

## FASCINATING FIND

### RAILWAY GOODS CRANE



*This railway goods crane was manufactured by Cowans and Sheldon Co Limited, Engineers, of Carlisle, England.*

*John Cowans and Edward Sheldon had once been apprentices to Robert Stephenson, the famous railway and steam pioneer. They formed a company in 1847 that built railway and coal handling equipment. Within a few decades they specialised in cranes, and produced some of the world's largest cranes prior to the Carlisle works closing in the 1980s.*

*Cranes like this one were used to load and unload goods wagons. It is able to be slewed through 360 degrees of rotation. The operator provided the power to lift and rotate by winding on the crank handles. The load capacity is 2 ton.*

*The crane, which came from the Murgon railway yard, is marked 1886. It is installed next to the rail line near the old Monkland station and cream shed,*