

numbers as to give the idea of a village; such are the Killing Pits, on the gritstone hill, less than one mile south of Goadland Chapel; the pits in Harwood Dale*; those which encircle Rosebury Topping; besides many on the side of Glaizedale and in other situations. But the most instructive in this respect are those which have been described by Dr. Young † on Danby Moor, between Danby Beacon and Wapley. Here the pits are in two parallel lines, bounded externally by banks, and divided internally by an open space like a street. A stream divides the settlement into two parts. There are no walls at the end of the streets. In the most westerly part is a circular walled space 35 feet in diameter. Some 'druidical remains' occur in this part: to the north are several tall stones, and 100 paces to the south are three large tumuli about 70 feet in diameter and 100 feet apart. East of these tumuli is a large mound, with a fossa round it above the base, a form which seems not to be sepulchral, but to be often expressed by the word 'Rath.'

A second type, and not the least singular, of these foundations of huts, was observed south of the village of Skipwith, near Riccall, S.E. of York. These were oval or circular rings slightly excavated in the heathy surface, on the drier parts of the common, the space within which was a little raised by the throwing inward of the excavated earth. On digging into this area marks of fire were found—sometimes specially towards one end—but no trace of bones or burial. They were concluded to be the foundation-lines of huts; enclosed for the most part by single or double mounds and ditches, which had a relation to the most elevated point of the common,—a dry surface apparently suited for residence and capable of some defence. Tumuli of various magnitudes are here seen in considerable numbers, and they yielded to inspection burnt bones and carbonized wood, but except one rather dubious flint arrow-head, no other trace of man or his works.

* Saull, in his "Notitia Britanniae," 1845, gives a plan of this settlement.

† Hist. of Whitby, vol. ii. p. 673.