

Broughtown

A 3.1km (1.9m) circular walk to the Bay of Brough



Once there were four schools, since centralisation in 1947 the buildings of the other three have been converted into homes. Sanday's old Central School is now the focus of the island's educational and leisure activities.

Within the perimeter defined by this walk, two of the house names are 'Alma Cottage' and 'Inkerman'. Not far away, too, is 'Balaclava', all three are named after battles fought in the Crimean War of 1854.

From the middle of the 19th century, Walter Traill Dennison and his brothers and sister farmed Westbrough. His name lives on, though, because this man wrote down the wealth of folklore and tradition that hitherto had been passed between

generations by word of mouth.

Look at the top of the fence-



Lichen

posts as you walk along the track between fields. The older wooden 'stabs' are

covered in lichens and you'll see many more on old crofts, roofs, dry-stone walls and grave-stones.

Low tide uncovers hundreds of rock pools in the rocky shoreline of the Bay of Brough, each with its own little world of animals and plants. Beyond lies the Ness, where several man-made mounds, the Styes of Brough, have been investigated.

The ruined croft of Brenchicott was built in traditional style, combining living quarters, byre and stabling, and a circular kiln, all in a continuous row.

Brenchicott

