

Mickle Moss-side Farm KA3 5LW East Ayrshire, Stewarton Parish, 19/8/17

Three fields to the rear, northeast, east and southeast of the farm have rig and furrow from 7m to 8m wide.

At NS42825 48538 (mid section of the field) to the northeast of the farm buildings rig and furrow runs in an east/west direction to NS43064 48502 (bottom mid section of the field). Here the rig and furrow measures 8m wide and is very well defined. At this bottom area some sections of the rig show signs where the plough turned to run back up the field. Grid references were taken midway on both sides of the field at NS42955 48483 (right side) and NS42987 48582 (left side). Although the rig and furrow was less well-defined from the mid section of the field, it is more than likely the rig and furrow continued under modern ploughing of this area of the field.

The second field to the east of the farm buildings has two sections of rig and furrow divided by a turf bank measuring 3m wide. The turf bank runs from NS42833 48348 to NS43024 48306. One area of rig and furrow runs in a north-northwest/south-southeast direction measuring 7.5m wide and is the largest area of cultivation. From below the farmhouse to the south at NS42784 48374 this rig and furrow runs to NS42842 48230 and NS42958 48235 at the opposing end. Grid references taken on the right hand side of the field were NS42791 48297 and NS42961 48316 and on the left hand side NS42863 48274. At a midway section to the north where this rig and furrow meets the 3m wide bank the reference is NS42961 48316. The smaller section of rig and furrow to the north of the first runs in an east/west direction and measures between 6m and 7 m wide. Grid references taken of this feature were at NS42839 48370 at the western top end of the field and NS43032 48328 at the bottom eastern end of the field. A further grid reference was taken on the left hand side of the field at NS42944 48367 and on the southern side where the rig and furrow meets the 3m wide bank at NS42961 48316.



Field 1



Field 2

A third field was surveyed, lying between the first and second fields, which also contains 7m wide rig and furrow running in an east/west direction from NS42885 48446 to the east of the farm buildings to NS43059 48402 at the opposing end. Grid references were taken on the right hand side of the field at NS42964 48374 and on the left hand side of the field at NS43019 48445. Again like the first field the rig and furrow is very well-defined as you proceed down the field, although the upper western end is less well-defined it is still quite clearly seen.

Surrounding this farm are large areas of rig and furrow especially on the higher slopes seen to the south and viewed from the distance look like wide rig and furrow as above.

Although the farm buildings have been renovated various features within the buildings and surrounding the buildings are original and have historical value.

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