THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 645
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Birrens Hill, enclosure and farmstead 750m W of Carruthers comprises the remains of an enclosure likely to date to later prehistory (most probably the end of the first millennium BC or early centuries AD). It also includes the remains of a later farmstead and the upper boundary dyke of a field system. The enclosure is subrectangular in shape with rounded corners and a probable entrance to the south. The later farmstead remains cluster at the S end of the enclosure and the boundary dyke follows the line of the enclosure's E side. The monument is located in rough pasture on the crest of Birrens Hill at about 250m above sea level. Birrens Hill is a ridge projecting south from Carruthers Fell and the monument has long views to the south over the Solway Plain. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, to include the remains described and an area around within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment may survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of a post-and-wire fence and gate immediately north of the enclosure to allow for their maintenance. To the west, the scheduling extends up to a stone wall, the above-ground elements of the wall being specifically excluded to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Middlebie and the County of Dumfries as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [redacted], is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Malcolm Cooper, Chief Inspector with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 17 day of March Two thousand and ten, before this witness Mairi H Davies, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Witness [redacted] Chief Inspector

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Birrens Hill, enclosure and farmstead 750m W of Carruthers

dated: 5 / 7 / 10 and is signed as relative thereto.

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Birrens Hill, enclosure and farmstead 750m W of Carruthers
Middlebie Parish
Scheduled Area

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2010

Re: The Monument known as
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W of Carruthers

in the Parish of Middlebie and
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