

**MONUMENT DETAILS****Common name** Possible Medieval Vaccary Site, Widdop Reservoir

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**Group record No.** No **Part of Group record** No **Group PRN****Cross References** 2069, 3871, 4749**UDP class** 3 **Sched. Mon. No.** **Listed Bldg ref.****UDA No.** **Date Scheduled** **Listed Bldg grade(s)****NAR No.** **EH Lithic Record No.** **Local Site Nomination** No**Conservation Area No** **EH Stray Lithic Record No.****LOCATION DETAILS** **Confidence** 6 - General**100km square/Easting/Northing** SD 92300 33200**O.S. 1:10000** SD93SW

Number	Street	Settlement
<b>Township</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>
Wadsworth	Calderdale	West Yorks
Heptonstall	Calderdale	West Yorks

**MONUMENT CHARACTER**

Site Type (general)	Period (general)	Site Type (specific)	Period (specific)
AGRICULTURE AND SUBSISTENCE	Medieval (1066 - 1550)	Farm	Medieval and later
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AGRICULTURE AND SUBSISTENCE	Post-Medieval (1550 - 1901)	Farm	Medieval and later
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Evidence	Main building mat.	Secondary building mat.	Find material
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE			-

**Site condition as last known** **Height OD** **Area (ha.)****Drift Geology** **Architect****Description**

Possible site of Medieval Vaccary or Vaccaries . An undated 14th century extent of the Thornhill Estate (DDSR 1/18/1) valued the 'Vaccaria de Wedhope' at 13s.4d annually. This document also made reference to a William Couhard "Lords Keeper of stock" in the 1326 court of Wadsworth. Brian Howcroft visited the site in March 1990 when Widdop Reservoir had been completely drained over a 6 month. He discovered what he believed to be two Medieval buildings at SD 929 327, which may suggest some form of medieval settlement nearby to the vaccary. In spoil from the construction of the reservoir Howcroft also discovered some coinage, the earliest being Elizabethan and some Medieval pottery.

The topographical situation is typical of many of the Pennine vaccaries, i.e. up a small side valley towards the higher ground of the Pennine plateau (where the summer pastures may have been located). This site may be similar nature to a number of well-documented, abandoned medieval and later settlements of this type high up in the Pennines (... see also Raistrick Greave, Alcomden, Upper/Lower Good Greave et al.).

Lower parts of the site are now under Widdop Reservoir.

see also Small Shaw vaccary (PRN 4749)

#### EVENT

Event Type Gen	Event TypeSpec	Organisation	Date (of event)
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	FIELD VISIT	Brian Howcroft	1990

#### Archive/Source type

Doc.ref.

#### Reference

Notts.Co.Record.Office, Saville collection DDSR 1/18/1

Correspondence

B.Howcroft 1992, communication to SMR

#### PROPOSAL

#### AP file storage location

On record map? Yes

Record to be completed? Yes

#### Site management (comments)