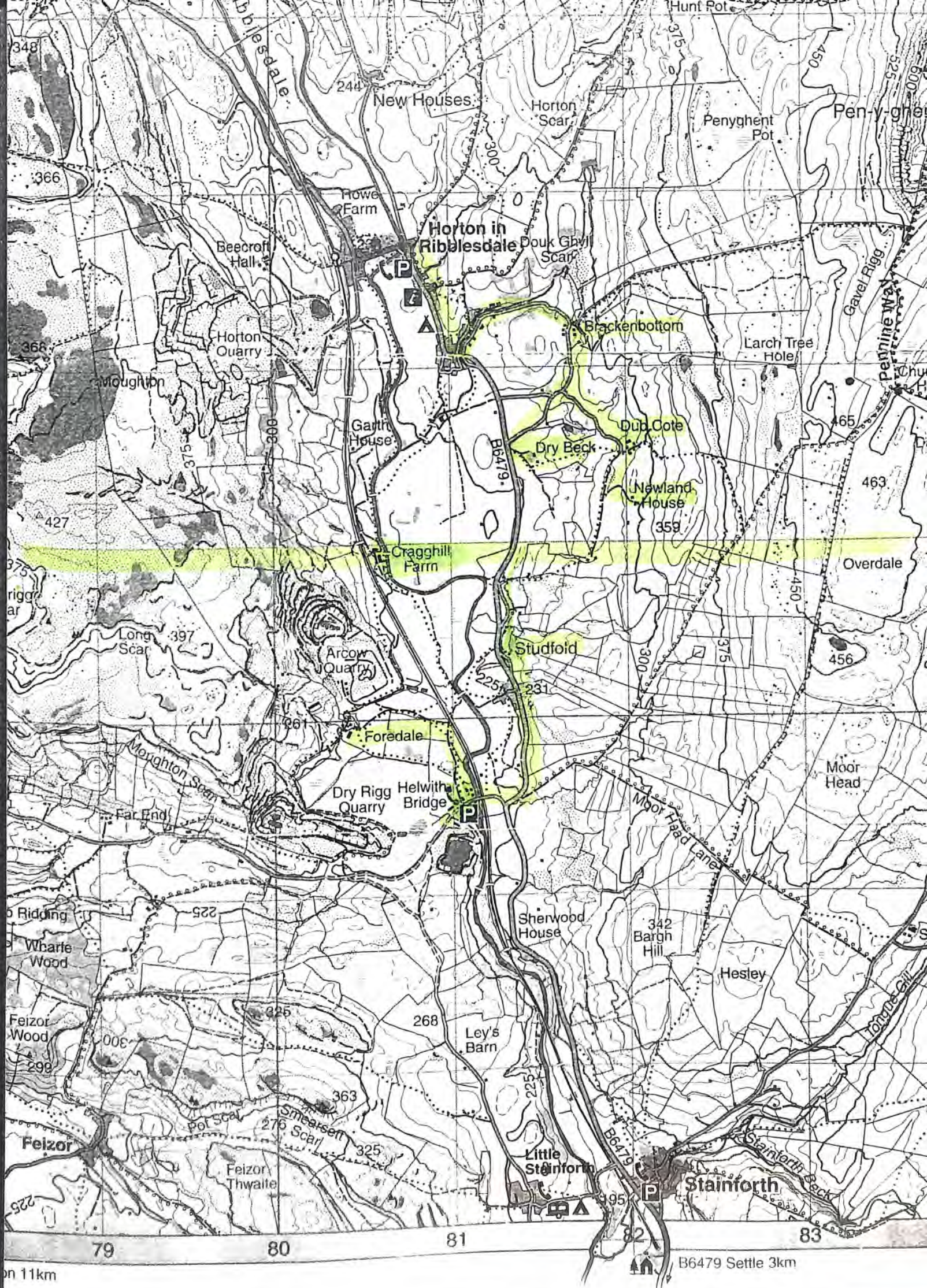


**A SNAPSHOT
OF ALL
HORTON-IN
RIBBLESDALE
DWELLINGS
2002 - 2003**

**BRACKENBOTTOM, STUDFOLD,
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ST OSWALD'S CHURCH



CHURCH COTTAGE

T & S Millman



ROSE COTTAGE

S Cuthbert & D Mason



STABLE COTTAGE



BURNSIDE

N & C Breare



CROOKS FARM HOUSE

S Thompson



TOWN HEAD FARM

N & B Jackson



GHYLL COTTAGE

A Colau



DOUK GHYLL COTTAGE



GHYLL COTTAGE



No. 2, Douk Ghyll cottages, Horton in Ribblesdale



Ghyll cottage,

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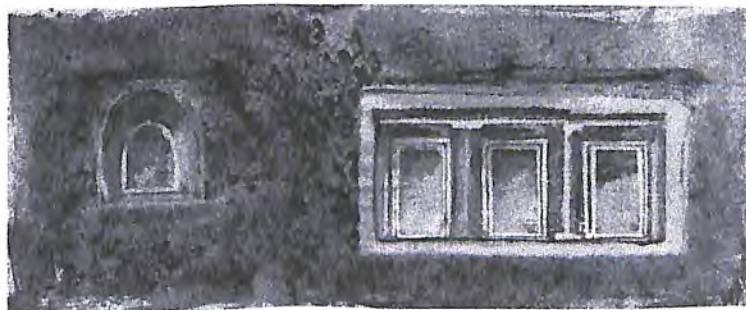


No. 1 Douk Ghyll cottages,

No. 2 Douk Ghyll cottages.

1953 decked out for the Coronation of Elizabeth II

No.2 Douk Ghyll Cottages, is one of three cottages situated between Town Head Farm and Douk Ghyll House on the Douk Ghyll beck side. This group of cottages was part of the Foster estate, which was split up in 1925. In 1952 the cottage was bought by the Marsden family from Fred and Clara Sedgewick of Newhouses who had only owned it for 2 months, intending to retire into it. Tommy Richardson, his wife Madge [nee Wildman] and family were living next door at No. 1. Tommy Richardson was a Gamekeeper.



The house is constructed of rounded stone probably collected from the beck bottom and surrounded fields, and infilled with rubble making the walls about 2-3' thick. Above the upstairs front windows is a 'bump' in the wall possibly showing where the wall ended when the house was thatched. The height of the walls would have been raised when the roof was slated. Thatch requires a greater pitch to the roof than slates.

The cottage was probably built in the mid -17th Century, the stone mullion in the window upstairs is of about this date. There was another window of this type in the upstairs end wall, but this was blocked in, possibly to prevent payment of the window tax in 1696. Any house with more than 6 windows had to pay a tax on the excess windows. The curved window above the front door is unusual, there is another similar in a cottage near Dugdale's shop in Settle, the date stone there is of 1648

The stone in the right hand window has not been carved symmetrically. Perhaps there was a change of orders or it had been a reject

The house was whitewashed in a photograph of the early 20th Century, and unpainted pebbledash added in 1952. When repointing the join between the upstairs of the two houses in the 1990s, white wash could be seen on the end wall of the cottage showing that the two upstairs sections are separate. At the foot of the stairs there is a plain wall which strikes hollow when rapped. Next door there is evidence of there having been a door through the wall and a small shelf in the wall to the left to hold a candle. Possibly when first built, the house would have been a single dwelling with a single storey barn attached. In about the 1700s the barn was converted into another house, the remains of the mullions in the front upstairs window of the cottage next door are slightly later than those in No. 2.

No 2.

The timber beams inside ~~St Anne's~~ are visible in the bedrooms just below ceiling height; those downstairs have been boxed in. An unusual feature is that there is a beam resting on the lintel of the front door. Perhaps the front door was originally in the end wall next to the fireplace. There is a bathroom added to the side of the cottage entered through a doorway in just this position, the bathroom replaced an earlier washhouse. All the ceilings were underdrawn with tongue and groove boarding in about 1926 when the house was refurbished and re-roofed.

Internally downstairs there is one room with a staircase having a lath and plaster wall on the roomside of the understairs cupboard. At some time, possibly when the cottage was first built, a very large slate was put up as a partition to divide the room. Behind the slate is a small kitchen with a tiny sink in the window space. This leaves the main room as an 'L' shape. It is known that the a bed was in the space to the left of the fireplace where the settee is at present. One day in early 1953 while alterations were being carried out, an old man called at the cottage and asked to see the place where the bed had been and where he had been born. He was the grandson of John Bentham, the shoemaker who had lived in one of the cottages and can be found on the 1881 census for Horton as John's grandson.



In the early 20th century the fireplace was widened on one side to accommodate a black range. This was removed in 1952, the hole partially bricked up and a brick fireplace fitted. In 1990, that fireplace and the excess brick removed and a wood burning stove fitted. When this was done, the stone lintel above the fire was exposed and found to have a fan shaped carving on it.

Upstairs there were either one or two rooms probably reached by a ladder when the cottage was first built. In the centre of the end wall, next to the blocked window was a large fireplace, already blocked up in 1952 when it was removed. This room was then divided to make a total of three bedrooms.

In 1952 there were three earth closets situated in the NE corner of the garden of No.2 servicing the three Douk Ghyll cottages.

When the Marsdens bought the cottage, the water from the kitchen sink and gutters went into a cesspit under the garden of Douk Ghyll cottage on the beck side, probably placed there when water was first piped into the cottage. The Marsdens had a bathroom built onto the cottage to replace the wash house. When this extension was built, the waste continued to go to the cesspit and an Elsan was used. The indoor flushing WC was connected to the main drains when that facility arrived at this end of Horton, the earth closets then became redundant. Quite soon afterwards the closets were demolished and the site partially covered by Jackson's new barn.

DOUK GHYLL HOUSE

B & K Jackson



BEECH COTTAGE, DOUK GHYLL

H & R Jackson



THE CHESTNUTS

A Riley & P Whitehead



SCHOOL HOUSE



GREENGATES FARM
BRACKENBOTTOM
JC White & C Wilcock



KEEPERS COTTAGE

BRACKENBOTTOM



BRACKENBOTTOM FARM

M & A Carr



**BRADFORD POT HOLE
CLUB HOUSE
BRACKENBOTTOM**



BRACKENBOTTOM BUNGALOW

B Carr



DUBCOTE FARM

W & J Glasgow



NEWLAND HOUSE FARM

G Middleton



DRYBECK FARM

W & M Middleton



RIBBLEVIEW, STUDFOLD

M & N Ogden

