

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH REAY		1 SITE CODE H N D 0 5 N W 0 0 8	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		2 NGR N D 0 3 7 4 5 7 9 2 C E	
11 CONCORDANCE OSND 05 NW 8 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		9 REGIONAL STATUS	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		10 GENERIC TYPE BROCH	
20 LAND USE ROUGH PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY		14 PERIOD/DATE IA	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT N=NE=E		19 THREAT AND DATE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		27 ALTITUDE 91=99m OD			
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 PALYNOLOGY		39 SAMPLES			
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 GS: 29.7.1985		51 CHECK: DATE Am: 8.8.1985	

52 TEXT
"See continuation cards for text, plan & map."

"ND 037 579 Tota an Drannsdain, broch, Shurrery."(4)

(ND 0374 5792) Tota an Drannadain (NR) (1).

Tota an Drannadain: The ruins of a large circular construction, in the building of which stones of great size have been employed. It has been circular, 53 ft in over all diameter. The entrance has been from the NW, measuring 2 ft in width at its outer extremity, and the passage wall is evident on the right for a distance of 10 ft; on the left side, there appears to be the entrance to a chamber. The inner face of the wall is not visible. While in some respects the ruin resembles a broch, a number of large flat slabs lying exposed over the surface and certain other features suggest that it possibly is not one. It is 4 or 5 ft in maximum height.

(2). 53ft = 16.27m

2ft = 0.61m

10ft = 3.00m

4ft = 1.21m

5ft = 1.52m

The remains of this broch are generally as described by the RCAHM. The overall diameter is about 17.0 m, the height is 1.5 m, and the wall appears to have been about 4.0 m wide. The interior of the broch is a pile of grassed-over rubble.

(ND 0374 5792) Tota an Drannadain (NAT) Broch (NR)

No change to the previous field report; there is the impression of a mural chamber in the S side.
Published survey (1:10560) correct.

(OSFI:EGC:10.4.1961).

Mon. No. FOR 312 'Tota an Drannadain' (Fig. 56). This monument, set directly by a stream in low-lying country N of Loch Shurrery, comprises a likely true broch structure 16m in diameter, its facing stones visible on N, NW, SW and SE sides set atop what is clearly an earlier mound which is of at least one phase of accumulation. Curle (RCAHMS 106, No. 391) leaves the broch status of this site in doubt although he is not explicit as to his reasons for so doing.

Broch. 'Tota an Drannadain'. Dimensions: 20m x 16m. Circular grass-covered mound with coursed walling visible round the perimeter, especially the N side. Entrance passageway 4m long and 1m wide, is to the NW. There is a central depression 8m x 6m. Some upright stones are visible in various parts of the mound. A linear depression in the S arc of the mound could be due to a collapsed gallery. To the E of the mound is a platform 5m wide which extends half way round the broch. To the N is another platform, 3m wide, which slopes down to the level of the surrounding ground and terminates in a clearance cairn 5.50m in diameter. Orientation: E-W. 85m NE of Mon. 311. Associated with Mons. 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 311, and 312. Elevation: 300' OD.

ND 037579.

O.S. Card ND 05 NW 8.

RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 106, No. 391.

(See over card for plan.)