4799 8757

Latitude, Longitude 55.17967N, 2.818236W

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Archaeological Notes

NY48NE 9 4799 8757.

(NY 4799 8757) Park Tower (NR) (Site of)

OS 6" map (1957)

Copshaw Tower (formerly on the farm of Park) stood on the right bank of the river, exactly opposite Whithaugh (NY48NE 12), at the corner of the plantation where the Langholm road turns N. Ruinous in 1793, it was a property of the Elliots. It is shown by a tower symbol on a map of 1590. No traces of it now remain apart from the remains of old peel-dykes and enclosures on what is now Newcastleton common. Jeffrey notes an arrow-slit from this tower, built into a garden wall in the village while the RCAHMS describe three other stones inserted into buildings in the village "probably from Copshaw Tower"; one is dated 1686.

A Jeffrey 1864; RCAHMS 1956, visited 1946

There is no trace of this tower site in the area indicated and Dr Robson (Hawick Museum) has no documentary evidence to support the OS site; however, he suggests that there probably was a tower in the general locality. The various stones were not located.
Visited by OS (TRG) 2 July 1979

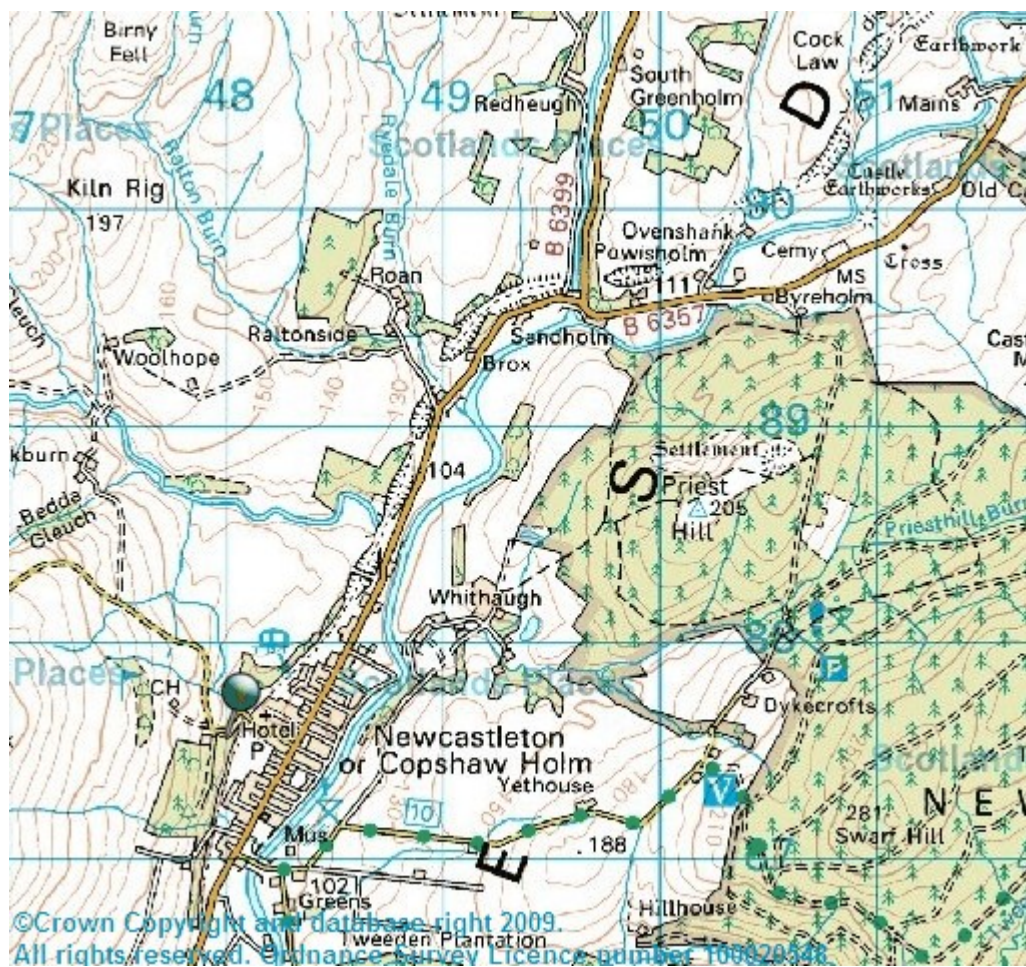
There is no visible evidence of a tower at this site.
Visited by RCAHMS (SDB) March 1996

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