

Three Scottish Mills *from Angela Smith*



It may be that you have seen this mill near John O'Groats during your Scottish travels, but I thought I'd send the photo anyway. During our recent cruise we called in at Scrabster and had a coach trip as far as Duncansby Head. Our guide mentioned that three water mills we passed were possibly going to be restored for use in tourism of one sort or another. This one is just west of John O'Groats on the main A836 road at ND 371733. It is marked 'Mill' on the 1:50,000 map.

Another one was on a right-angled bend in Ham, coming down from Dunnet Head, turn east along a narrow yellow road and it's on the bend turning south, at ND 239737. There's a large millpond. You can see it on Google Streetview.

The third one I haven't yet located on the map. I was sitting on the right side of the coach and saw it out of the window, but then there was a right bend and the mill was on the other side of the coach!

Editor: I think that this is the third mill that Angela glimpsed, which I photographed in 2015. According to the *2018 AIA Guide to Caithness*, it is Castletown Mill at ND 202681, a large L-plan 3 storey mill of 1818, enlarged in 1885. It had a central double kiln and two timber luccams, one of which has now rotted away (along with the roof!).

