

Lady Village to Elsness

A 4km (2.4m) circular walk near Lady Village with 5.2km (3.2m) extension to Quoyness Cairn



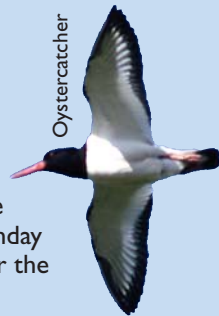
The working farm of Beafield is remarkable because of the mound on which it stands. Such a mound, composed of man-made materials, is indicative of the antiquity of a settlement here.

The large house of Geramount was once a well-proportioned late-Georgian house. Originally it stood in 40 hectares laid out as a park, with an octagonal-ended Lodge.

The war memorial standing at the crossroads near Lady village was dedicated in 1921. It is chilling to note the number of names recorded for

WWI in comparison to those for WW2. Many Sanday men are listed under the heading 'Canadian'.

In recent years, one or two pairs of Corncrakes have sometimes returned to the island from wintering grounds in central Africa. Farmland in the Lady area is a favoured area for this rare species. Listen out in May, June and July - day or night - for the male's distinctive rasping croak.



Quoyness Cairn was built around 5,000 years ago, in the same era as Maes Howe on Orkney mainland, and was also probably a burial site. The glass roof is modern, but the stonework of the main chamber stands to its original height of 4 metres. Be ready for a crawl through the low entrance, the roof here is only 0.6 metres high.

Quoyness Chambered Cairn

