

From the archive: Linton and Threshfield

In anticipation of further recording work in the Dales this year, we feature this time some of the buildings already recorded in the villages of Linton and Threshfield, not far from Grassington. Reports on all these buildings can be found in the YVBSG online archive. Linton has twenty-three listed structures including two listed bridges crossing the village beck, as well as the impressive Fountaine's Hospital, a Palladian building of 1721 comprising almshouses and chapel. Threshfield has eighteen listed buildings and a report on some of the village buildings can be found by scrolling down to 2022 on the Upper Wharfedale Field Society's website at uwfs.org.uk/special-interest-groups/local-history-vernacular-buildings/local-history-vernacular-buildings-archive/.

Lorraine Moor



Troutbeck and Beckside, Linton (YVBSG 1328). Now two dwellings but originally a 17th century lobby-entry house, later extended at one end. The main, central, doorway is dated 'AP 1642' for Anthony Proctor, a member of an old Dales family. Divided into four single-bay cottages by the late 18th century.



White Abbey, Linton (YVBSG 1016). Built in the 17th century as a three-bay central lobby-entry house. The central chimney replaced an earlier timber hood. A handsome parlour fireplace appears to have been constructed from the finely-carved panels of an old dower chest, perhaps in c1900.



Manor House Farm, Linton (YVBSG 1337). A four-cell house which is part of a complex of buildings, including converted barns. Possibly originated as an early/mid 17th century single-cell cottage, extended late 17th or early 18th century.



Threshfield School, Threshfield (YVBSG 0991). Built in 1674 and still in use as a school. Inside the ground floor consists of a single room now open to the roof, but formerly ceiled with the master's lodging above. No sign of a stair, but the remains of a fireplace can be seen upstairs on the gable wall.



The Grange, Linton (YVBSG 1254). A double-fronted, double-pile farmhouse, dating mostly from c1760 but with slight evidence of an earlier build. Roof raised and front altered in 19th century. Three beebobles in garden wall.



Lady Well Cottage, Threshfield (YVBSG 1286). An early 17th century single-pile, single-cell dwelling with a later stone lean-to extension. Thought to have been built at the same time as the nearby bridge over the Wharfe in 1603. There is a suggestion that it was previously a lower building of cruck construction with a thatched roof.



Park Grange Farm, Threshfield (YVBSG 0838). A three-cell, central lobby-entry house with a date of 1680 inscribed above front door. Stone winder stair probably formerly occupied a stair turret. Extended to the rear in the 19th century. Roof truss almost ogee-shaped with a king post extending upwards beyond the apex. Masons' marks found on all parts of the original house.



Toft House Farm, Threshfield (YVBSG 0781). Perhaps built early 17th century as a two-room gable-entry house. Reconstructed with addition of porch and more rooms at rear during first half of 18th century and reroofed. Large stone arched fireplace with joggled voussoirs in living room.



Threshfield (YVBSG 1648). A barn dated 1661 with later additions, severely damaged by fire in the 1980s and the roof rebuilt. Now converted to a dwelling. It was gable-entry and had opposed cart entries but no evidence of a threshing floor. For this and other reasons, it is not a typical Dales barn.