

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	D	O	5	N	E	O	1	4
2 NGR									
N	D	O	6	3	1	5	6	2	2
6 SITE NAME									
T O R R B E A G									
10 GENERIC TYPE									
BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED. (OCH)									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
NE					TYP				
18 SHAPE									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTR:CT		5 PARISH	
CAITHNESS		REAY	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS ND 05 NE 14	STANDING STRUCTURE	c20.0m DIAM	
NMR			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE	

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	
		RISE ON GENTLE HILLSLOPE	
		26 ASPECT	27 ALTITUDE
		ENE	130 = 137m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1963:6" MAP	
2. HENSHALL,A.S:1963:CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND:EUP:VOL.1,p295,No.57	
3. RCAHMS:1911:CAITHNESS INVENTORY:HMSO:p98,No.359	
4. MERCER,R.J:1985:FIELD SURVEY IN N.SCOTLAND:EUP:VOL.3,No.406	
5. 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	51 CHECK: DATE
		DY:6.8.1985	DY 14.8.1985
52 TEXT			

"See continuation card for text."

(ND 0631 5622) Torr Beag (NAT) Chambered Cairn (NR)

(1)

Torr Beag, Brawlbin: Orkney-Cromarty, Round. This chambered cairn, on flat moorland, is placed on a slight natural rise a little below 450 ft O D. It is heather-covered and still about 8 ft high. The diameter is about 55 to 60 ft but the edge is rather indefinite. The centre has been disturbed and the roof of the chamber has collapsed. The entrance has been from the SE. About 20 ft from the cairn edge on this side are two lintels, probably in situ over the inner part of the passage. Four feet behind them are a pair of transverse slabs but at present no more of the structure can be made out with certainty. An apparently earth-fast slab stands 6 ft W of the transverse slabs; its function is not clear.

450ft = 137m  
8ft = 2.44m  
55ft = 16.88m  
60ft = 18.40m

The R C A H M note several small stony mounds, diameters from 12 ft to 16 ft and heights from 1½ ft to 2 ft, to the N and E of the cairn.

12ft = 3.67m  
16ft = 4.99m  
(2), (3)

The remains of this chambered cairn are as described. The small stony mounds noted by the R C A H M are insignificant and are probably clearance heaps.

1½ft = 0.45m  
2ft = 0.61m

(OSFI:WDJ:10.4.1962)

No change to the above reports. No mounds of any significance were noted.

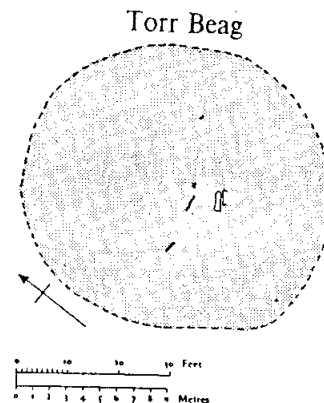
Published survey (1:10,000) correct.

(OSFI:JW:9.7.1981)

57 TORR BEAG,  
BRAWLBIN (o.-c., round)  
In the parish of REAY  
Location NE of  
BEN FREICEADAIN  
8 m. SSW of THURSO  
Map reference ND/063562

*Description.* The cairn, on flat moorland at the foot of the Ben, is placed on a slight natural rise a little below 450ft. OD. It is heather-covered and still about 8ft. high. The diameter is about 55 to 60ft. but the edge is rather indefinite. The centre has been disturbed and the roof of the chamber has collapsed. The entrance has been from the SE. About 20ft. from the cairn edge on this side are two lintels, probably *in situ* over the inner part of the

passage. Four feet behind them are a pair of transverse slabs, but at present no more of the structure can be made out with certainty. Six feet to the w of the transverse slabs stands an apparently earth-fast slab but its function is not clear.



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406. Chambered cairn. 'Torr Beag'. Dimensions: 24.50m x 20m. Height: 2.50m. Subcircular grass-covered mound with many stones visible. Indistinct outline. Four orthostats visible in the SE part. On a NE-facing slope. Elevation: 450' OD. ND 063562.

O.S. Card ND 05 NE 14.

Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 295, No. 57. RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 98, No. 359.

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