

Ardwhallan Farm & West Baldwin Reservoir

West Baldwin Reservoir (or Injebreck Reservoir, locally) is a reservoir on the Isle of Man, about 6 miles (9.7 km) north of Douglas which it supplies. It was constructed by building a dam across a valley, [which included] - **ARDWHALLAN** and flooding the valley. Remains of Ardwhallan village in the valley can still be seen when the reservoir level is low. It is operated by the Isle of Man Water Authority. When the Isle of Man finished acquisition from our family, dam construction was started in 1900 by the Douglas Corporation Water Works Department. A railway was first built, including nine wooden bridges over the River Glen, to transport the required material to site. The construction was finished in 1904 and many people are not aware: - One of the locomotives [see under] was named **ARDWHALLAN**.



THE FOUR [4] LOCOMOTIVES WERE NAMED AS BELOW

- 1 **INJEBRECK** - [Manx Reservoir Name]
- 2 **THE WEST BALDWIN**
- 3 **ARDWHALLAN**
- 4 **HANNAH** - to assist Ardwhallan when construction fell behind schedule



Above is an old picture of the locomotive - Ardwhallan - and a Passenger Coach, sometimes known as a “Charabanc” or “Paddy Car”. A full account of the construction of this railway line can be found at the Manx Museum Douglas in the “Journal of the Manx Museum - Vol 6 Nos 74 – 81. 1957 – 65”. - When you visit go and have a look.

Lying under the hidden depths of the West Baldwin reservoir lies a lost hamlet.

For much of the year, there is no sign of the remains of three houses [including] the homestead of ‘**ARDWHALLAN**’ which was a beautiful home; flooded with construction of a dam on the River Glass to create the Injebreck Reservoir. At certain times of the year - when the Reservoir Water Level is lower - walkers will notice a small arched stone bridge, which gives a clue of the site’s history. Manx Utilities explain; at this time of year, a bridge is visible and located at the top level, at the rear of the dam. It is not visible from the road, so it is usually spotted by those walking around the reservoir. See Pictures of the Bridge on the following page. - West Baldwin Reservoir - sometimes referred to as **INJEBRECK** was completed in 1904 and is located on the site of three properties, the principal one - **ARDWHALLAN**. Remains can be seen when the reservoir is near empty. There are three farms spread along the road. These are the remains of the homesteads - **Ulican, Ballalena and Ardwhallan.**

