

CASTELL CRYCHYDD, i.e. The Heron's Castle, is a very interesting camp. Situated on the blunt end of a hill is a sort of tump, surrounded by a deep ditch dug through slatey soil. All the soil has been heaped on the tump thus levelling up a space on which may have stood a wooden castelet, and forming a bank varying from 8-18 ft high. On the western side is a lane 175 yd long with a bank on each side. This is in fact a covered way leading to water. This covered way also forms the defence of an area between the castelet and the water on the north western side. This area is protected on the other sides by the tump and a bank, and forms an outer ward of the camp; the entrance to this last was formed by a bank across the ditch from this outer ward. The builders of the "Heron's Castle" had advanced very considerably in the art of fortification, and protected the water supply. Perhaps we should not be very far wrong if we ascribed this castell to the period of the English and Welsh wars. Fenton, p. 487, calls this camp NANT Y CASTELL and says that he picked up bits of pottery there which may have been Roman.