HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

FIELD MONUMENTS

1 SITE CODE	HNC36NE013
2 NGR	NC 3898 6609
3 QUAL	CE
4 DISTRICT	SUTHERLAND
5 PARISH	DURNESS
6 SITE NAME	CNOC NA MOINE
7 AREA STATUS	SSSI
8 SITE STATUS	SCHEDULED
9 REGIONAL STATUS	
10 GENERIC TYPE	BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED, (OCH)
11 CONCORDANCE	OS NC 36 NE 13
NMR	
12 FORM	STANDING STRUCTURE
13 DIMENSIONS	c.19.0m Diameter
14 PERIOD/DATE	NE
15 DATING METHOD	TYP
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	
17 CONDITION	ROBBED
18 SHAPE	CIRCULAR
19 THREAT AND DATE	
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:EdinburghUP:Vol.2:pp.580-1.
3. HMB(SDD): 1985 :LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

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	

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER	45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT	47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS	
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE	50 RECORDER: DATE: HAR:14.1.1985
	51 CHECK: DATE: HAR:29-1-1985

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)

H NC 36 NE 013

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 38966 71
Sheet V SE; NC 36 NE
Reference D. and E., 1960, 44
Plan by A.S.H. and P.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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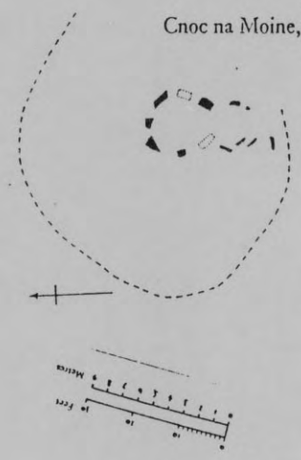
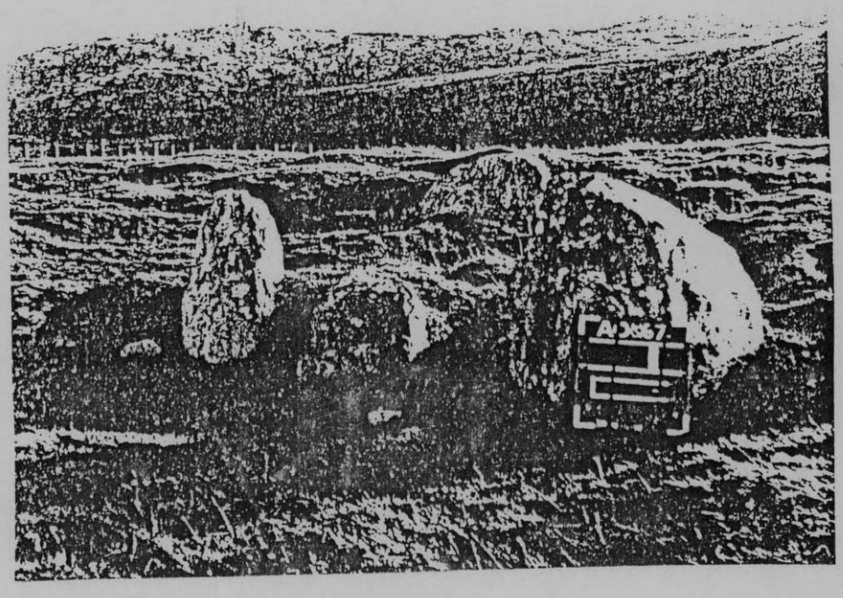
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