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**Monument
Recording
Form**

Location

Jim Caldwell's croft,
Portuairk. This in the
northernmost of several
structures in a small
valley.

Monument No

440680.01

Record Date

24/10/13

Surveyor

Jim Caldwell & Jon
Haylett

Monument Type

House or byre with
enclosure

What it's made of

Rocks

Monument Condition

(circle one)

V Good

Good

Good/Fair

Fair/Poor

Poor

Dimensions in Metres

Length

Width

Height

Diameter

Photograph Numbers

Grid reference

NGR

Easting

Northing

Accuracy (m):

(local NGR is NM)

NM

44090

68089

3

Detailed description, further notes, observations

Rectangular enclosure, possibly for animals or for vegetable growing, with house/byre occupying NW corner and with a second possible enclosure attached to the east. Within the enclosure, at the back of the house and in line with its southern wall, is a 1.2m radius circular stone structure of unknown purpose.

See photos and map.

Present land use

None – until recently under bracken

Past land use

Grazing

Present vegetation cover

Grass, marsh grass, some bracken

Nearby monuments or associated features

Byre or house to south and, beyond this, three possible shieling huts

Topography

Ledge in steep hillside leading down to a burn

Nearby, associated or incorporated natural features

On a ledge of the valley side with a burn within 10m

Date

Don't Know / Prehistoric /
Early Historic / Medieval
Post Medieval / Post-Clearance
19th century / 20th century

Reason for interpretation

This may pre-date crofting in
Portuairk, or it may be around
1840

**Confidence
in date:**

5 high
4
3
2
1 low