

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH DORES		1 SITE CODE H N H 6 3 S W 0 1 9	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR N H 6 3 0 3 3 4	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 63 SW 19 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		3 QUAL CE	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		6 SITE NAME M I D T O W N	
20 LAND USE MOORLAND (=AFFORESTATION?)		21 GEOLOGY		10 GENERIC TYPE SETTLEMENT + FIELD SYSTEM, CLEARANCE HEAPS, LYNCHETS WALLS	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		14 PERIOD/DATE BA=IA	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY) McWEDDERBURN, LM: .7.1987: ¹⁵ :(unpublished)		26 ASPECT S=W=NW		18 SHAPE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. :1888-95:TRANS INVERNESS SCI SOC & FIELD CLUB:4:p100 2. ¹⁵ 1975		27 ALTITUDE 220=250m OD		19 THREAT AND DATE	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.		42 MUSEUM/LOCATION	
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AP. NO.		43 OTHER	
34 NMR. AP. NO.		35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE		44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER	
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION		37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY		45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
38 PALYNOLOGY		39 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.		46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT	
40 SMALL FINDS MASSES OF BLOOMERY SLAG AND A BLUE GLASS SPIRAL BEAD		41 OTHER		47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS		49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		50 RECORDER: DATE PC:18.9.1987	
52 TEXT				51 CHECK: DATE MC:28.10.1987	

See continuation card for text.

"Between Loch Ashie and Midtown are numerous cairns, hut circles, old enclosures, and a network of old dykes." (1)

"There are five hut circles in the area (A-E) and numerous small cairns." (AA Woodham:9.8.1963)

"In the area centred at NH 630 334, on undulating moorland, there is a settlement of five, circular, stone-walled huts (A-E) and an associated field system. (All hut diameters are given between wall centres.):

Hut 'A' on the top of a knoll, measures c.11.0m in diameter, and is mutilated. Although inner and outer faces are occasionally visible giving a wall thickness of 1.7m in the NW arc, insufficient remains for overall measurement. The entrance in the E is mutilated.

Huts 'B' & 'C' on the top of a knoll, are contiguous. 'B' is c.11.0m in diameter with a denuded wall of indeterminate thickness. The entrance in the E arc is ill-defined. 'C' is c.12.0m in diameter, bounded by a wall of indeterminate thickness, in which one or two outer facing stones are visible, but insufficient to allow accurate overall measurement. The SE arc is destroyed and no entrance is apparent.

A ruined field wall extends in an NE direction, apparently from the N side of the entrance of hut 'B', although mutilation at this point makes this uncertain, and the relationship of the wall to hut 'C' cannot be ascertained.

Hut 'D' is c.11.0m in diameter with a denuded wall spread to 2.0m all round. The entrance in the E arc is ill-defined. Outside the hut to the S of the entrance is a boulder against which field clearance has been piled.

Hut 'E' measures c.7.5m in diameter, bounded by a denuded wall of indeterminate thickness. To the N side of the 'simple' entrance in the E, c.1.0m wide, is a mound, probably a stone clearance heap, c.3.0m in diameter, but it is uncertain whether it lies against the hut wall or overlies it.

The field system comprises stone clearance heaps, lynchets and ruined field walls (previously noted as cairns and old dykes) forming cultivation plots, two of which, in the vicinity of hut 'A' measure c.40.0m by c.20.0m and 30.0m by c.13.0m. The E side of the system is bounded by a contemporary ruined wall similar to that associated with NH 63 SW 39.

Huts A - E surveyed at 1:2500. (a) Huts A - C divorced survey at 1:10,000.

Field system delineated on 6" sheet. (OSFI:NKB:13.2.1970) (OSFI:RDL:2.9.1963)

(Excavation of 63 SW 19 'D' has commenced. Finds include masses of bloomery slag and a blue glass spiral bead.) Location card NH 63 SW 19 (G Harden:Inverness Museum: 7.1987)