

Birch Hill



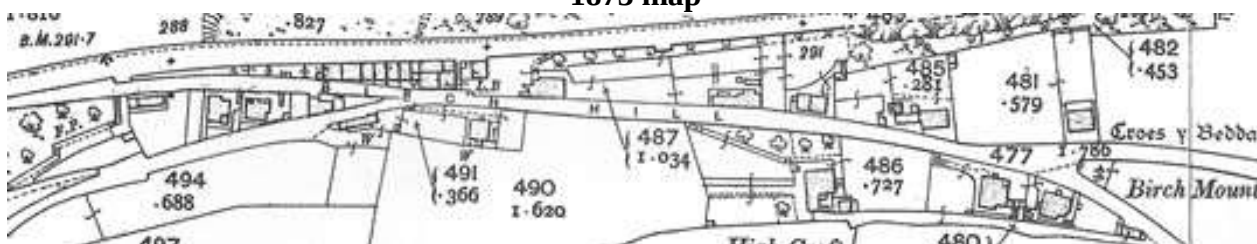
1791 map updated 1824



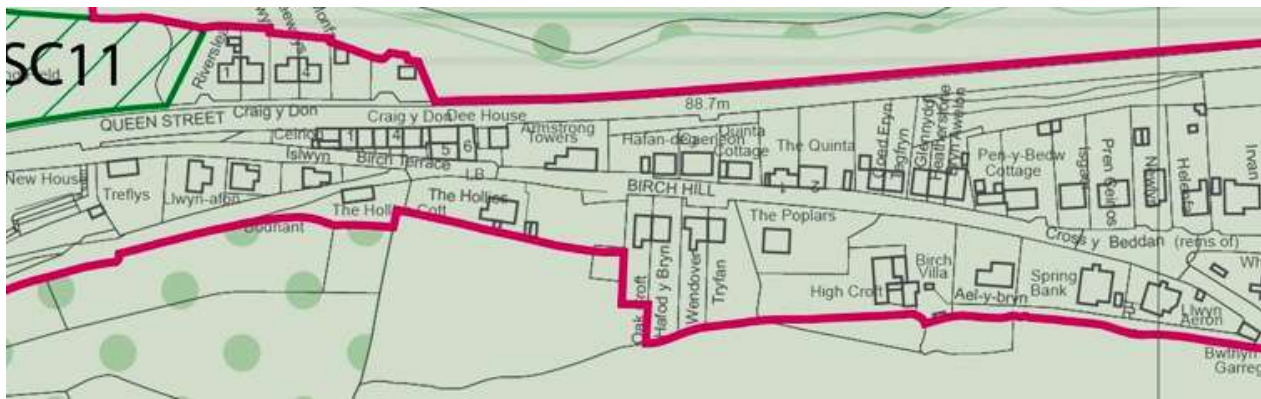
1837 Tithe Map



1873 map



1911 map



2017 map



Aerial View

Birch Hill was shown on the 1791 Myddleton Estate Map, and was probably the route from Llangollen to Chirk before the advent of Telford's 1815 A5. Both this map and the 1837 Tithe map show that there were buildings here at that time. A deed of 1810 refers to this road as being part of Watling Street, which went from London to Viroconium Cornoviorum (Wroxeter) and presumably on to here.



Croes y Beddau

At the top of the present road in Croes-y-beddau. There are various theories that relate to this cross. It has certainly been resited from its present location. Croes-y-beddau translates as cross of the graves, in 1969 gravestones were found in the cellar of Llywn Aeron dating from circa 1700. Edward Lhuyd in 1698 refers to it as Kroese'r Badha which could be a corruption of Croes Yr Abad (Cross of the Abbot), which might

refer to be resting places on a pilgrimage route to Valle Crucis Abbey-each one having an erected cross and denoting a fresh water supply. An order of parliament at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries was supposed to destroy all crosses.

CADW DATA

Reference Number	1268	Building Number	
Grade	II	Status	<i>Designated</i>
Date of Designation	22/12/1989	Date of Amendment	22/12/1989
Name of Property	<i>Croes-y-Beddau</i>		
Unitary Authority	<i>Denbighshire</i>	Community	<i>Llangollen</i>
Locality	<i>Pen-y-Coed</i>		
Easting	322511	Northing	341897
Location	<i>At the Y junction at the top of the hill; Tyn-dwr Road to right and Maesmawr Road to left.</i>		
Broad Class	<i>Religious, Ritual and Funerary</i>		
History	<i>Early medieval remains off a stone wayside cross - local tradition is that it pointed travellers up to Pengwern but the conventual associations of the latter are doubtful and so the cross may have had another purpose or have been resited (it is not marked with Gothic script on the 1st edition OS map). Birch Hill and Maesmawr Road form an ancient way, said to be Roman.</i>		
Exterior	<i>Octagonal base with inset broken and heavily weathered stem. Now in iron railed enclosure.</i>		
Reason for designation	<i>Group value with Llwyn Aeron, Pen-y-Bedw and Pen-y-Bedw Cottage and Highcroft and Birch Villa.</i>		

At the time of the 1837 tithe many of the properties along this road were part of the Myddleton Estate, although some belonged to Sir Watkin Williams Wynn Baronet. In 1870 much of the land was bought by John Dickin of Ty'ndwr Hall, and was sold after his death.