

## HIGHLAND KIRKYARDS: Ross and Cromarty Pilot Proforma



1. Name of Kirkyard: Old Fodderty Burial Ground  
From HER (Fodderty Burial Ground-Highland Council)

2. National Grid Reference: NH 5122 5930

3. Civil Parish: Fodderty

4. Description: Rural, multi-period graveyard extended several times. There is no redundant or in use church.  
The oldest part of the graveyard is on raised ground and is surrounded by stone rubble walls. HER says that this was the site of a church abandoned in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.  
The gravestones face east in this part. The ground here is also uneven indicating layers of burials. The gravestones include slabs, table tops, and uprights.

5. Setting: The setting is rural with hills to the south and trees skirting this edge of the site. Along the north side of the burial ground runs a road along which cars travel at speed.  
To the east are some houses and to the west lie fields.

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6. Designations and Significance: This burial ground is C(S)-listed, as of 25 March 1971, HB 7829. The main feature of the list description is the war memorial gate. It also mentions that this was the site of an earlier parish church, although there is no redundant building standing. Such a large burial ground encompassing different eras (including present day burials), as well as a former church site is an important site for the community history of the area.

Scheduled Ancient Monument

Listed Building

### 7. Elements:

**Boundary Walls:** There are many walls dividing this site demarcating the various extensions that have taken place over time. The oldest part is on raised ground within its own rubble stone wall to the north, inside the outer wall which skirts the road.

**Railings, Gates and Gateways:** In the north wall which skirts the road is an arched war memorial which serves as an entrance gateway. The gate is made of cast and wrought iron, painted black, and has ornate wreath detailing. The gateway commemorates the soldiers of both the First and Second World Wars and is made of rusticated grey stone. There are inscriptions on the gateway including the dates 1914-1918 and In Remembrance.

**Burial Enclosures:** There are a few burial enclosures within the older part of the burial ground. At the east end of the site a memorial to Forbes Mackenzie is built of a stone wall and iron railings with chicken wire attached.

### 8. Ownership of Kirkyard:

Highland Council

Private

Other

9. Risk: There are a few rabbit holes across the whole ground but they don't seem to be doing a huge amount of damage. Much of the iron railings around memorials are rusted and broken.

On Bank?  No

### 10. Ancillary Issues:

**ACCESS:** The country road which leads to the burial ground is very busy with cars rushing past. There is a large car park, but the burial ground should be signposted earlier on the road to enable safe turning into the site. The newer parts of the burial ground have paths laid out, but the oldest burials are on a steep hill with no paths and are more difficult to access.

**INTERPRETATION:** There is no interpretation for the site in general. The war memorial gates have dates which explain the monument.