

NORTH AYRSHIRE WATERMILL SURVEY

Name of mill: Dirrans

Date visited:

1st visit 23.11.76

2nd visit 18.7.10

Address: Kilwinning

Surveyed by:

1st visit Alastair Weir and

Robert K Boyce

2nd visit Alastair Weir

Grid ref: NS309423

Present use: No trace of the mill remains. The site of the mill is now a housing development, called Woodmill. On the 1st edition it is shown as a saw mill.

Notes from first visit: See notes/survey sheet from 'Water Powered Mills of the Lower Irvine and Garnock Waters' by Robert K Boyce for his Diploma in Architecture, Mackintosh School of Architecture 1982–83.

Notes from second visit: The line of the lade could still be discerned until about 2005 when the local authority felled the row of mature poplar trees that indicated the position of the lade. This part of the lane runs through public open space. Parts of this open space have, and still are, subjected to holding water on the surface in wet weather. The mill lade is shown on the 1st edition OS but not however the weir which is still visible today. The take off point for the lade from the weir is also still visible.

Photographs taken:

Yes, of the weir.

Notes:

Further research required on mill and its past use.