

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

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| 1 SITE CODE | H | N | C | 3 | 6 | N | E | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 NGR | N | C | 3 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 9 |
| 3 QUAL | CE | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 SITE NAME | C | N | O | C | | N | A | M | O | I |
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| 10 GENERIC TYPE | BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED, (OCH) | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 PERIOD/DATE | NE | | | | | 15 DATING METHOD | | | | |
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| 18 SHAPE | CIRCULAR | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 THREAT AND DATE | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 4 DISTRICT | SUTHERLAND | | 5 PARISH | DURNES | |
| 7 AREA STATUS | SSSI | | 8 SITE STATUS | SCHEDULED | |
| 9 REGIONAL STATUS | | | 11 CONCORDANCE | OS NC 36 NE 13 | |
| 12 FORM | STANDING STRUCTURE | | 13 DIMENSIONS | c.19.0m Diameter | |
| 16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS | | | 17 CONDITION | ROBBED | |
| 20 LAND USE | ROUGH PASTURE | | 21 GEOLOGY | | |
| 22 SOILS | | | 23 VEGETATION | | |
| 24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE | | | 25 RELIEF | TERRACE ON MODERATE HILLSLOPE | |
| 26 ASPECT | NW | | 27 ALTITUDE | 53=61m OD | |

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. Ordnance Survey: 1962: 6" Map
2. Henshall, A.S.: 1972: Chambered Tombs of Scotland: Edinburgh UP: Vol. 2: pp. 580-1.
3. HMB(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

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| 30 GROUND PLAN NO. | 31 GROUND PHOTO NO. |
| 32 SLIDES NO. | 33 HR. AP. NO. |
| 34 NMR. AP. NO. | 35 OTHER AP. NO. : SOURCE |
| 36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION | |
| 37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY | 38 SAMPLES |
| 39 PALYNOLOGY | 40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO. |
| 41 SMALL FINDS | 42 MUSEUM/LOCATION |
| 43 OTHER | |

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| 44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER | 45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER |
| 46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT | 47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT |
| 48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS | |

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| 49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE | 50 RECORDER: DATE HAR: 14.1.1985 | 51 CHECK: DATE HAR: 29-1-1985 |
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52 TEXT

- 'The heavily robbed remains of an Orkney-Cromarty round cairn with polygonal chamber.' (3)
'Found 1960' (OSFI:JLD:7.4.1960)
'The remains of a chambered cairn as described by Henshall (2, attached).' (OSFI:RL:21.7.1971).
'No change to the previous field reports.' (OSFI:JB:14.11.1978)
'NC 389 611. Cape Wrath hotel, Chambered cairn 950m ESE of'. (3)

SUT 60

Cnoc na Moine

(O.-C., polygonal, round)

Parish Durness

Location on the E side of the Kyle

of Durness, NW Sutherland

Map reference NC 389661

Sheet V 52; NC 36 NE

Reference D. and E., 1960, 44

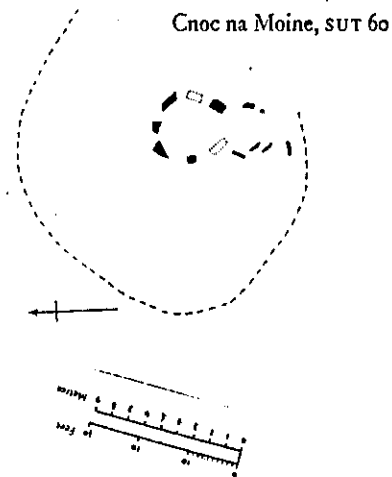
Plan by A.S.H. and F.M.L.

Visited 7.10.63

Description. The site is in an area of rough grazing, at about 200 ft OD, situated in an inconspicuous flat position on the hillside above the Kyle of Durness, a little below where the hill rises more steeply in outcrop.

The cairn has been greatly robbed long ago, and there is a skin of peat growing over the remains of the cairn material. A slight bank round the W and N sides seems to represent the original edge of the cairn, giving it a diameter of between 55 and 65 ft. Round the rest of the site the cairn material seems to have been spread beyond the original edge. The orthostats of the chamber stand in the resulting slight hollow with a varying amount of cairn material around their feet: the cairn is robbed most deeply behind the chamber, and at least 2 to 3 ft of stones remain inside the chamber.

The entrance is from the S. A stone, projecting 9 in. but in fact over 1 ft 4 in. high, a little within the S edge of the cairn is probably the W stone of the portal into the passage. The chamber orthostats are boulders and split slabs, all with fairly flat inner faces. The chamber is about 18 ft 6 in. long. The curved walls of the outer compartment are formed by four stones, those on the E side 1 ft and 9 in. high, those on the W side 1 ft 6 in. and 2 ft high. Parallel to, and 1 ft 6 in. S of, the outer stone on the W side is a second slab, projecting 9 in., which appears to be earthfast but its function is not evident. The inner compartment measures about 10 ft wide by about 12 ft 8 in. long. The five surviving orthostats are very substantial stones about the same height (that most fully exposed being 3 ft 6 in. high above the present ground level) except the stone opposite the entrance which is somewhat lower, and the W stone which has been reduced to a stump. Two orthostats appear to be missing from the inner compartment, from the E and SW sides.



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