

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	D	1	6	S	E	0	1	9
2 NGR	N	D	1	5	3	4	6	1	5	1
3 QUAL	CE									
4 SITE NAME	GALLOW HILL									
10 GENERIC TYPE	BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED (OCH)									
14 PERIOD/DATE	NE					15 DATING METHOD TYP				
18 SHAPE										
19 THREAT AND DATE										

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS		5 PARISH	THURSO	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		
		SCHEDULED			
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS		
ND 16 SE 19	STANDING STRUCTURE				
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE		
		INCOMPLETE (DENUDED)			

20 LAND USE	ENCLOSED LAND		21 GEOLOGY		
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT	27 ALTITUDE	
	LEVEL GROUND		360°	90=100m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP HENSHALL, AS: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDINBURGH U.P.: VOL. 1: p290, No 53 ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1968: 25" MAP ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 6" MAP HBM(SDD): 1985: LSIT OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 1/10,000 MAP RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: p 121, No 440 	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
	82 3 2 34A, 82 8 1 19
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
	MWC: 20.3.1986	AB 27.3.1986

52 TEXT

"ND 1534 6151. Mound."(1) "This chambered round cairn is as described and planned by Miss Henshall."(OSFI:RD:10.11.1965) "ND 1534 6151. Chambered Cairn."(3) "No change to the preceding reports."(OSFI:JM:29.10.1981) "See continuation card for text of (2) and (7)."

ND 153 615 GALLOW HILL, LONG CAIRN, SCODAR HILL (5)

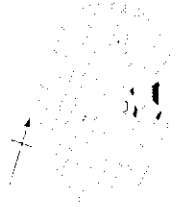
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 FORM 1 (REV. 1986)

- 53 SORDALE HILL,
 ROUND
 (O.-C., Camster-type, round)
 In the parish of
 THURSO
 Location 4½ m. SE of
 THURSO
 Map reference
 ND/153615
 Sheet XI; ND 16 SE
 Inventory number 440
 Reference R.C.A.M. Inc. 121
 Plan by A.S.H. and M.J.S.
 (fig. 50)
 Visited 12.8.56

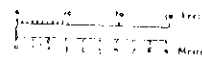
Description. The cairn is on the false crest of the hill at a little over 300ft. OD, in rough pasture which has been formerly under the plough. It has been greatly reduced, both in its diameters which are now 40 by 27ft., and in its height which is now 3ft. The entrance has been from the ENE but the passage has been completely removed. The tops of five stones are visible in the turf-covered mound, consisting of two pairs of transverse slabs and what is probably the end stone to the W. Of the outer pair of stones that to the N is the largest of the group, standing 2ft. 6in. high. Its partner, 1ft. 3in. to the S, is slight and only 9in. high. Three feet six inches behind is another pair 2ft. 6in. apart. The top of a slab leaning acutely towards the E can be seen only 2ft. further W and aligned between them, though its foot must be considerably further back.

The cairn lies only about 75ft. to the S of the long cairn of Gallow Hill, which is orientated at right angles to the axis of the chamber of this cairn.

Sordale Hill



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440. *Chambered Cairn, Sordale Hill.*—Some 25 yards to the S. of the last are the remains of a round chambered cairn. Its diameter at the present time is some 34' and its elevation about 3'; but as the field in which it is situated has long been under cultivation, its dimensions have probably been considerably reduced. The entrance to the chamber has been from the WSW. At 21' inwards from the present edge a slab protrudes, which has evidently formed the back of the chamber. It is exposed for a height of 2' 8" above ground and measures 4' 5" in breadth and 1' 2" in thickness. Some 3' 7" in front of it the heads of two slabs in line and 2' 6" apart are visible, dividing the chamber. Though the chamber is ruined, there is no evidence of its having been excavated.

O.S.M., CAITHL, xi. ("Mound"). Visited, 7th September 1910.

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