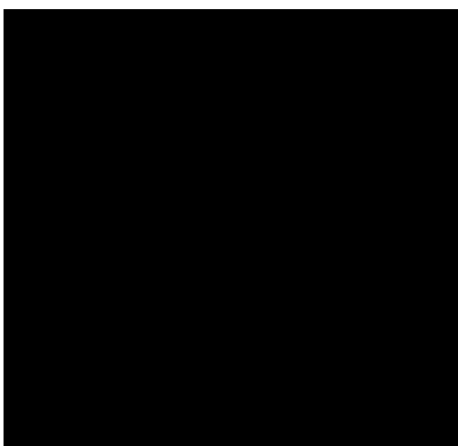
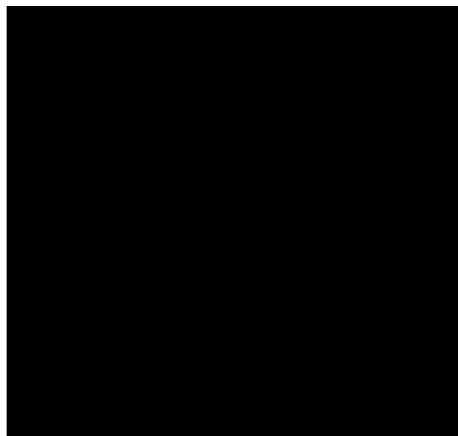
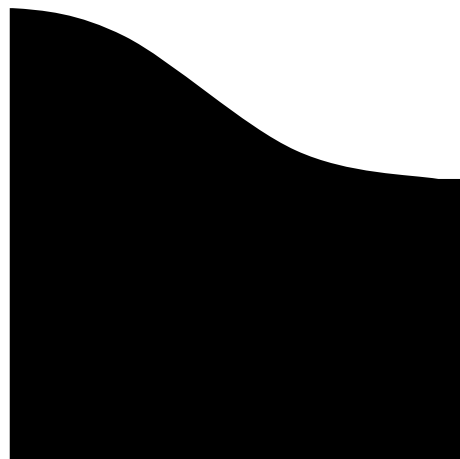
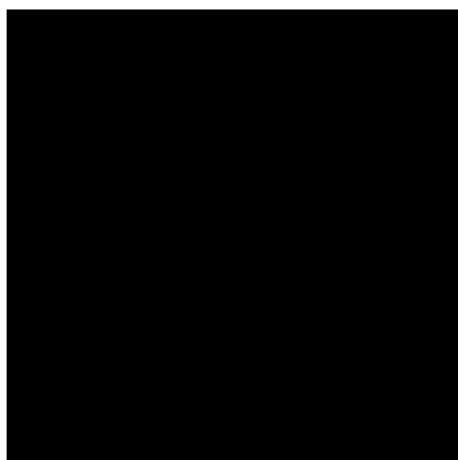


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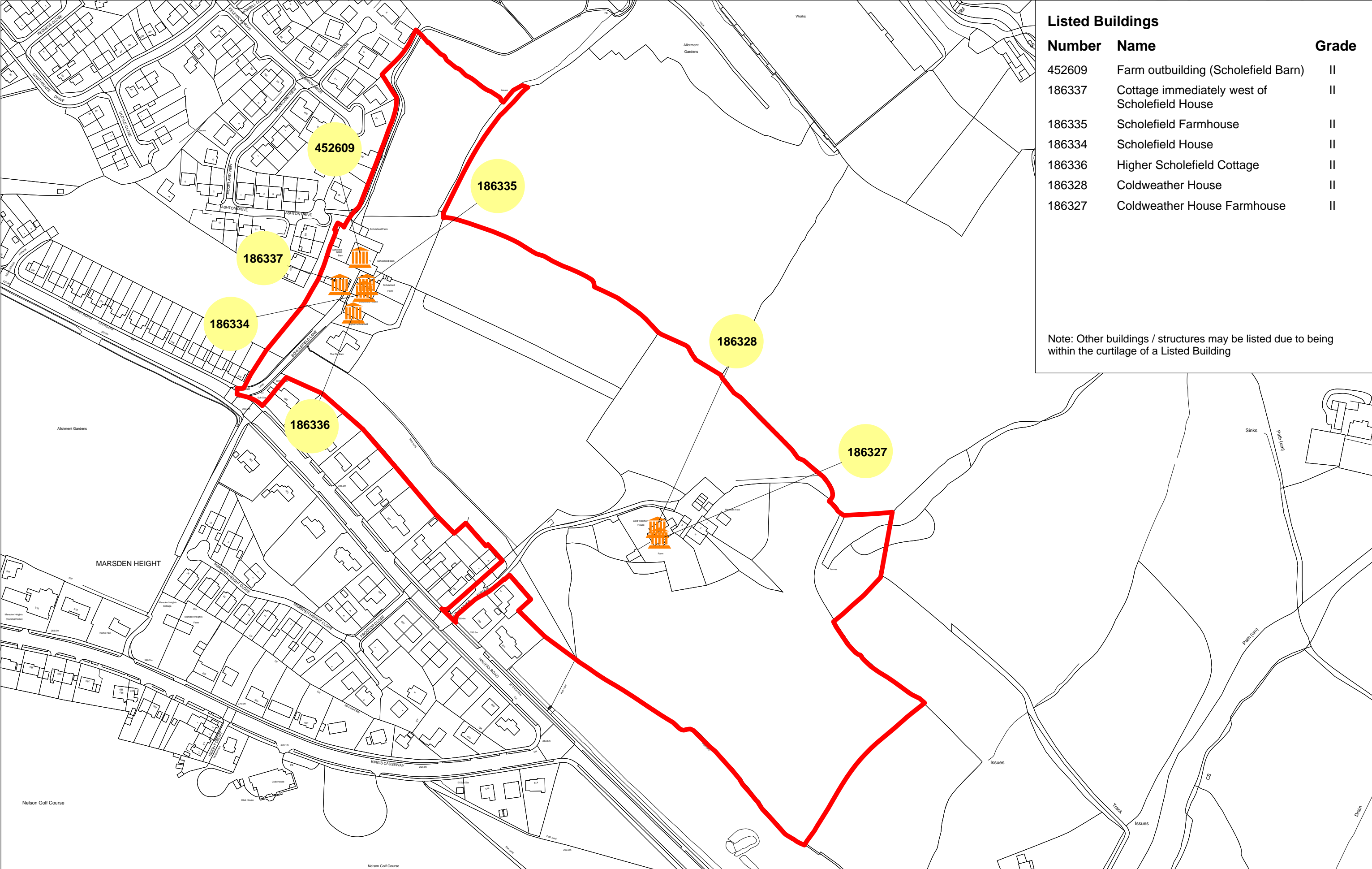
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452609	Farm outbuilding (Scholefield Barn)	II
186337	Cottage immediately west of Scholefield House	II
186335	Scholefield Farmhouse	II
186334	Scholefield House	II
186336	Higher Scholefield Cottage	II
186328	Coldweather House	II
186327	Coldweather House Farmhouse	II

Note: Other buildings / structures may be listed due to being within the curtilage of a Listed Building

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Scholefield and Coldweather, Nelson

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Scholefield and Coldweather are two adjacent farming hamlets in a predominantly rural setting to the south east of Nelson, located on the north-east facing slopes below Halifax Road and above Walverden reservoir. There are views out across the fields towards the Yorkshire Moors, the Dales and Pendle Hill, framed by trees and defined by hedgerows and occasional stone walls. Conversely, the appearance of the area from the valley bottom around Walverden reservoir is of rural farmland with trees, and scarcely a building visible. The two settlements overlook each other across farmland and are agricultural settlements sharing a common history and architectural form. The character ascribed to Scholefield mostly ascribes to Coldweather also, and vice versa.

The inherent beauty and special interest of Scholefield are evident to all, and it is notable that five of the six buildings which make up the hamlet are listed. Coldweather is a similar farm grouping immediately to the east in which there are two listed buildings. There is a history of conservation at Scholefield, with the House, Farm, barn and cottage having been carefully restored over recent years.



Scholefield farmyard – barn and cottage

Scholefield

There are five listed buildings in the Scholefield hamlet:

- Higher Scholefield Cottage, listed Grade II. A single house though originally two. Built of rubble under a stone slate roof probably in the 17th century. On approaching the hamlet from Halifax Road, this is the first building to be met standing alone and to the east of the lane.
- Scholefield House and Scholefield Farmhouse (now one residence), both Grade II. A high status vernacular house, dated 1617, with a wing added later (probably 18th century) to the rear. Built of coursed stone under a stone slate roof. There is an inscription above the main doorway stating '1617 CA : AE : CE' . The initials CA refer to Christopher Aspden who was a clothier and yeoman. He bought Scholefield in 1599, built the house and subsequently sold it to Lawrence Ormerod in 1624. It was sold again to John Ridehalgh in the 1670's and then subdivided by the 1680's. The house forms both the eastern enclosure and, along with the cottage opposite, the entrance to the yard on approach to the hamlet from Halifax Road.
- Cottage to west of Scholefield House, listed Grade II. Late 18th century (1792?) of stone with quoins under a stone slate roof. Originally a weaver's cottage but more latterly used simply as farm buildings, and forming the southern enclosure to the yard. It also provides, along with the western elevation of Scholefield House, the gateway to the yard on approach from Halifax Road.
- Scholefield Hay Barn and Shippon, listed Grade II. A late 18th century barn with 19th century alterations and extensions. Built of coursed stone with quoins under a stone slate roof. The barn has been recently and sensitively converted to provide workshop space with some integral residential accommodation. The barn forms the northern enclosure to the yard.



Scholefield
Barn

Access to Scholefield from Halifax Road is via a single track cobbled lane which passes through the main yard, the central space of the settlement, and then continues as a green lane down the hillside towards the eastern end of the old quarry (now a nature area after the quarry was tip-filled). This lane is a definitive footpath (number 81) and views from it, and of it, form part of the character of the settlement. It continues downhill from Scholefield to rise up the opposite side of the valley, past Southfield and Catlow quarries before continuing on towards Yorkshire.

A barn forms the entrance to the settlement. Proceeding on down the lane, the next building to be passed is the gable end of Higher Scholefield Cottage which forms the start of the entrance to the yard. On entering the yard itself the lane passes through a narrow pinch-point created by the opposite facing elevations of the weaver's cottage and Scholefield House. The listed former hay barn and shippon close the view, which is tight and dramatic.



Cottage to west of Scholefield House

Clustered around the yard to three sides are the listed buildings. The grouping of buildings requires the lane to turn through 90 degrees both on entering, and again, on exit at the other end of the yard. The buildings are all square to one another and are intimately associated with each other and with other spaces, such as the yards, fields and gardens on the outer edge of the building ring. The cart shed to the north of the hay barn is an important smaller building, which together with the nearby smaller shed and wall around the hay barn creates a second courtyard.

The fourth side of the main yard affords views, through the canopy of mature trees, into adjacent fields now being built upon. The houses so far constructed detract from the character and appearance of the hamlet by way of the loss of the fields and the resulting sense of rural separation and detachment, their unrelated layout and plan, their modern design and materials and the loss of the farmyard opening out into the countryside and vice versa.

The only direct connection between Scholefield and Coldweather is via an unsurfaced footpath (definitive number 83) across the fields along the side of the hill. To travel from one to the other by vehicle requires leaving either location by its serving lane and to travel along Halifax Road.

Building and floorspace materials are crucial to the character of the settlements. Walls are predominantly sandstone, laid in a variety of traditional ways, and roofs are sandstone slates laid in diminishing courses.

Coldweather

There are two listed buildings at Coldweather:

- Cold Weather House Farmhouse, listed Grade II. A mid to late 17th century house built of rubble with quoins under a stone slate roof.
- Cold Weather House, listed Grade II. A house of probably the late 18th century built of stone with quoins under a stone slate roof.



Coldweather House

Cold Weather Farm runs parallel to Scholefield and again is accessed by a tree-lined lane. It is similar in form to Scholefield but in its layout the buildings are somewhat more informally arranged rather than at right angles. It is slightly smaller and not so tightly structured as Scholefield. Cold Weather House and Cold Weather Farmhouse are attached in a similar way to Scholefield House and Farmhouse, but remain as two residences. Most of the buildings are residential or agricultural converted to residential. As with Scholefield, the access lane is also a definitive footpath being number 84.

The appearance and character of Coldweather has been to some extent marred by unsuitable development, extensions and alterations. Much of the historic charm and patina has been removed. Whereas the aim for Scholefield is to retain and conserve the character, that for Coldweather is to re-introduce and enhance it.

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