

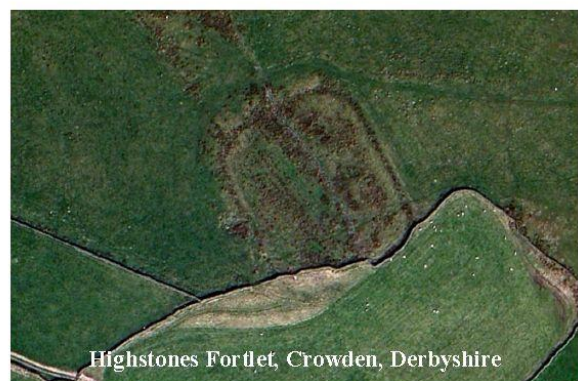
A Roman Road through Longdendale ?

Roman Roads Research Review

A “new” Roman road identified in Longdendale, Derbyshire

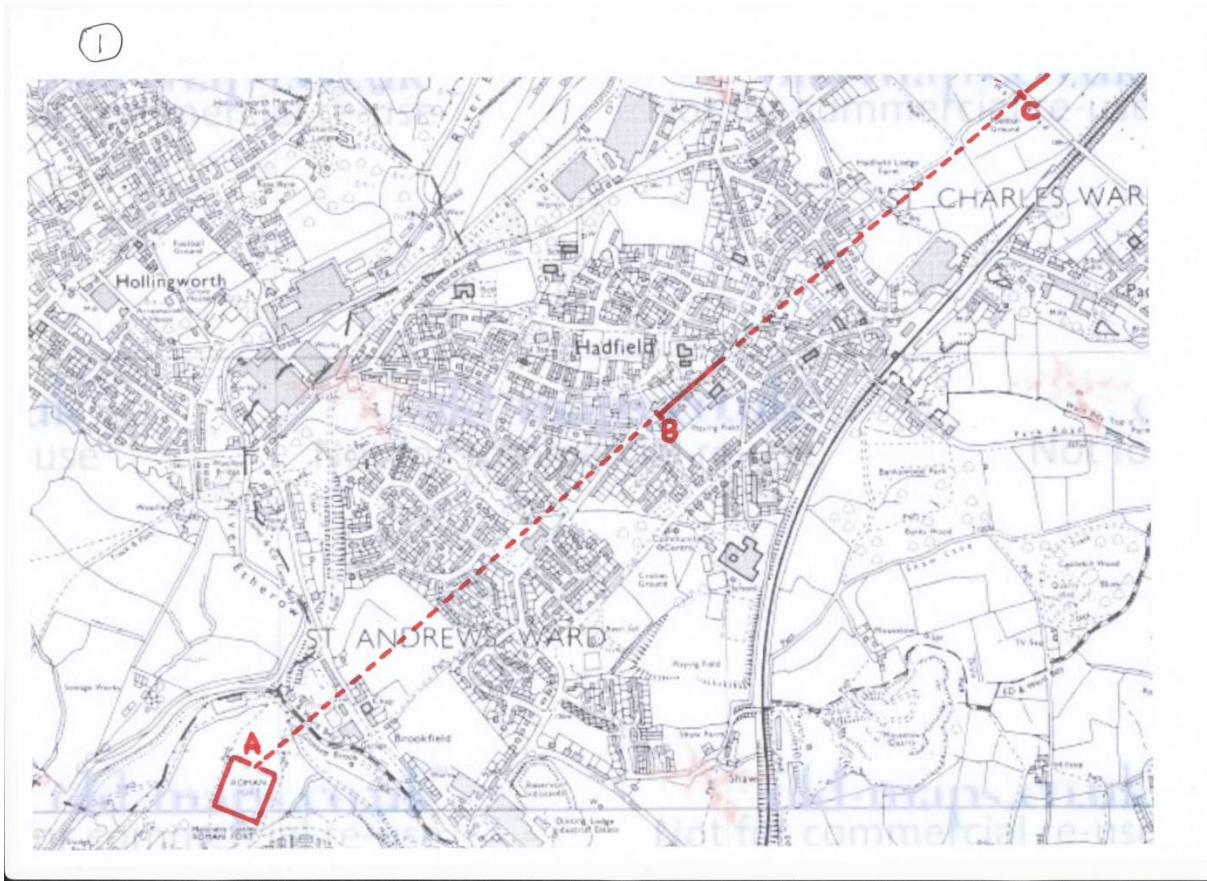
The Glossopdale and Longdendale Archaeological Society have been researching the possibility of a road heading from the fort near Glossop known as Melandra (probably Ardotalia), linking it with the probable fortlet at Highstones, near Crowden. It would appear that their research and hard work have paid off, as they have identified a probable Roman road (showing clearly on lidar) heading up the dale as far as the hillside above Woodhead Bridge, from whence it seems to be heading towards Heyden Bridge. Its destination is currently unclear, although if this interpretation is correct, Castleford would seem most likely.

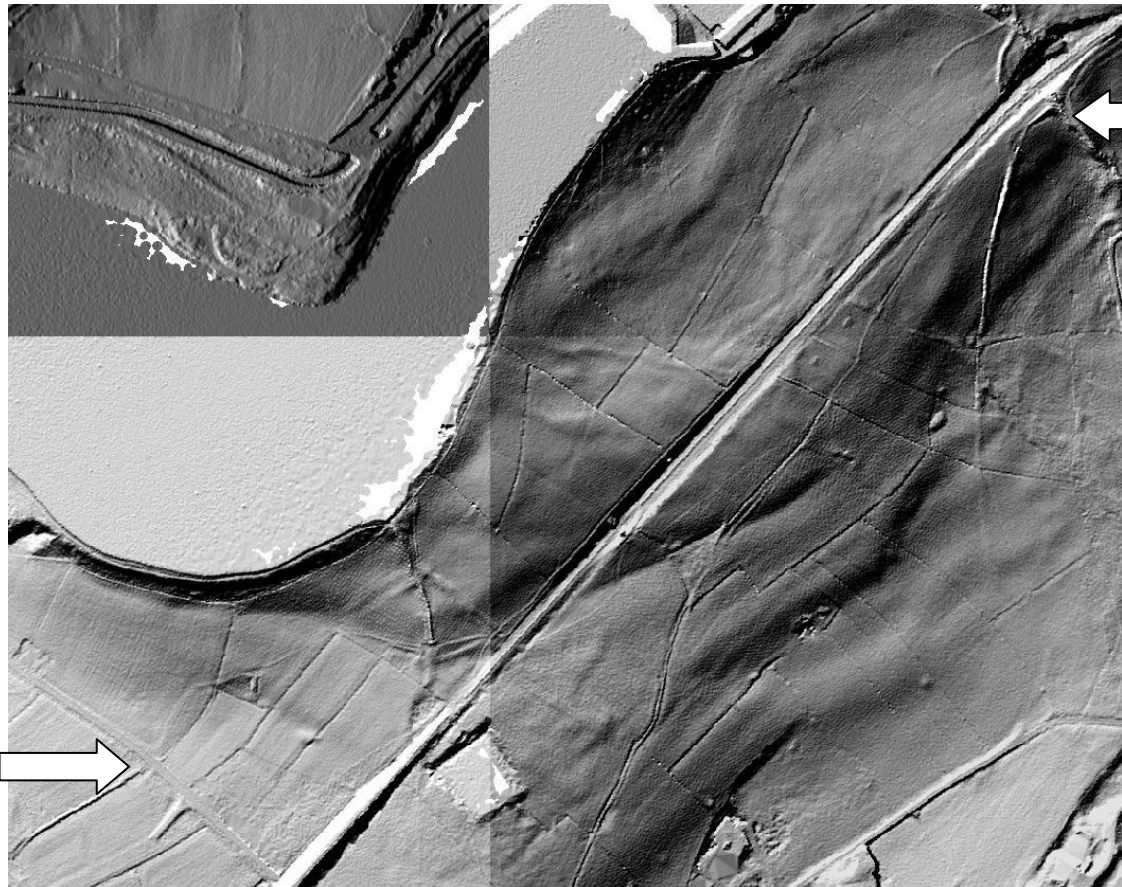
The identification of the Highstones fortlet site as Roman has been questioned over the years, however this discovery of a road up the dale tends to support it. Indeed, current aerial photography (Bing) is extremely supportive, showing clearly the classic playing card shape. The apparent presence of a bank or rampart



upslope of the northern ditch (ie. outside it) has always been a problem, however this image shows at least that it is very well constructed terminating with squared ends. A full account of the road will appear in the Summer 2017 newsletter. Thanks to Roger Hargreaves for supplying information.







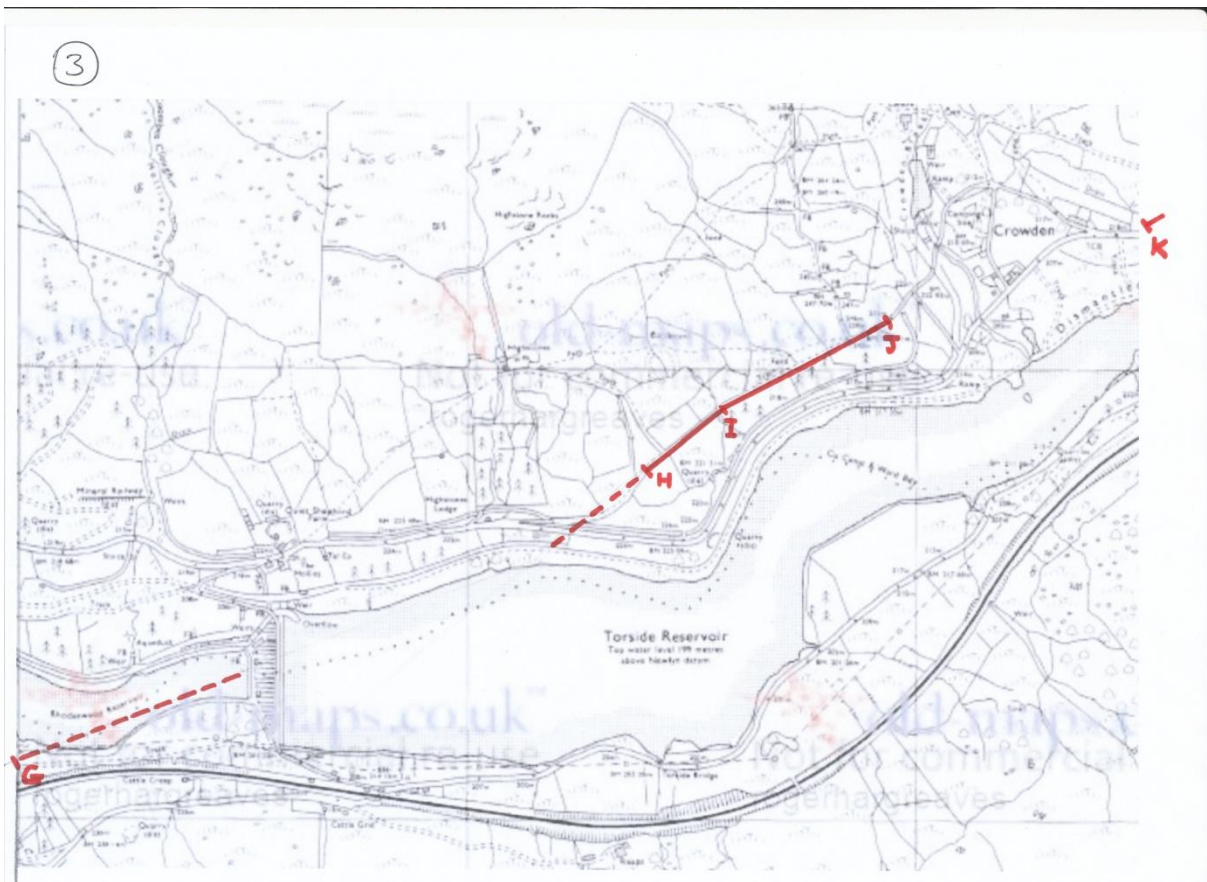
Lidar C-D



C-D looking south from Old Road, Tintwistle

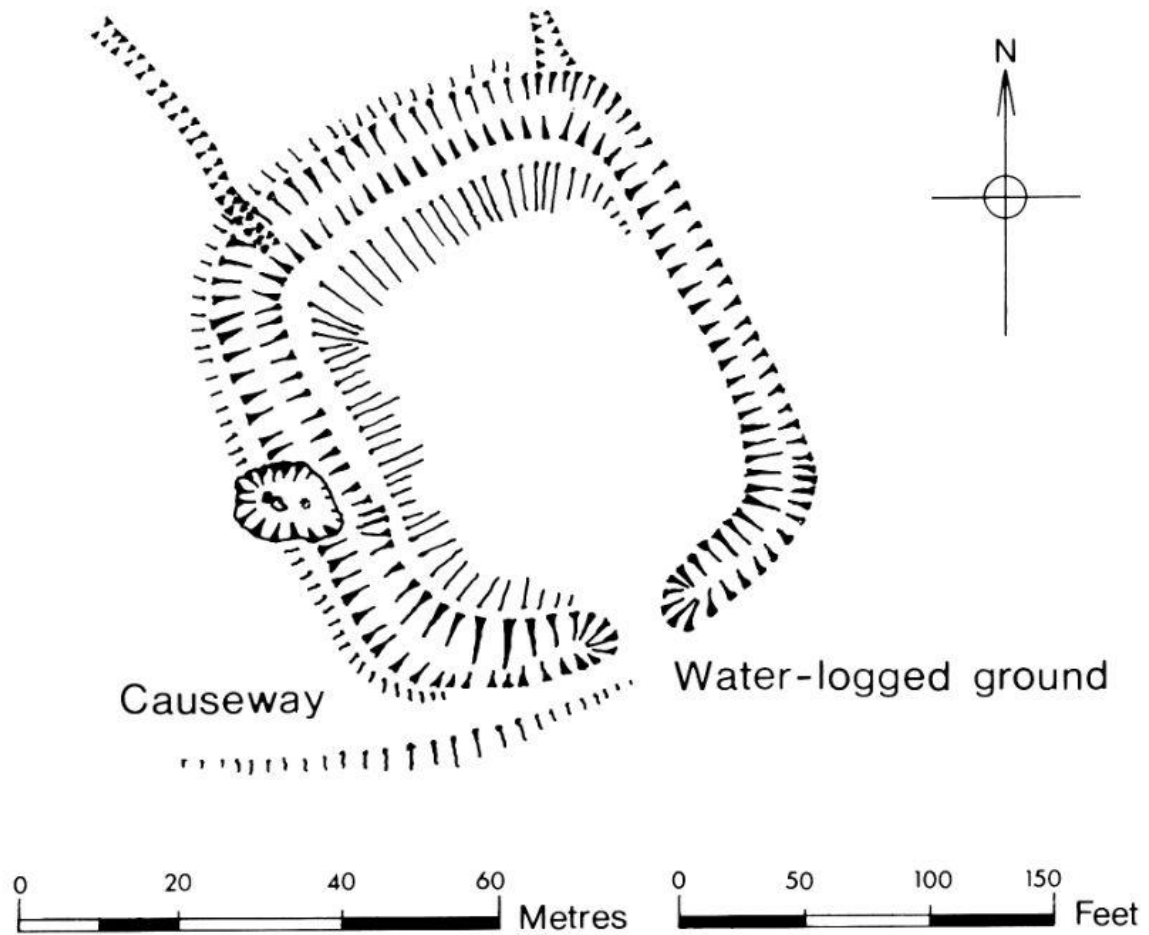


Point D looking east





Highstones ?fortlet, Tintwistle



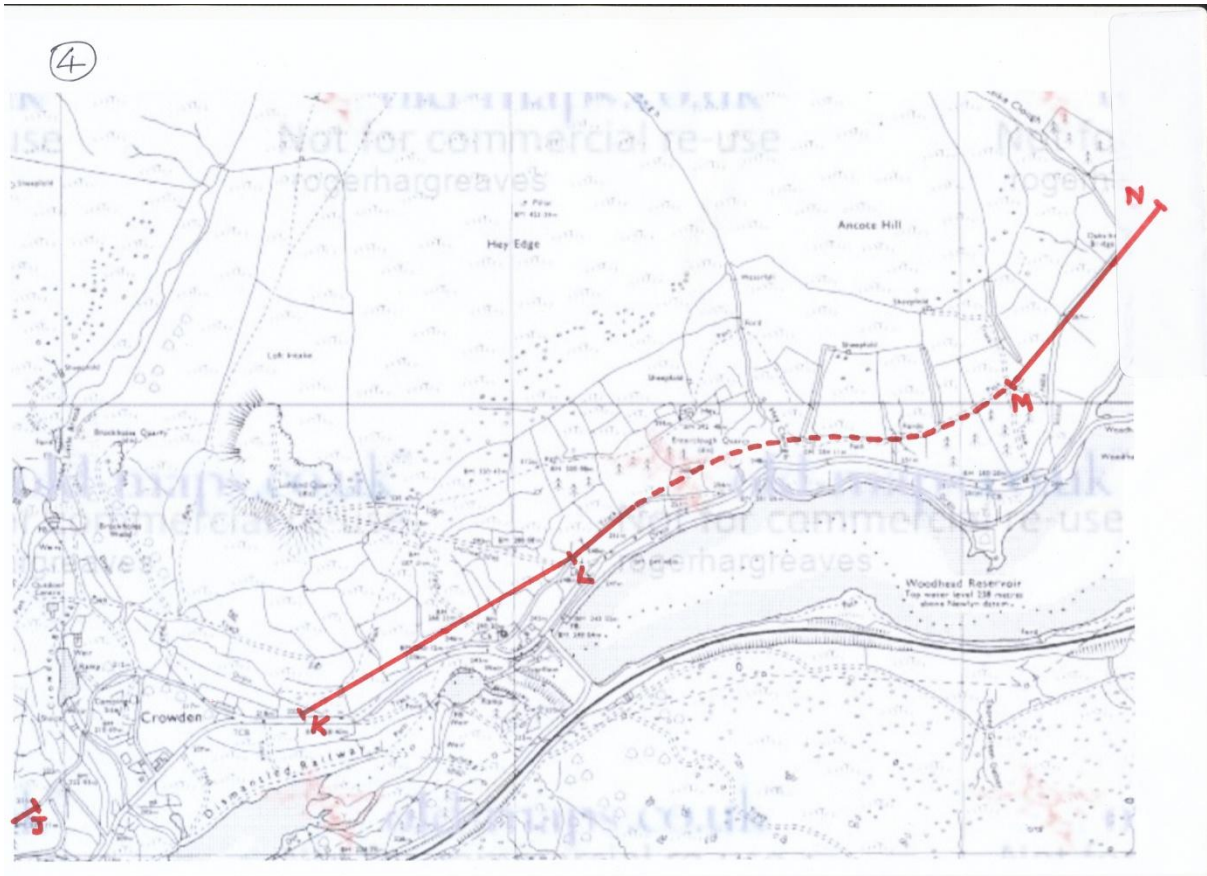


I-J looking east





K-L



K-L looking west from above Woodhead Chapel



M-N viewed from south-east



Looking down M-N towards north-east

Is there also a road towards Penistone ?

