

# **MILLOM AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

**2022-2023**

# Society Objectives

- **To promote and encourage interest in and research into the local history of Millom and its surrounding areas.**
- **To arrange events and activities which will cater for the above, including lectures, outings and exhibitions.**
- **To acquire funding to commission relevant geophysical surveys and archaeological digs within Millom and its surrounding areas.**

# AGENDA

- **Welcome and thank you for coming**
- **Thanks**
- **Accept minutes from last AGM as correct record**
- **Matters Arising: BALH; CIC; Sykes**
- **Election of Committee**
- **Annual Accounts**
- **Annual Review**
- **Looking Forward**
- **AOB**

# Thanks – a lot!

- **Committee members, past and present**
- **Geoff and Margaret for hospitality for meetings, events, cushions**
- **CGP Books, and Copeland Council for funding for Geophys Survey; Silecroft School Education Charity**
- **Volunteers for Geophys Survey and especially Sue Dawson and Jonathan Brind for research and visiting Archives**
- **Various speakers at events including Richard Greer, Ian McNicol, Adrian Powell (hawk Ducky), Sue Dawson, Fiona Pervez, Professor Angus Winchester, Daniel Elsworth, Rev Robert Bracegirdle, Dot Boughton**
- **Wendy and Ken Battersby: donation of projector and Ken for music at events**
- **Stephe Cove for leading walk to Lacra**
- **Sally Westwood for transcribing Lawson document**

# Thanks continued...

- **Cumberland Council for agreeing Conservation Area (Sammy Woodford)**
- **Josh and Stephen Carr, David Hartley, Duane Farren, Bry Cooper**
- **Pauline Clerk, Finds Liaison Officer and Bill Shannon for references for funding bids**
- **Pauline and Michael Park for permission to conduct surveys**
- **Mel Holmr for providing music and Arts and Crafts Stall Holders**
- **Millom Library (MD and PAG)**
- **Various bookshops for selling book, especially Sutton's Books, Ulverston and Greetings, Millom; also Millom Heritage and Arts Centre**
- **Daniel Elsworth, archaeologist, Jelmer Wubs and Phase Site Investigations**
- **Apologies if we have left anyone out.**

# Last AGM Minutes?

- Proposer correct?
- Vote accept

# Matters Arising

- **BALH**
- **CIC**
- **Sykes: see below**

# Election of Committee

- **Thanks to past members**
- **Proposals; vote to accept**
- **Chair**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Members**



# Annual Accounts: Income

<b>Millom and District History Society</b>			
<b>Income and Expenditure Year Ending 26 November 2023</b>			
<b>Balance brought forward 1.12.22</b>			<b>3056.44</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Book Sales			1465.00
Events			580.96
Donations			520.00
Grants			5750.00
	Geophys	5500.00	
	CGP Civil War Book	250.00	
Other Income			415.68
	Geophys Crowdfunder	67.50	
	HT Cushions Crowdfunder	323.18	
	Key Ring Sales	25.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>8731.64</b>

# Annual Accounts: Expenditure

<b>Expenditure</b>			
Membership Fees			90.00
Venue			120.00
Website			80.39
Project Costs			8513.15
	Stones Project	750.00	
	Prehistoric Book	1239.57	
	Geophys	5981.58	
	HT Cushions	500.00	
	Knights Tale	42.00	
Photocopying			8.20
Speaker Expenses			135.75
<b>Total</b>			<b>8947.49</b>

# Annual Accounts: Balance

<b>Uncleared Cheques</b>			
Website Hosting			68.40
			<b>68.40</b>
<b>Uncleared Income</b>			
			<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance at Bank 26 November 2023</b>			<b>2853.34</b>
<b>Cash in Hand</b>			<b>21.80</b>

# ANNUAL REVIEW

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**December 2022-November  
2023**

# PUBLICITY

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# FACEBOOK: 1,250 members

All ⓘ

53 Posts

190 Comments ▼ 100%

590 Reactions ▲ 475%

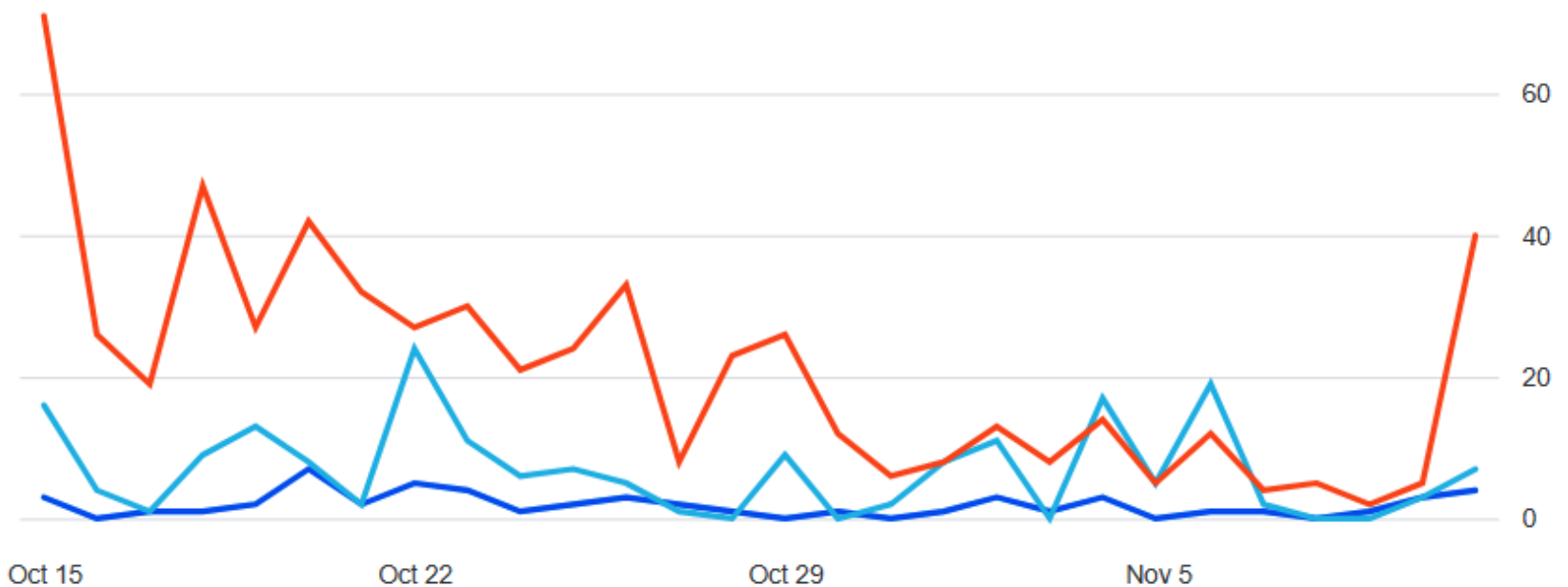
Oct 15, 2023 - Nov 11, 2023

Posts

Comments

Reactions

All



[www.millomhistory.org.uk](http://www.millomhistory.org.uk)

1/12/2022-23/11/2023

- **Unique visitors to site: 2,098**
- **Pages downloaded: 4,816**
- **Hits: 41,330**
- **Kept up-to-date**
  - **Regular News items**
  - **Programme**
  - **Projects**

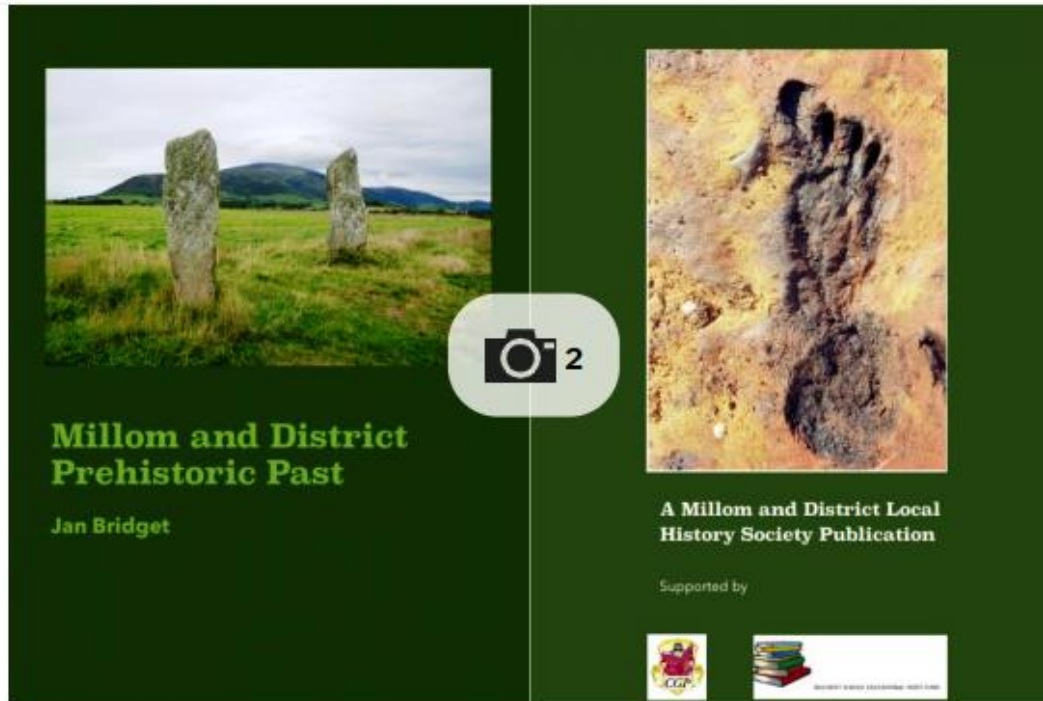




# Press Coverage

## The Mail

Book launch to be held to showcase 'incredible' local history finds



By **Darren Shield**

Reporter

[@DarrenShield82](#)

Share



[1 Comment](#)

The Millom Peninsula is teeming with evidence of humans living here during prehistoric times, so says Millom and District Local [History](#) Society.

# JOSH'S AXE HEADS



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## **BORDER TV**

28th March 2023

As a result of a press release the Society sent out and coverage in The Evening Mail, Border TV contacted us. This has resulted in a short piece that was shown on Border TV last week followed by Granada a few days later. Here is a link to the piece from Fiona Marley Paterson, the reporter: [Border TV News](#).

# EVENTS

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# Millom and District: Prehistoric Past Launch (86 attendees)



**Millom & District: Prehistoric Past  
Book Launch - Free Event, Refreshments £3**

**Sat, 11th Feb, 11 a.m. Holy Trinity**



# Medieval Millom and Later (65 attended)



**Professor Angus**

**Winchester:** What can Millom Castle manorial records tell us about 16th century Millom?

**Daniel Elsworth:** Can Holy Trinity church tell us anything about Early Medieval Millom?



**Saturday 4th March 1-3 £5 Holy Trinity, Millom & District Local History Society 343151 Tea&Cake £3**



**Fiona Pervez:** Who was Ranulf le Mechin and why was he called The Strong Man of Cumbria?

# Charter Day



**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Sat 3rd June 2023 10-2**



**Portat  
Antiquarian  
Schen**

**Finds Liaison  
Officer** [www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk)

Arts & Crafts Stalls, Live  
Music, Metal Detecting  
Practical, Small Finds  
Liaison Officer - bring your  
finds to be identified.  
Refreshments 01229 772084

# Geophys Feedback (67 attended)



**Millom Castle, Holy Trinity Church  
Archaeology, Sat 24 June 1-3 FREE  
Results, Report, Food, Tickets 772084**



# Medieval Hunting (45 attended)



**Medieval Hunting**  
**Sat 9th Sep 1-3 p.m.**



Millom & District Local History Society  
Holy Trinity Church  
£5 tickets 772084

Medieval music by Ken Battersby; Hawking whistle and  
Medieval Hunting in Millom/Ulpha, Jan Bridget; Hunting  
at Woodland, Richard Greer; plus Medieval Peasant, Ian  
McNicol. Refreshments.

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# Millom Castle and the English Civil Wars (48 attended)



## Millom Castle and the English Civil Wars



Millom & District Local  
History Society. Sat, 11th  
November 2023 Holy Trinity  
Church, Millom, 1-3 ish £5

Jan Bridget, Sue Dawson

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# PROJECTS

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# MILLOM AND DISTRICT: PREHISTORIC PAST



**Millom and District  
Prehistoric Past**

*Jan Bridget*

- Funding CGP & Silecroft Education
- 140 page book bringing together other peoples' research
- Nearly 300 copies sold
- Raising £1,645 for Society
- Excellent feedback

# MILLOM HERITAGE TRIANGLE



- Handed over to South Copeland Community Interest Company
- Changed name to South Cumberland Cultural Heritage CIC
- Waiting to hear from Diocese
- Conservation Area

# GEOPHYS/ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT

## MILLOM CASTLE AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY



View of Old School, Milloom Castle and Holy Trinity Church, from Jbg Knott



Area to be surveyed © Google Earth

- **£5,500 Levelling Up via Copeland**
- **12 Volunteers**
- **Several anomalies to investigate**
- **Reports on website**

# GROUPS

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# MILLOM DETECTORISTS



**Millom Detectorists**  
**Share and Support**



First Saturday in Month, 10-12  
Millom Library  
Starting 5th August 2023

Want to know best way to detect?  
Insurance? Best practice? Share your  
finds? Getting permission? Doing it  
proper? Come and meet others.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in month**
- **10-12 Millom Library**
- **Core group of six**
- **New members and visitors each meeting**
- **Sharing good practise**
- **Identifying finds**
- **Practical**

# PREHISTORY APPRECIATION



## Prehistory Appreciation Group



- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month
- 10-12 Millom Library
- Six core members
- Lots of visitors, new members attending
- Sharing photos, knowledge
- Visit to Lacra with Stephe Cove



# EVALUATION

- **Complete and publish the Millom and District Prehistory Booklet ✓**
- **Organise further events ✓**
- **Try and move forward on the Heritage Triangle Project ✓**
- **Continue applying for funding for geophysical surveys ✓**
- **Increase active membership of the Organising Committee ✓ /x**
- **Investigate the possibility of making podcasts of events x**

# ACTIONS FROM LAST AGM

- **Publish the Millom and District Pre-history Booklet. ✓**
- **Further develop ideas for Sykes writings : see Looking Forward ✓**
- **Heritage Triangle/SCTCIC amendments and name change, new Directors. ✓**
- **Bank Account – Geoff now signatory for the Society Bank Account. ✓**

LOOKING FORWARD

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# DRONE SURVEY (Feb?)

- Task 1: specialist contractor to carry out UAS (drone) geospatial survey to produce 3D model, elevation and plan orthophotos of standing remains of castle
- Task 2: specialist contractor to carry out landscape earthwork UAS (drone) geospatial survey of up to 25ha of earthworks to south of castle and in 'axe field'
- Task 3: specialist contractor to carry out landscape earthwork GIS analysis of outputs and produce interpretation report
- Awarded £5,000 from CWAAS (Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeology Society)

# COMMUNITY DIG

- **Analyse findings of drone survey and magnetometer surveys to identify sites to sink trenches**
- **Apply for funding (c.£25,000) March/April**
- **Legal Structure & policies for big grants**
- **South Cumberland Cultural Heritage Community Interest Company**
- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Levelling Up)**
- **Heritage Lottery**
- **Lot of organising: volunteers, training, liaison with farmers, etc.**

# MILLOM CASTLE, HUDDLESTONS & ENGLISH CIVIL WARS

- **£250 CGP**
- **£350 Silecroft School Education Charity**
- **Using last event's programme as starting point**
- **Conduct further research**
- **Write, edit, proof, print, publish**
- **380<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Sep/Oct 2024**

# **SYKES PROJECT**

- **See if Barrow Archives will digitise them**
- **Make available on website**
- **One hand written: volunteers to type up**

# SYKES SAMPLE

Kirkanton

These notes are dedicated to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity, Millton by W. S. Sykes, Curate of the Church 1895-1900 for the Library in the Church Vestry.

In kindly remembrance also of those residents Mr W. L. Benn of Bank House; Mr W. Brockbank of Garthlands and Mr Geo Myers of Pow House who took keen interest in the records of the ancient history of Kirkanton.



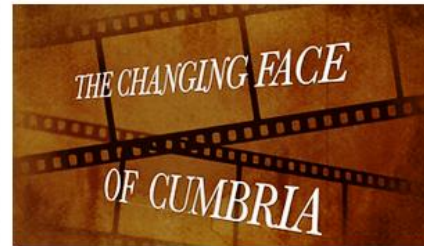
# 3D AXES



# FLAX: Still Glides the Stream



# ORGANISE EVENTS, NEXT ONE; CUMBRIA FILM ARCHIVE

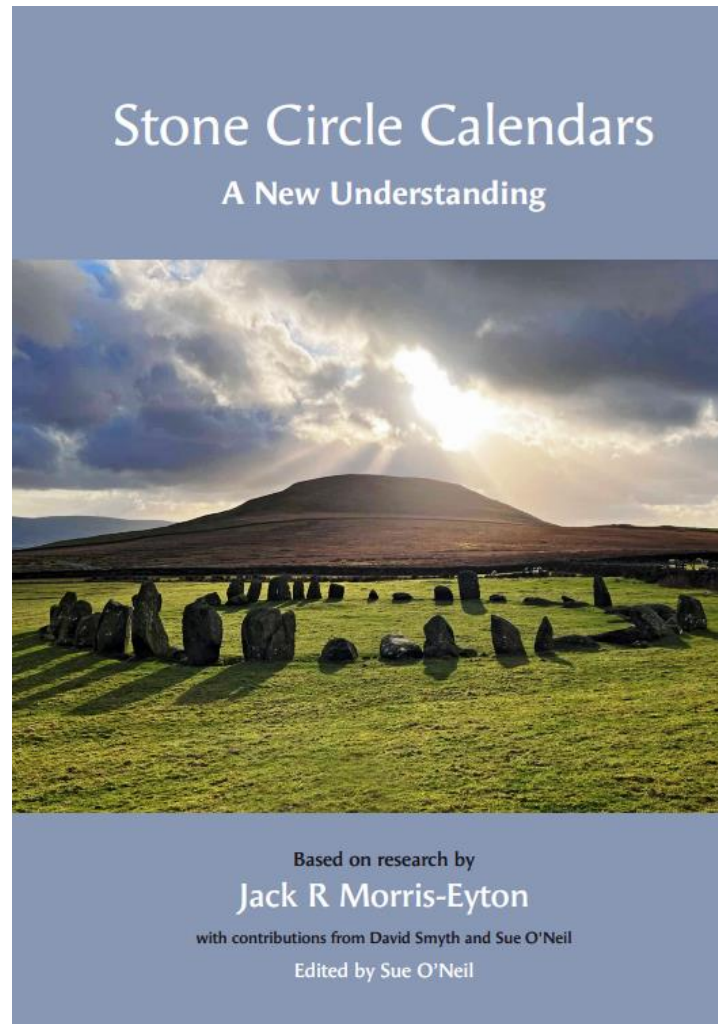


**Nostalgic Film Night**  
**Thursday 14th Dec 7-9**



Holy Trinity  
Church, Millom,  
£5. For programme see  
[www.millomhistory.org.uk](http://www.millomhistory.org.uk)  
(Programme)

# POSSIBLE LAUNCH



## Stone Circle Calendars

A New Understanding



Based on research by

**Jack R Morris-Eyton**

with contributions from David Smyth and Sue O'Neil

Edited by Sue O'Neil

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU FOR COMING  
& SUPPORT

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