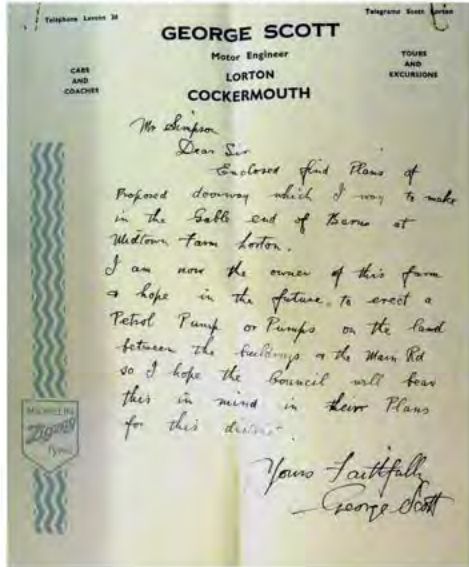
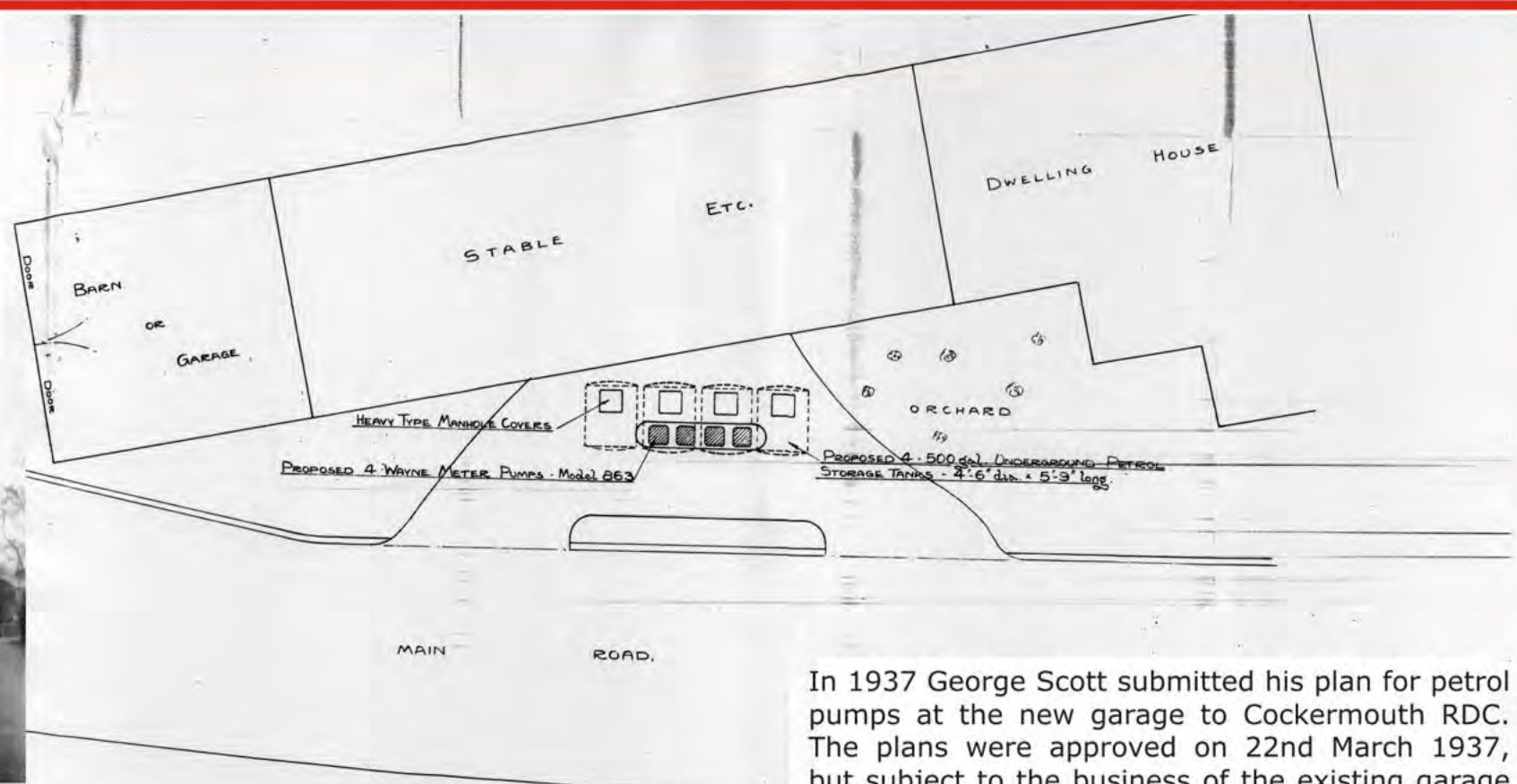


In 1935 George Scott had the opportunity and the resources to purchase Midtown Farm, adjacent to Kent Cottage where they lived. No longer a working farm, Midtown had a farmhouse for the family and a barn/byre for use as a garage, with a long frontage suitable for a forecourt. The letter below, accompanying the initial plans, outlined George Scott's intentions.



Midtown in 1935 from the north looking towards the first garage.



In 1937 George Scott submitted his plan for petrol pumps at the new garage to Cockermouth RDC. The plans were approved on 22nd March 1937, but subject to the business of the existing garage being terminated. In that year the road was closed for three months for mains water and sewerage installation.



The future forecourt between the barn and the road.



Midtown in 1935 from the south



Gordon Norman, an occasional helper, with the newly installed first two pumps in 1937/8. While there are two brands, National Benzole and Shell, these two companies had merged in 1932.

Scale: 1/8" = 1 ft.
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Newlands Park,
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Soon after, the BP pumps were installed. Gordon and Joseph Norman, casual employees, inflate a tyre.



George, Joyce and Ethel Scott sit in front of Midtown, that is the side facing the fold, away from the road. Photograph from the mid 1940s, before Joyce's marriage.