

P925 Yarrows Archaeological Trust

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Stirling University department of Environmental Science, Yarrows Archaeological Trust, Scottish Wetland Archaeology Programme (SWAP), ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology), Thrumster Railway Station

Administrative history: [Yarrows Heritage Trust](#)

Yarrows Heritage Trust is dedicated to the promotion of and research of the built and natural environment of the Yarrows area, Caithness. They co-ordinate and facilitate research, run events, and provide clear and interesting information to local people and the public at large.

The Yarrows basin provides evidence of having been home to people since the Mesolithic era, also known as the middle stone age, spanning as far back as 8000 BC.

The Bronze age (2000 BC) left Caithness unique monuments of stone rows one of which can be found at Yarrows. The Iron age (700 BC) was the age of the brochs, great buildings still evident in our landscape today, along with cairns and standing stones.

Since forming in 2002, the Trust has carried out a wide range of projects, beginning with the Oliclett Mesolithic site,

dating from up to 10,000 years ago, the era of the Hunter/Gatherers. Since then, the Trust has carried out numerous archaeological research projects, restored the old railway station at Thrumster, laid out new footpaths, planted woodland, held two prehistoric festivals, and hosted the 2019 Rhind lectures.

Thrumster Railway Station

Thrumster Railway Station was built in 1903 as part of the Wick-Lybster Light Railway. It was one of five intermediate stations along the line. After the line was closed in 1943, it became a post office for Thrumster which saved the building from becoming derelict.

Yarrows Heritage Trust bought the station and restored it in 2011, reinstating the platform. Local people donated memorabilia to the station including the original sign.

Custodial history:

Deposited by Yarrows Archaeological Trust

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Publications and Reports pertaining to the work of the Yarrows Archaeological Trust; files containing paperwork from Thrumster Station including goods moved, receipts, luggage receipts etc.

Appraisal:

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Accruals:

Expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access:

Open

Closed until:

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Access conditions:

Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying:

Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids:

Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: -

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: Dec 2024

Ref.	Description	Dates
P925/1	Yarrows Archaeological Trust	2001-2024
P925/1/1	Publication by Stirling University department of Environmental Science 'Later Mesolithic and Neolithic Landscape Reconstruction at Oliclett, Near Wick, Caithness' Second Report by Dr. Richard Tipping, Dr Althea Davies and Dr. Eileen Tisdall (20 items)	12 Oct 2001
P925/1/2	Publication commissioned by the Scottish Wetland Archaeology Programme (SWAP) Loch Yarrows Environs, Caithness: 'Testing the applicability of Ground Penetrating Radar survey in relation to wetland landscapes' by Leonard McKinney and Mhari Hastie (20 items)	Mar 2007
P925/1/3	Proposed excavation at Burn of Swartigil, Thrumster by Martin Carruthers (1 items)	15 Jun 2007
P925/1/4	Burn of Swartigill Thrumster, Thrumster, Caithness KW1 5SE Geographic Survey Report by Thomas Desalle (17 items)	Sep 2014
P925/1/5	Publication by Yarrows Archaeological Trust 'Swatrigill Township Evaluation Exercise - Interim Report' (12 items)	c.2015
P925/1/6	Publication by ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology) 'Burn of Swartigill Thrumster, Thrumster, Caithness Excavation Data Structure' Report by Martin Carruthers and Richard Barton (17 items)	Mar 2017
P925/1/7	Publication by ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology) 'Burn of Swartigill Thrumster, Thrumster, Caithness Excavation Data Structure Report' Martin Carruthers and Richard Barton (16 items)	Jan 2018
P925/1/8	Publication by ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology) 'Burn of Swartigill Thrumster, Thrumster, Caithness Excavation Data Structure Report' Martin Carruthers and Richard Barton (21	Jan 2019

	items)	
P925/1/9	Digital copies of P925/1/1–P925/1/8 (8 digital files, 0.0328GB)	2001-2019
P925/1/10	Draft Excavations Data Structure Report by ORCA on the Burn of Swartigill Excavation, Thrumster, Caithness in 2018 (1 item)	Jan 2019
P925/1/11	Some thoughts on the significance of Swartigill Burn Iron Age Site by Martin Carruthers, UHI (2 items)	24 Apr 2019
P925/1/12	Swartigill Iron Age Settlement Project Update. The non technical report describes work undertaken in 2022 and follows on from five previous seasons of investigation at the site. Includes details and photographs of middle iron age finds such as miniscule glass beads (1 item)	Dec 2022
P925/1/13	Thurster Community Excavation, Longgreens, Caithness Data Structure Report by AOC Archaeology Group (1 item)	May 2023
P925/1/14	Caithnesian Vernacular Building, Thurster Community Excavation Data Structure Report by AOC Archaeology Group (1 item)	29 May 2024
P925/1/15	Loch of Yarrows Environs, Caithness: 'Testing the applicability of Ground Penetrating Radar survey in relation to wetland landscapes' by Michael Cressey, Leonard McKinney and Mhari Hastie (1 item)	Mar 2007
P925/1/16	Publication by ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology) 'Burn of Swartigill Iron Age Settlement Project Update' (1 item)	Mar 2022
P925/2	Thrumster Railway Station	1914-1950s
P925/2/1	File containing goods invoices and receipts, circulars, transfer vouchers, and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	1914-1938
P925/2/2	File containing circulars, consignment notes, goods invoices and receipts, and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	1939
P925/2/3	File containing circulars, memos, consignment notes, goods invoices and receipts and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	1940
P925/2/4	File containing circulars, memos, consignment notes,	1941

	goods invoices and receipts and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	
P925/2/5	File containing circulars, memos, consignment notes, goods invoices and receipts and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	1942
P925/2/6	File containing circulars, memos, consignment notes, goods invoices and receipts and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file)	1943
P925/2/7	File containing circulars, memos, consignment notes, goods invoices and receipts and other paperwork relating to Thrumster Station and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company (1 file) [Many in this file very damaged/fragile]	1944-1950s