

Rhu Arisaig

An archaeological survey of the Rhu Peninsula
completed between 2012 & 2016



A view south from Tòrr Mòr Ghaoideil on the Rhu Peninsula towards Eilean Cabar, Ardnish and Roshven

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Introduction

A non-intrusive archaeological investigation of the Rhu Arisaig peninsula (original Gaelic spelling Rudha Arasaig)* involving thirty-two separate walk over surveys was carried out between November 2012 and January 2016. The survey was instigated by Elizabeth and Allan MacDonald of Arisaig wanting to find out what evidence was extant on Rhu of people living and working there; historical information pointed to a population of perhaps 400 people before the early nineteenth century but Rhu is now more or less deserted. Ken and Jean Bowker of Rough Bounds Archaeology were invited to join the walk over surveys which were carried out in the late autumn, winter and spring months to maximise the opportunity to record features normally obscured in the summer in particular by bracken. The MacDonalds and Bowkers were often helped on the surveys by several local residents which meant that there was more chance of recording obscure and ephemeral features. Acknowledgement and gratitude for their input and help is due particularly to Alison Stewart, Judi Budge, Lilian MacDonald, Susan Carstairs, Claire Walters, and everyone else who from time to time was able to join in many hours of walking over rough, boggy and stony ground. ** for further explanation of the spelling of local names see note on Fig 1 on page 6*

Methodology

The surveys generally involved five to six hours of slow painstaking walking, stopping to record, photograph and if possible interpret any features found. Two hand held GPS modules (Global Positioning Systems) were used along with a compass and a digital camera capable of linking the waypoints noted and the photographs taken. Hand written notes were made on the spot, recording all the waypoints and features with descriptions and measurements and were later transcribed onto computer, with waypointed maps created using the Quo mapping system. To help make the observations more accessible, an illustrated map to scale was also created using the information on the way-pointed map and the feature records. All the information gathered has been collated and follows on below in this report.

Desk top Research

Desk top research was done to compare our finds with old maps and existing records.

Geology:

The bedrock of the Rhu peninsula is largely metamorphic sandstones (psammites and pelites) with exposed intrusive bands of basalt. The sandstone breaks down to poor soils; basalt affords better soil. The basalt intrusions form long ridges averaging between 70 and 100 metres running north/south, with sheltered glens in between the ridges; these are now mainly boggy but evidence on the ground shows that these areas were once better drained. Sea level change over the millennia has left raised beaches between 10 metres above present Ordnance Datum (OD) to more than 25 metres OD leaving smoothed stones just under the surface adding to the problems of cultivation.

Although the peninsula is relatively low lying rising only to 103 metres (338 feet) in the west, the bedrock is so near the surface and the weather so wet, that both combine to make farming difficult with the constant run off of nutrients which have to be replaced every season.

Old Maps:

The Roy Map of 1747 to 1752 (Roy, W., (1747 to 1752)) show at least 6 settlements and some areas of cultivation and woodland. It also shows the large cattle fank/orchard at Druim an Daraich with possibly Clanranald's house behind. We can see Torbea (Tòrr a Bheithe), Ardgasrig (Argaserie), Sand (Sandaig) and Don Camez (Dubh Chamis -Modern Rhu Farm) also buildings at Gaoth Dail. The spellings vary and are usually phonetic, as with most old maps right up to modern times. William Roy said that his was a 'magnificent military sketch, rather than a very accurate map of the country' in which 'no geometrical exactness is to be expected..' (Roy 1785: 385). But the positions of the settlements are remarkably accurate while the delineation of arable ground is often quite inaccurate or does not equate with modern field observations. John Thomson's Atlas of Scotland 1832 is quite small scale but nevertheless also indicates a scattering of buildings/settlements throughout the peninsula including Sandaig, Ardgassick (Ardgaserie now confined to the area by Modern Millburn) Duchamus (modern Rhu Farm), Dorandrishach (Doire na Drise), Guidail (Gaoth Dail) Drumindarrack (Druim an Darrach) Torramore (Tòrr Mor Gaoth Dail) and Torramore (Tòrr Mor) but not, interestingly, Tòrr a' Bheithe, although buildings

in the general area are noted. Thomson's map shows eight named settlements. No arable land is shown.

The First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1873 marks three roofed dwellings, still residences to date viz., Rhu Farm, Porter's Lodge and Milburn Cottage (the last two now being holiday lets). A fourth roofed building on the current Rhu Farm was then a barn but is now a converted dwelling, and another small roofed building marked just to the north of the fields at Rhu is now roofless. Nine roofed buildings are marked at Druim an Darrach but now only three exist as houses along with a boat house. Three roofed buildings marked near the road to the west of An Garbh Uillt are now roofless. By Milburn Cottage there were five roofed buildings (now ruins or disappeared) marked just to the north and 'Kennel' is noted by them. By 1873 the time of this O.S. edition's survey, Milburn was occupied by a Gamekeeper, but now only one roofed barn exists by the cottage. The large fields at Rhu Farm and the large sheep fank to the north are marked but there is only a scattering of unroofed buildings in Tòrr a Bheithe and Sandaig and Baile Ùr (this latter just east of Millburn but un-named). It is likely that of the roofed buildings on the 1873 OS map, only seven or eight were dwellings –the rest being byres or barns, illustrating a dramatic decline in population since Thomson's map of 1832. This first edition OS map seems almost empty. The second edition map adds the 1885 pier at the road end.

Land Holding and population

The peninsula was for some 500 years part of the land holding of the Clanranalds (a sept of the Lord of the Isles) until the sale of Rhu along with much of the Clanranald lands in 1827.

The steady decline of the population of Rhu, in common with many areas of the Highlands, was already set in motion from the middle of the eighteenth century, caused in part by rents rising rapidly, indicating the huge social change since the 1745 rising. The rents for Dubh Chamus and Tòrr a' Bheithe between 1748 and 1798 rose from around 223 merks (Scots merks 1 = 13s 4d) to 360 merks, a rise of over 61%; for Gaoth Dail it was nearly 169% and for Sandaig the rise was even worse, an astonishing 332% (Rixson 2002: 91). These rises contrast with rents that had barely changed in the previous fifty years and had probably been stable for centuries. At the same time of rent increases there was a general increase of population in the Highlands, which became unsustainable with the collapse of the kelp industry and then the failure of the potato crops. With the introduction of sheep 'Tenants came to be seen as liabilities rather than assets' (Rixson 2002:110)

In 1827 Ranald George, 20th Chief of Clanranald, sold Arisaig including Rhu to his second wife Lady Ashburton for £48,950.00. She in turn bequeathed it to her nephew Lord Cranston in 1835. Cranston cleared much of the population from Rhu and by 1842 turned it into a sheep farm. He then sold the land to MacKay of Bighouse, Sutherland, who in turn sold it in 1848 to Francis Astley, a Lancashire industrialist. By 1853, Astley turned most of the peninsula into a deer forest of over 3000 acres, which was let out to rich patrons for sport. Rhu farm and lands to the west of the peninsula were excluded from the deer forest by suitable walls and fences. The selling off of the land in 1827, with the further exchange of ownership and land use, meant that in 25 years by 1853 the final decline of the population was inevitable. 'The replacement of the old indebted families by these new interests had a crucial effect on clearance and it now became possible to put into practice, on a much greater scale than ever before, the policy of compulsory emigration mooted in the 1820s and 1830s. These removals were linked to the provision of assisted passages across the Atlantic for those who lost their lands' (Devine 1994:59) Not all those evicted immediately emigrated but were instead displaced to fend for themselves as they could. Fraser-Mackintosh in his Antiquarian Notes (1897) reports 'in .. 1849 .. from the estate of Arisaig, and in particular from the Rhue, a great number of people had been evicted, who were either too late to be deported that year, or unwilling to emigrate. Mrs Macdonell, widow of Colonel Donald Macdonell of Scotos and mother of Eneas R. Macdonell of Morar, was then tenant of the farm of Traigh, South Morar, and in the extreme distress of the evicted people, allowed them to take shelter on her farm'. Statistics gathered from the censuses of Rhu confirms the effect of ownership change. The 1841 census shows the population of Rhu as 134 people. By 1861 there were under 40 residents recorded in only seven households. The accuracy of the censuses in this remote area is not certain but is an indication of the continuing depopulation.

Survey Results Summary

A total of 172 sub-rectangular ruined structures were recorded of which 106 had some walls, the rest either only footings or even just an impression on the ground. The features were of varying sizes, the larger averaging 10 by 4 metres, many 8 by 4 metres and smaller structures only 5 by 3 metres. 117 of the sub-rectangular structures were thought to be former dwellings, while the remaining 55 were probably byres or barns, but their use over time cannot be certain.

33 further smaller structures were recorded, some sub-rectangular but most were circular, sub-circular or D shaped, only half of which had some walls. These were thought to be shielings or temporary shelters or stores; most were less than 3 metres in diameter.

43 small circular features, often only 1.5m or so in diameter, were thought to be cleits for storage but may also have been robbed cairns. Another 35 small features, sub-rectangular or circular, were also initially thought to be storage, but were probably used in connection with the kelp industry for stacking or burning.

133 Cairns of all sizes were recorded, the majority thought to be for clearance for cultivation. However 28 cairns might be pre-historic rather than clearance, but only excavation confirm this. Just two cairns, one at Druim an Daraich and the other at Goath Dail have been positively identified as prehistoric. An incised stone, later confirmed as Neolithic, was found in the wall of a roofless ruin (details below).

Field boundaries and dykes were noted and included on the illustrative map as are the 225 areas of cultivation, some of which merge with each other as at Claggan at over 200 metres long. Others comprise small pockets of rigs of only 20 by 20 metres. Most of the rigs observed were probably feannagan, dug using a cas-dhireach or straight spade. As Piers Dixon points out these lazy beds or feannagan 'Unlike plough-rig they are to be found on slopes too steep for a plough team to negotiate' (Dixon 1994:41). Only the lower flatter areas of cultivation would have been created with a horse drawn plough. There is also the consideration that some tenants cultivating the small isolated areas of rigs, however level, would not have access or money for a horse and plough.

18 areas of peat diggings were recorded also of varying sizes from a few metres long to areas over 40 by 20 metres.

Only 10 piers, ports or slipways were noted but others were probably missed because of the state of the tide at the time of the survey.

The distribution of the features found confirmed that the Rhu peninsula was farmed comprehensively, every bit of land possible being used to the full over time, at least for peat digging or pasture, at best for cultivation. The survey confirmed an earlier report by Jonathan Wordsworth that certain settlements such as Tòrr a' Bheithe and Doire na Drise were townships not shielings as described on the modern 1:25000 O.S. map (1972/78) (Wordsworth 1997). The survey also noted dozens of smaller and more ephemeral features not recorded on either the modern O.S. map or on the first edition 1873 O.S. map. Although the surveys were carried out during the late autumn, winter, and early spring when the vegetation was at its lowest, and there over 700 waypoints recording significant features, it is likely that not everything worthy of note was spotted. An area of the peninsula between 2 *Sandaig* and 32 *Towards Doire Fhada*, and especially north and west of 29 *Drium Ban* were not surveyed. Deer fencing of these areas has led to considerable regeneration of scrub and birch obscuring and making it difficult to record features.

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Gazetteer

On the individual survey reports below, a note has been made beside any features already noted on the Highland Historic Environment Records along with those features recorded on the survey reports by Derek Alexander (CFA Report 1994 Report No. 161) MS/726/176) and Jonathan Wordsworth (Wordsworth Archaeology Services 'Archaeology Survey of Milburn Plantation, Rhu Arisaig Forest' Report 1997 NMRS MS 961)

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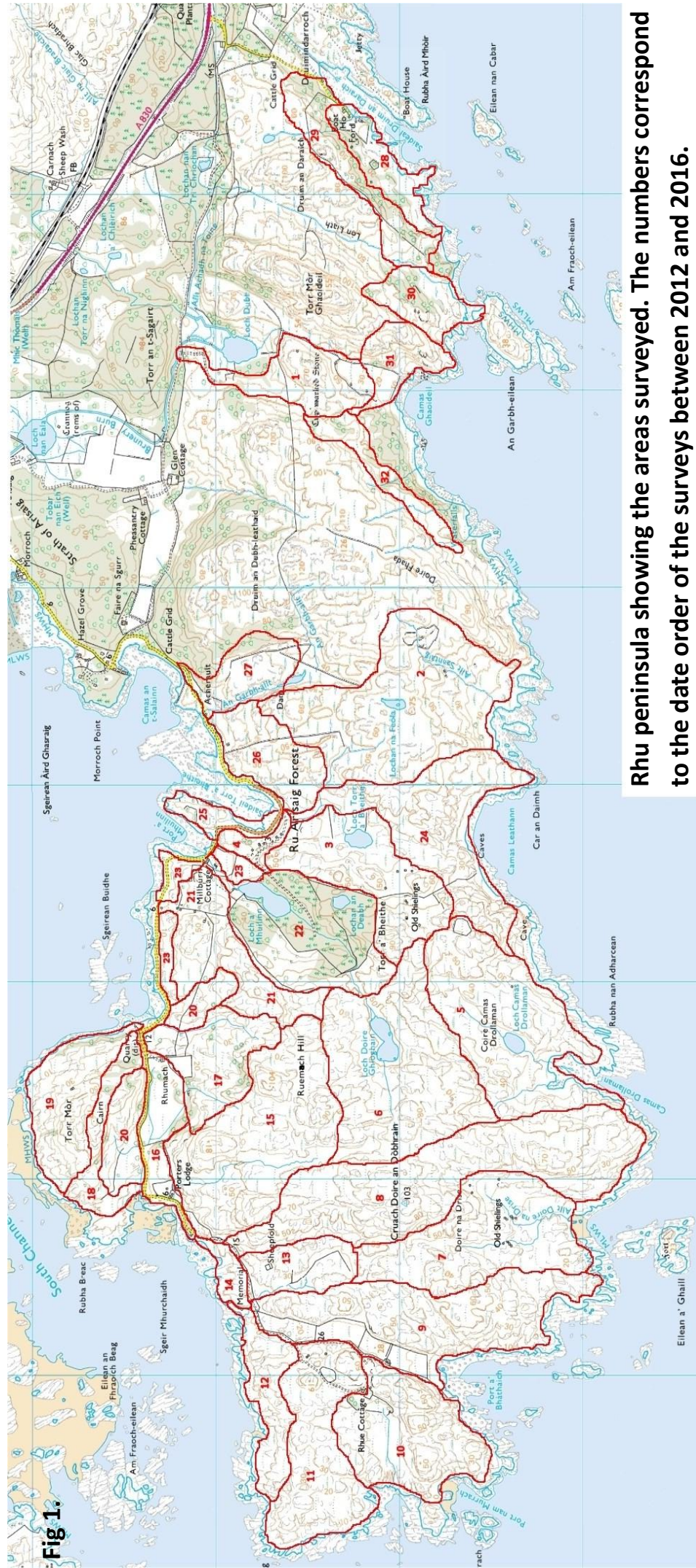
Illustrations Notes

Fig 1 . The Rhu peninsula marked out to show each area surveyed; the number corresponding to the date order of each walk over. The names allocated to each survey use local names, as far as possible, in the original Gaelic. Some of the names appear on modern Ordnance Survey maps sometimes in the original Gaelic, occasionally phonetically, but rarely on older maps in the original Gaelic. Older names such as Àrdgaserie appear on old maps but spelt phonetically, often differing from map to map. Interpretation of the place names where possible is noted on the separate reports of the individual surveys.

Fig 2 . This map of the peninsula shows the total waypoints noted, the colours relate to individual surveys . A more detailed map with the waypoints numbered is inserted with each separate survey report below.

Fig 3. An illustrative, symbolic map of Rhu to indicate the waypoints as the features recorded including ruins, peat diggings, cultivation areas and field boundaries. A map showing the same illustration in close up accompanies each survey report below.

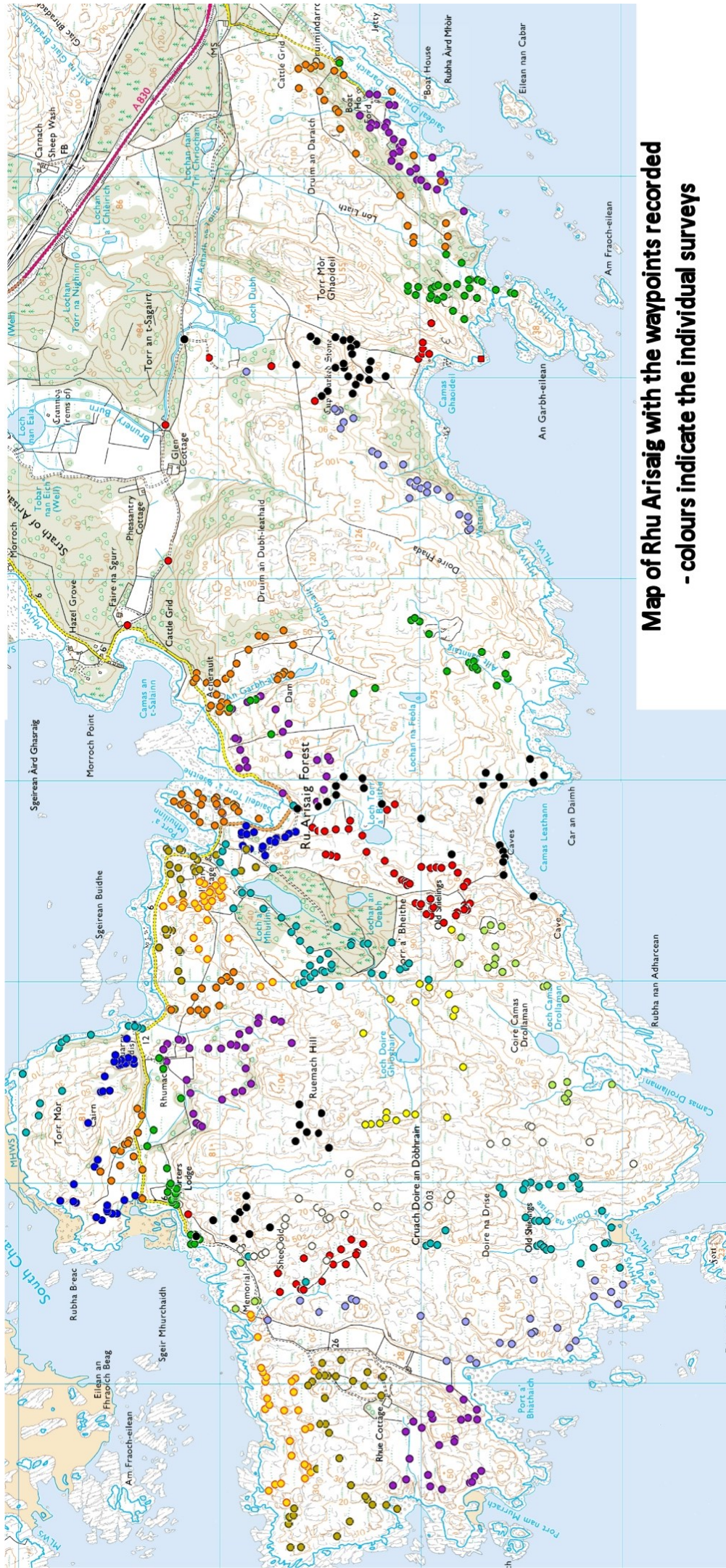
Fig 4. Legend used for the illustrative maps accompanying each survey



Rhu peninsula showing the areas surveyed. The numbers correspond to the date order of the surveys between 2012 and 2016.

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| 1. Gaoth Dail 26/11/12 | 11. Western Rubha 9/4/13 & 30/4/14 | 18. Torr Mor 14/2/14 | 25. West of Saidheil Torr a'Bheithe 18/11/14 |
| 2. Sandaig 1/12/12 | 12. North Western Rubha 19/4/13 & 30/4/14 | 19. Torr Mòr North 19/2/14 | 26. West of An Garbh Uillt 24/1/14 |
| 3. Torr a'Bheithe 16/1/13 | 13. Sheep Fank 10/5/13 | 20. Torr Mòr SW & area East of Rumach Field 1/3/14 | 27. East of An Garbh Uillt 6/2/14 |
| 4. Baile Ùr 15/2/13 | 14. Memorial area 13/12/13 | 21. Claggan & 'Cairn Field' 10/3/14 | 28. Druim an Daraich 14/2/15 |
| 5. Camas Drollaman 27/2/13 | 15. Porter's Lodge S & E 17/1/14 | 22. Millburn and Woods 24/3/14 | 29. Druim Ban 10/3/15 |
| 6. Àrdgasserie 5/3/13 | 16. Rhu Pier, Porter's Lodge & Rumach Field 29/1/14 | 23. Claggan North and & NE of Millburn 2/4/14 | 30. Lón Liath 18/3/15 |
| 7. Doire na Drise 13/3/13 | 17. North Rumach Hill & south of Rumach Field 7/2/14 | 24. East and South of Torr a'Bheithe 13/4/14 | 31. Torr Mòr Gaoithe Dail 22/4/15 |
| 8. Trig Point N & S 21/3/13 | | | 32. Towards Doire Fhada 13/1/16 |
| 9. Port a' Bhàthaich East 26/3/2013 | | | |
| 10. Port a' Bhàthaich West 3/4/13 | | | |

Fig 2.



Map of Rhu Arisaig with the waypoints recorded
- colours indicate the individual surveys

Fig 3. Illustrative map of Rhu Arisaig with an indication of the contours. Each symbol represents a waypoint.

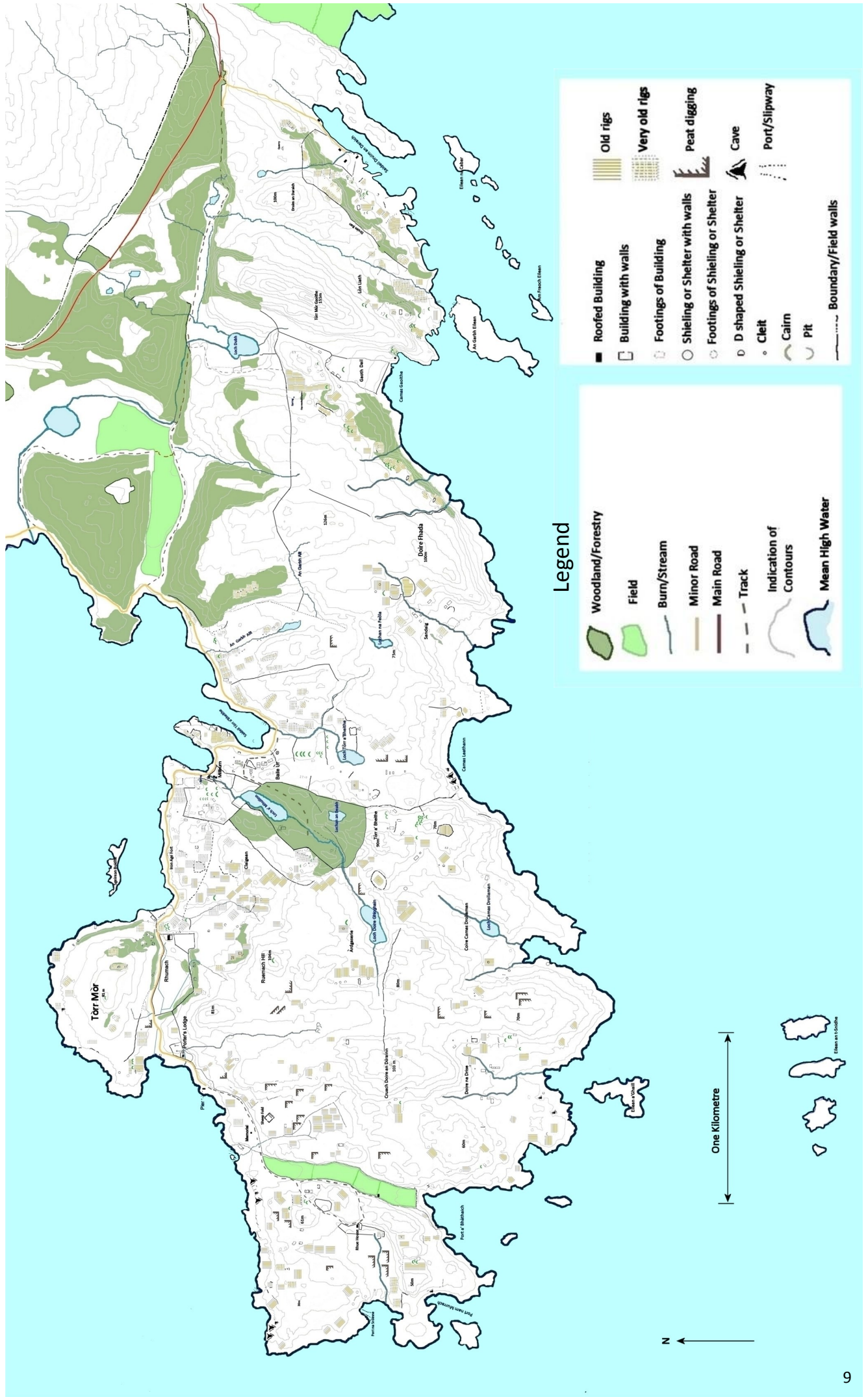
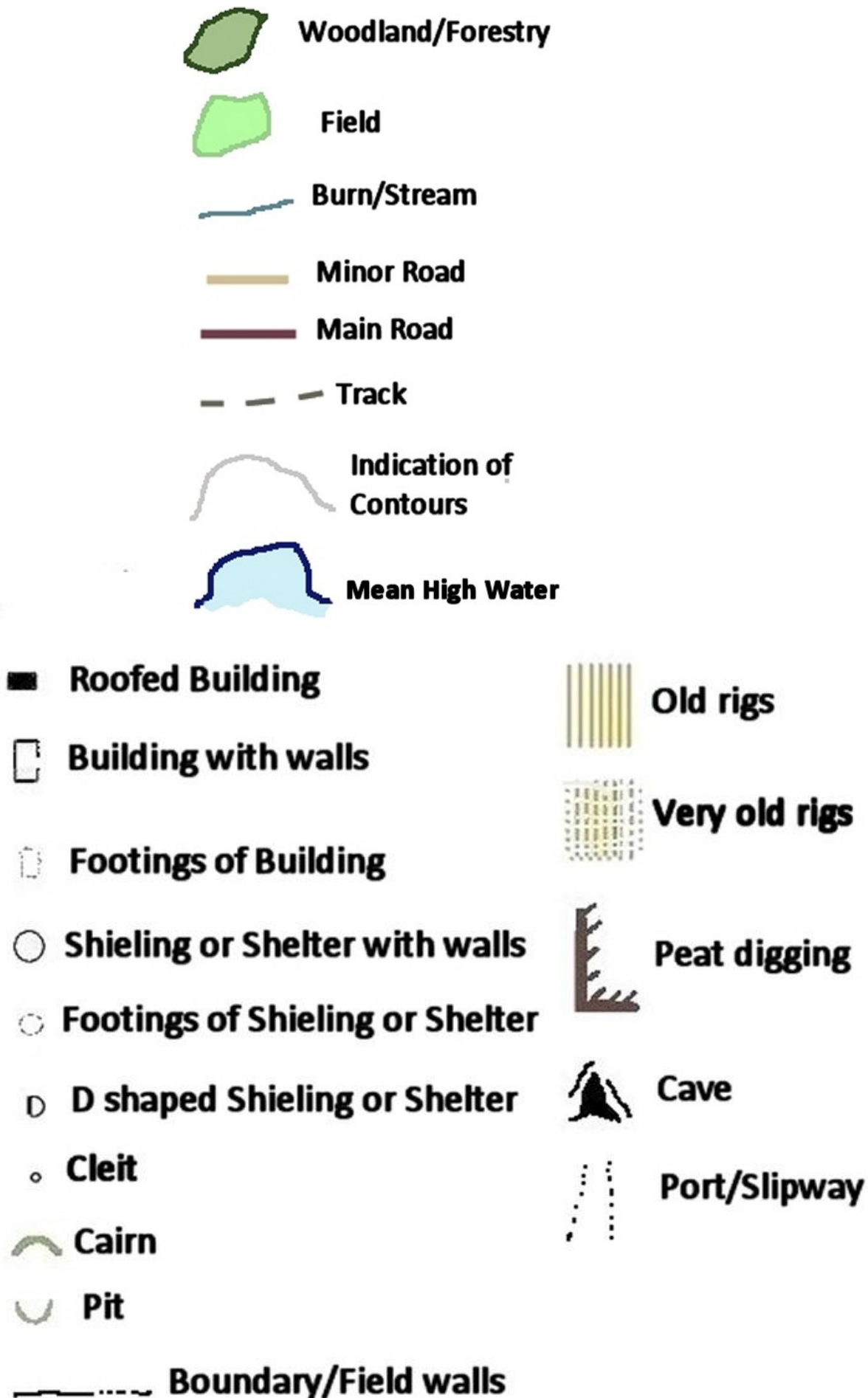


Fig 4. Legend for the illustrative maps of each survey walk. N.B. symbols for buildings, cairns, cleits and shielings etc. are not to scale to make them visible on the maps

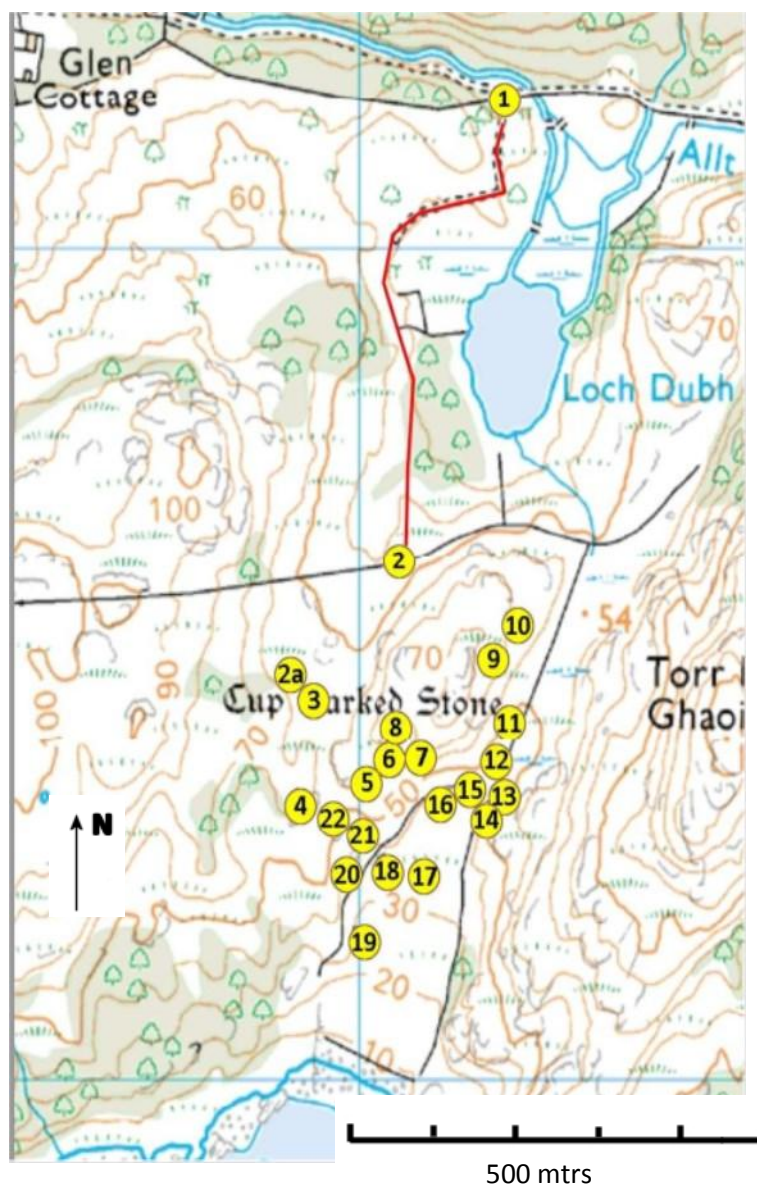


1. Gaoth Dail (Gaodeil) *(Windy patch of land, field or, plain)*

Centred on NM67049 84421. Surveyed 26/11/2012

This was the first area we surveyed on the Rhu peninsula. The northern half of the area is now covered in very rough grazing; tussock grass, rushes, low scrub, birch trees and a shallow loch, Loch Dubh. The southern half is a bowl of still better pasture now increasingly covered with soft rush. This area descends from 50 m above sea level to the shore for c. 350 m north to south and a maximum of 150 m east to west and is surrounded by an extant dry stonewall with several substantial roofless buildings. To the north and west of the walled pasture under the rougher pasture, are extensive areas of old cultivation rigs or feannagan and a well documented cup marked stone NM 66920 84488 (Canmore ID 22528). Six of the features described were also noted in David Alexander's Centre for Field Archaeology (CFA) report No 161, lodged with the NMRS. Noted below at Waypoint 17 (NM 67081 84245) is a large cairn c. 100 m circumference, identified as a possible Neolithic or Bronze age chambered cairn. It is probable that it has been considerably robbed out for the surrounding walls and buildings. Also described at Waypoint 15 (NM 67147 84344) is a large roofless ruin which was once a seminary.

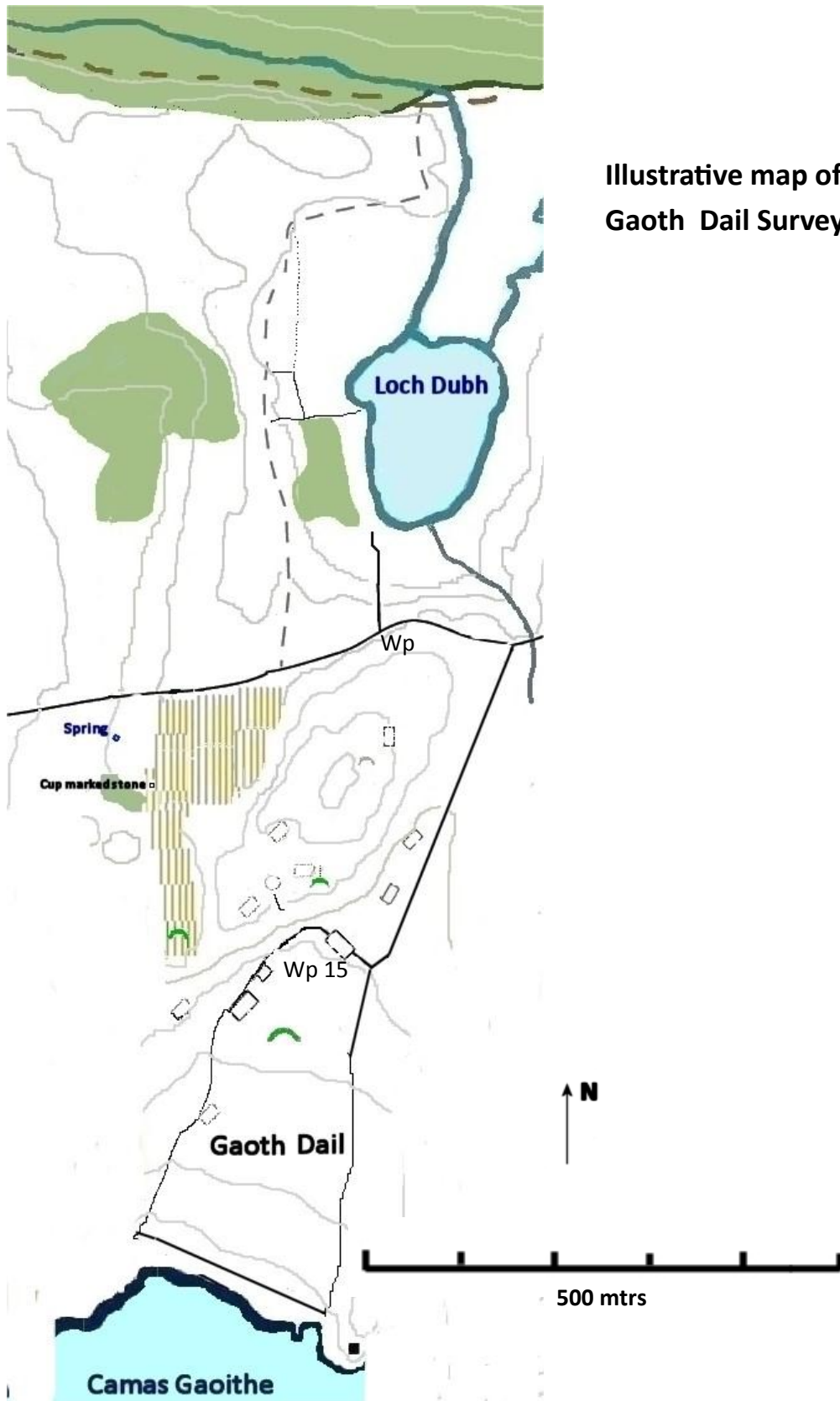
Waypoint map of Gaoth Dail survey



Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 67194 85178	Deer Gate at junction of track with path to Gaoth Dail.
Wp 2	NM 67065 84616	Gap in the (march?) wall by a large beech tree. The wall runs for a kilometre to the west and 100 mtrs or so to the east to join the turf wall that eventually arrives at Wp 13 – see below.

Wp 2a (CFA 161: 2.4 (HER:MHG4041) Canmore ID 2528	NM 66920 84488	Cup marked stone Rigs were seen to the north to the ridge and east of the stone to the wall line.
Wp 3	NM 66933 84459	A feature possibly needing more investigation – may even be a bronze age burial cairn along with further features a few metres to the east.
Wp 4	NM 66920 84335	Possible cairn with possible cup marked stone. This feature was surrounded by rigs.
Wp 5 (CFA 161: 2.5)	NM 67006 84357	Low very degraded ruin sub rectangular c. 10 x 5 SE/NE orientation on short side.
Wp 6	NM 67049 84377	Low stony feature curved at SW end and extending low wall NE for a few metres with further features 20 metres further on to the NE.
Wp 7 (CFA 161: 2.5)	NM 67069 843380	Another low very degraded ruin sub rectangular ruin very similar to the one observed at NM 67006 84357 but smaller c. 7 x 4 metres. Just west to this feature are 5 large set stones in a row with a cairn of small stones at its southern end.
Wp 8 (CFA 161: 2.5)	NM 67049 84421	Another even more degraded sub rectangular feature c. 7 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 9	NM 67181 84513	Cairn with medium to small stones high on slope.
Wp 10 (CFA 161: 2.6)	NM 67204 84544	Sub rectangular ruin rough built to ½ metre c. 7 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 11 (CFA 161: 2.7)	NM 67011 84420	Well built ruin to a metre high with internal measurement c. 5 x 3 mtrs. Doorway to SE and very little tumble.
Wp 12 (CFA 161: 2.6)	NM 67185 84381	Another ruin similar to previous well built to a metre high – internal measurements c. 5 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 13	NM 67190 84346	Start of substantial wall up to 1.5 mtrs high running SW towards the sea on the eastern side of the pasture. North of this point wall continues as a turf bank to the NE.
Wp 14	NM 67165 84316	Junction of the wall which continues SW towards the sea and the side wall runs at 90° NW to the building featured next.
Wp 15	NM 67147 84344	Large well built ruin with walls c. 2 mtrs high. Two doorways facing the sea external measurements c. 11 x 4 mtrs. The building was once used as a seminary.
Wp 16	NM 67117 84337	Building built integral with long wall running along the western side of the pasture running NE SSW Back wall well built - the rest of the ruin very tumbled. The wall itself also well built in places but rough built elsewhere. Using the natural low cliffs the western wall continues seaward where it turns at the top of the beach to run SSE to complete the pasture enclosure at the eastern wall.
Wp 17	NM 67081 84245	A very large cairn of small stones set against the seaward side of a natural outcrop of bedrock in the top middle of the pasture with a circumference of c. 100 mtrs- possible late Neolithic or early Bronze age chambered cairn much degraded.
Wp 18	NM 67036 84261	Substantial ruined building c. 10 x 6 mtrs –doorway facing SE –possibly a window to right of doorway now blocked in indicating reuse.

Wp 19	NM 67006 84171	Rougher built than previous (Wp 18) a tumbled ruin c. 5 x 4 Mtrs.
Wp 20	NM 66988 84254	Ruin c. 10 x 4 mtrs to west of wall up slope mostly tumbled except the SW end wall.
Wp 21	NM 67000 84299	Cairn of small stones c. 4 mtrs across. The SE facing slopes here to the top of the ridge and beyond and down to the western wall of the pasture show signs of cultivation.
Wp 22	NM 66965 84319	Small (clearance?) cairn.



Illustrative map of the Gaoth Dail Survey



Wp 2a NM 66920 84488 Cup marked stone



Wp 2a Rigs near the cup mark stone



Wp 3 NM 66933 84459 Possible cairn



Wp 12 NM 67185 84381 Ruin c. 5 x 4 mtrs internally



Wp 15 NM 67147 84344 View of Seminary ruin looking SW



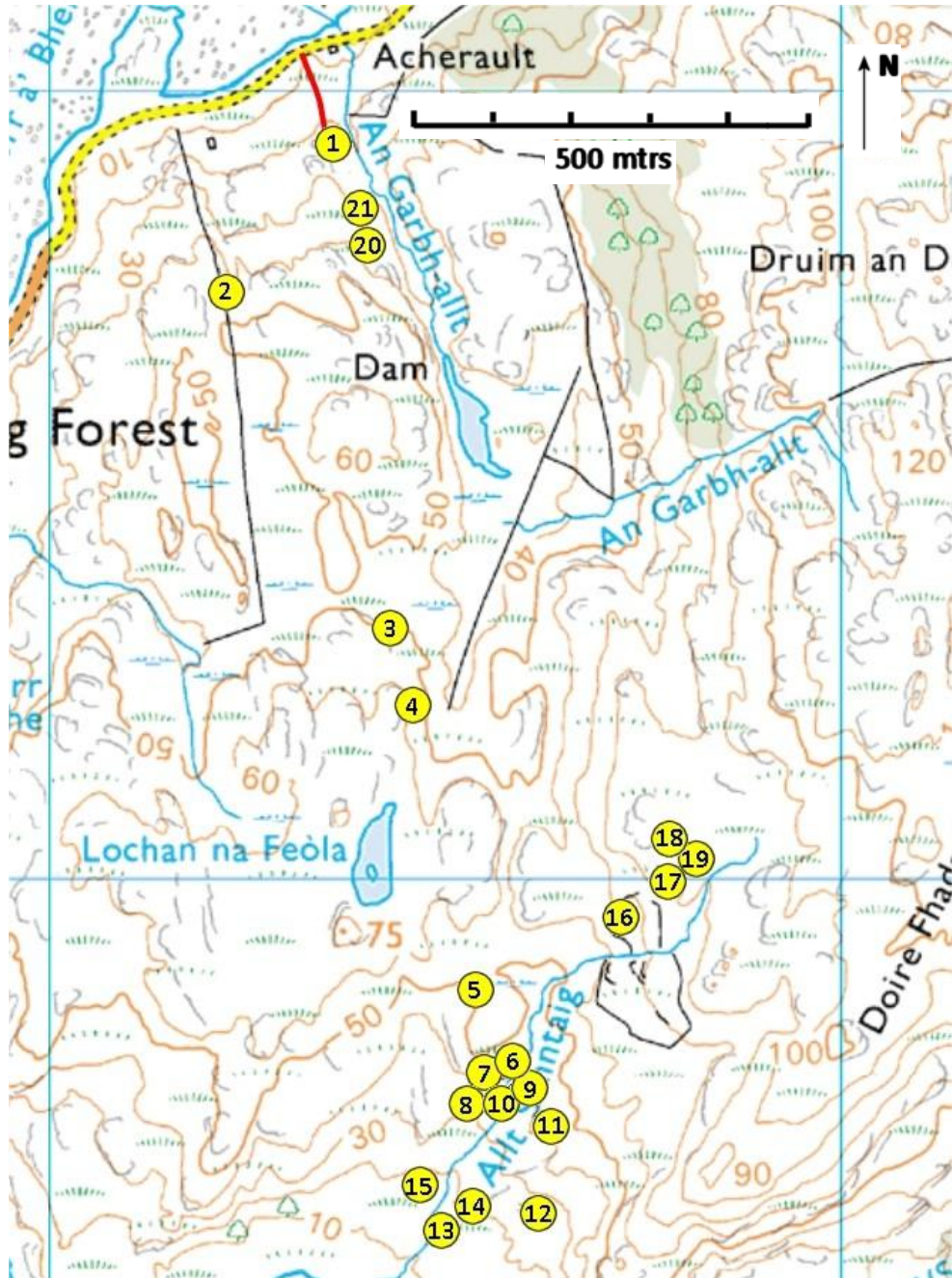
Wp 17 NM 67081 84245 Possible Neolithic or Bronze Age Chambered Cairn c. 100 metres in diameter

2. Sandaig *Sand Vick. Old Norse. Little Sandy Bay.*

Centred on NM 65577 783764 Surveyed 11/12/2012

Sandaig, overlooking the sea to the south of the peninsula, was a significant settlement of at least eight sub rectangular features and several smaller structures possibly used for storage. Large areas of rigs were noted, especially to the north-east of the main settlement. A large ruin was noted at Wp 12 (NM 65621 83572) which is on or near the site where Alasdair mac Mhaighster Alasdair, the warrior bard of the '45, spent the last years of his life and died ca. 1770. His house, almost certainly built of turf, was destroyed after his death. Alasdair was to have been buried in Eilean Fhianain but the weather at the time was too stormy for the boat journey, so he was buried in Arisaig, the plan being to take his body to Eilean Fhianan at a later date. However this was not carried out and he lies in the graveyard at St Maol Rubha, Arisaig.

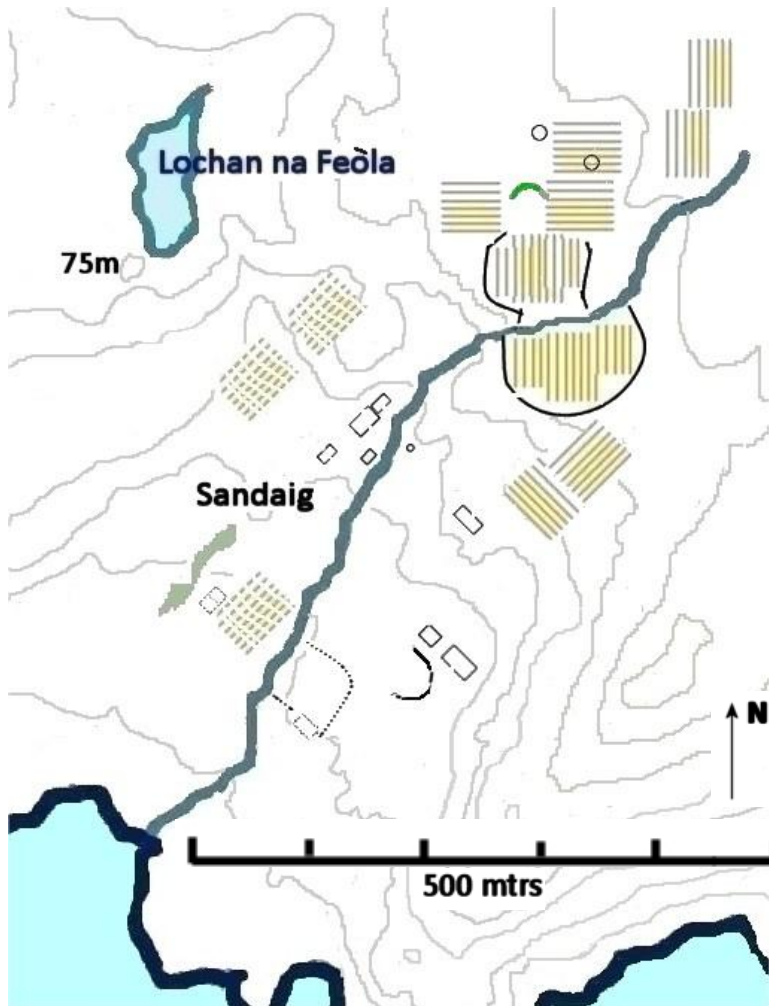
Waypoint map of the Sandaig survey



Waypoint	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 64876 84633	Gate at junction of Rhu road and track on the left, landward side of the road.
Wp 2	NM 65226 84740	Turf and stone wall running to the road to the north and south for a further 400 metres – well marked on the OS map.
Wp 3	NM 65430 84329	Evidence of peat cutting.

Wp 4	NM 65456 84223	A clear path running north south with a clear view to the east of a turf dyke running NNE and SSW.
Wp 5	NM 65540 83866	Large area of cultivation now bracken covered running north east at least 200 metres and south west another 100 metres and 100 metres wide. No rigs of any depth observed.
Wp 6 (HER:MHG27370) (Canmore 118369 Allt Santaig)	NM 65582 83756	A substantial ruin in 2 compartments. NE building c. 5 mts wide and 6mtrs long possible byre. Attached house c. 7x8. Doorways to each building on SE side. Possible windows on bigger building on SE and NW side. Extant walls between one and one and a half metres high. Bigger building in better condition than the other. A well built flat platform c. 1 ½ metres wide runs along the SE (door) side of the buildings.
Wp 7 (HER:MHG273 (Canmore 118369 Allt Santaig)	NM 65559 83740	A small ruin of c. 4 x 5 mtrs with walls to around a metre high all round. One small entrance on the SE side.
Wp 8	NM 65548 83715	A small tumbled ruin c. 3 x 3 mtrs with walls to c. 75 cms high.
Wp 9	NM 65589 83733	Very small built feature by bedrock possible cleit.
Wp 10	NM 65561 83726	Very degraded possible building c. 5 x 3 mtrs.
Wp 11	NM 65635 83693	Low rectangular ruin-c. 3 x 7 mtrs large base stones still in place with possible entrance on NE side. Building facing SW on knoll very exposed to elements.
Wp 12 HER:MHG27369) (Canmore 118368 Allt Santaig)	NM 65621 83572	Substantial ruined building - walls to 1 ³ / ₄ mtrs high facing sea to SW with large buttressing on SW and NE sides. Walls well built on seaward side, more degraded on landward side. No obvious evidence of windows and doorway central on SW side. The site is on or near a house once lived in by Alasdair Mac-Maister Alasdair. Another smaller building c. 5 x 5 mtrs just to NW of the large building and a low enclosure to the SW c. 10 x 10 mtrs with walls to ½ mtr and a natural dyke of bedrock forming the western wall. This last possibly a kale yard or garden.
Wp 13	NM 65503 83564	Degraded oblong structure on the eastern side of a large cultivated area with a gap to the west before more wall running the few metres to the burn this last section made of large stones rather like a bridge abutment.
Wp 14	NM 65527 83575	This marks a large upright stone at the start of a degraded wall that runs NE parallel with a natural stone dyke for around 8 metres before curving NW and running for 10 mtrs to the edge of 2 metre high bank and then continuing to the burn. A further wall seems also to follow the top of the natural stone dyke NE for some way. All features along with Wp 13 would appear to predate the use of the general area for cultivation or grazing.
Wp 15	NM 65468 83619	Small degraded ruin on the western side of the large cultivated bracken covered area c. 3 x 8 mtrs with an internal division – all very tumbled.
Wp 16	NM 65725 83956	This waypoint marks a turf and stone wall – part of a well mapped set of enclosures on a bracken covered hillside indicating possible cultivation in times gone by.
Wp 17	NM 65787 84002	Cairn by large open bracken covered area.
Wp 18	NM 65793 84044	A circular feature with a stone foundation of medium size stones only 2 mts across – possible small shieling or storage cleit.

Wp 19	NM 65804 84026	Another small circular feature as above but this time only a metre across and possibly another cleit. A large clearance cairn is just to the north this feature. This feature along with Wp 18 would be impossible to see unless the bracken is down.
Wp 20	NM 65398 84817	Small circular feature with large placed base stones - not very high above sea level – to one side of another long bracken covered area.
Wp 21	NM 65394 84843	Cairn largely covered with vegetation about 1.5 metres high.



Illustrative map of the southern part of the Sandaig Survey

Wp 12 NM 65621 83572 View looking south of the ruin which probably replaced the turf house where Alasdair Mac Mhaighster Alasdair lived



Wp 12 NM 65621 83572 view of the ruin looking north-east

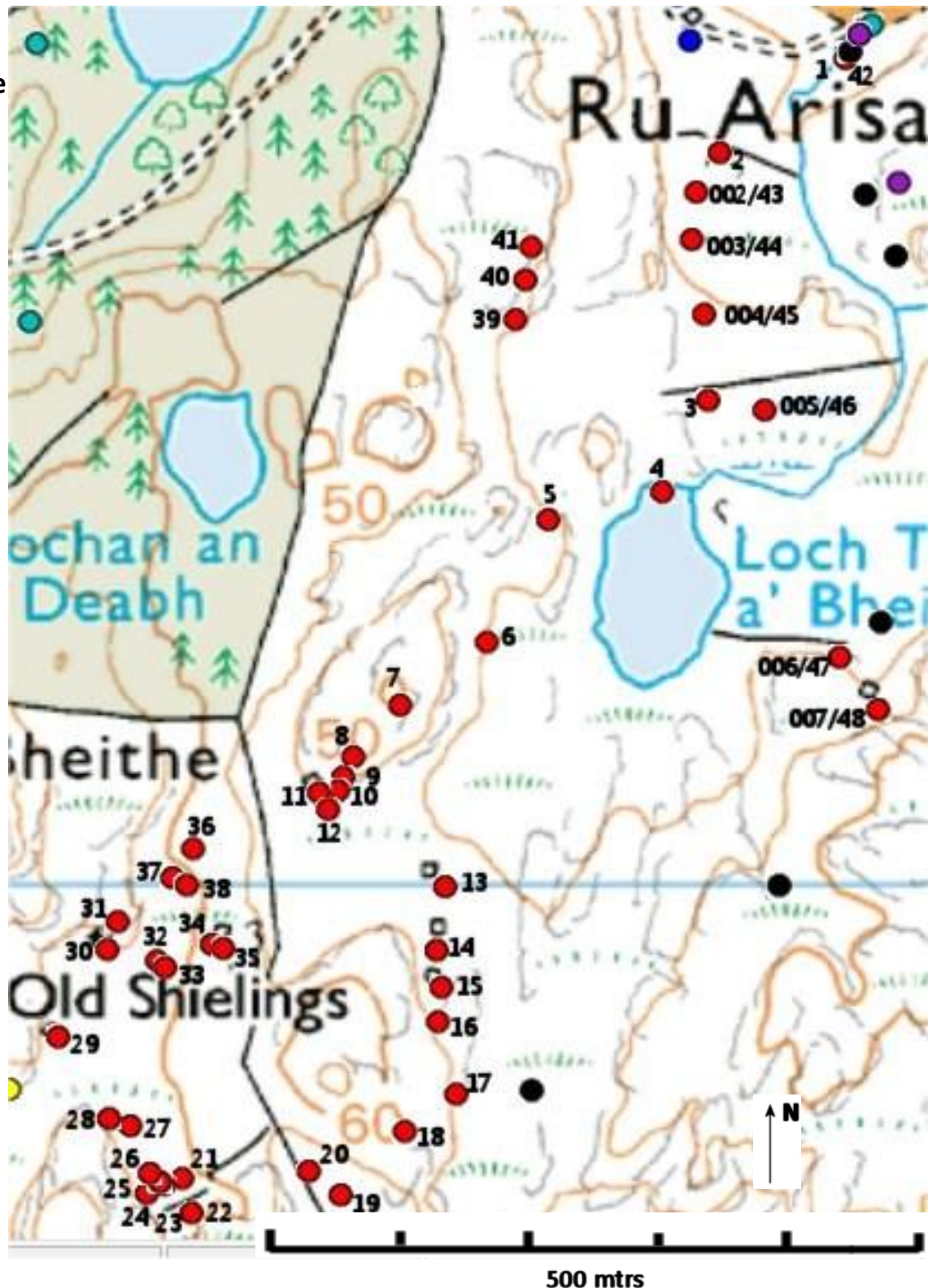


3. Tòrr a'Bheithe *(The Birch Hill. Lit. The Birch Heap)*

Centred on NM 64399 83963 Surveyed 16/01/2013 and 5/02/2013

Tòrr a'Bheithe is a settlement of nine sub-rectangular ruins with at least some walling and another similar eight features with only signs of footings. Marked as old shielings on the modern OS maps, this was once, however, a permanent settlement with remains of several enclosure walls and a possible corn kiln at Wp 9 (NM64493 84087). This corn kiln is one of only two noted throughout our survey of the peninsula. The second was another possible kiln built on the north-west side of a substantial ruin at Wp 29 (NM 64289 83884) At Wp 30 (NM 64324 83959) a very large ruin known locally as the 'Winnowing Barn' was recorded. It is a roughly built structure described in detail below which along with several other features nearby including a level area, possibly a burial ground, and several walls and enclosures (see Wps 32 and 33) would be worthy of further investigation.

Waypoint Map of Tòrr a'Bheithe Survey

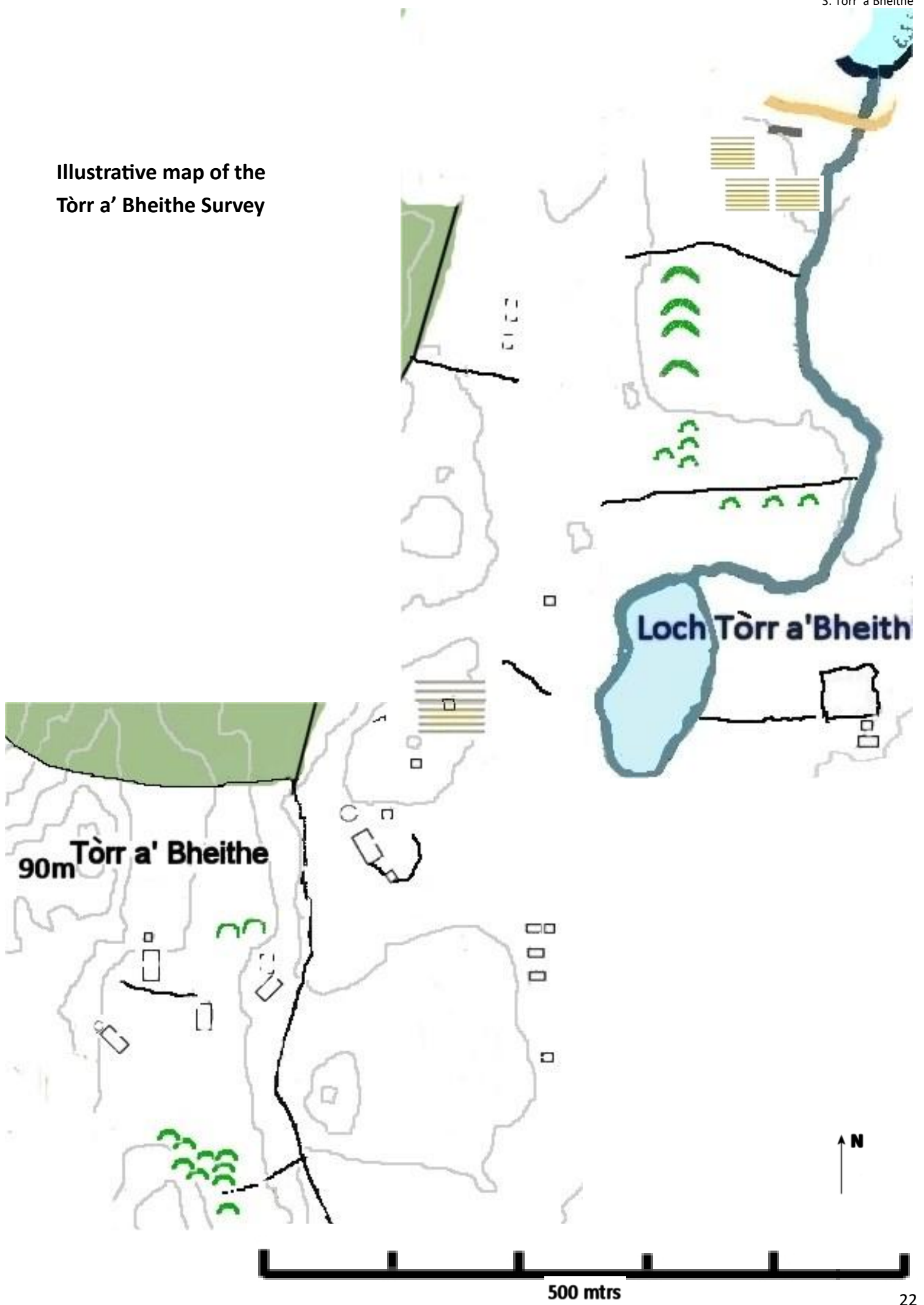


Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 64854 84624	Gate at start of track off the Rhu Road. Large 3 metre wide rigs were seen on either side of the track.
Wp 2	NM 64764 84550	Wall running roughly west and east across the pasture for about 100 mtrs: marked on the OS map.
Wp 3	NM 64755 84366	Wall also running roughly west and east for about 150 mtrs: marked on OS map.
Wp 4	NM 64722 84298	Northerly edge of Loch Torr a' Beithe.
Wp 5	NM 64641 84278	A small feature of upright metre high stones - could be built or natural.
Wp 6	NM 64596 84187	A degraded wall running South-east/North west: not marked on OS map.
Wp 7	NM 64534 84140	Built feature possibly predating surrounding rigs/cultivation.
Wp 8	NM 64500 84102	Very old degraded building c. 5 x 3 mtrs maximum.
Wp 9 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS MS 961nos 9) Canmore118365	NM 64493 84087	Probable corn kiln set in southerly side of a ridge near collection of ruined dwellings. The whole of the area now used as pasture had signs of cultivation in the past indicated by the bracken cover rather than obvious rigs.
Wp 10 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64489 84077	Built feature c. 4 x 2 mtrs set into the side of the ridge just to the east of Wp 9 with a very narrow entrance.
Wp 11 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64476 84075	Substantial oblong roofless ruin c. 10 x 6 mtrs with extant walls to 1 mtr and 1.5 mtrs high. Entrance on NE long side. Orientation SE/NW.
Wp 12 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64482 84063	Very tumbled ruin – possibly store or byre c. 8 x 3 mtrs Linking Wp 11 & 12 a large levelled area on the east side with some extant walls of about 200 mtrs circumference – possible kail yard.
Wp 13 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64566 84005	A substantial ruin with two compartments. The main part of the building is well built on the west side and with a large square stone set on the NE side to the right of the entrance typical of the type used to sit outside to work. The second compartment may just be walls to shelter the area opposite the entrance or a later addition which was once roofed. The entrance itself unusually narrow barely half a metre wide. (Normal entrance width for dwellings 75 cms).
Wp 14 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64560 83958	Very tumbled two compartment building even the entrance was not obvious.
Wp 15 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64564 83931	Small tumbled ruin max 4 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 16	NM 64561 83905	Set in side of hill a large rock pock marked with cup shaped hollows c. 5 cms across – possible igneous/lava/basalt with vesicles.

Wp 17 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64574 83852	Small degraded ruin c. 5 x 3 mtrs walls extant to only ½ metre high – possible entrance on north side. Orientation N/S (not on OS map).
Wp 18	NM 64537 83824	C. 10 x 1 ½ metre tumble of medium size stones set with heather on one side and bracken/ ex cultivated area on the other. Possible long cairn or part of a wall.
Wp 19	NM 64491 83777	A scatter of large stones c. 6 x 3 mtrs – possible very old building.
Wp 20	NM 64468 83794	Gate in fence.
Wp 21	NM 64377 83789	A cairn of small stones (beach or river washed) – one of up to at least 10 similar scattered over this well drained bracken covered gently sloping hill side which falls away to the east and has grand views to the north, east and south.
Wp 22	NM 64384 83764	This cairn also with small stones appeared to have been robbed making it look like a collapsed cleit.
Wp 23	NM 64365 83784	This cairn of small stones was up to a metre high and at least 2- 3 metres across. Another cairn was noted 2 to 3 metres to the NNE of this Wp 23.
Wp 24	NM 64352 83778	Cairn similar to above with two more in line to the NW but these were covered in vegetation.
Wp 25	NM 64362 83786	Cairn plus another just to NW well covered in moss.
Wp 26	NM 64354 83793	Cairn
Wp 27	NM 64340 83828	Cairn well covered with vegetation.
Wp 28	NM 64325 83833	Cairn/feature
Wp 29 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS- MS 961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64289 83884	Substantial ruin lying NW/ SE c. 9 x 4 mtrs overall with walls to 1 ½ metres high and entrance on the eastern side. Extension on NW side possible corn kiln (marked on OS map).
Wp 30	NM 64324 83959	Very large roofless ruin known as the “Winnowing Barn” lying c. N/S with standard entrance on the west side and a low built entrance for wind on the opposite east side. Stone work rougher and not as good as the dwelling at Wp 29 . To the east of the barn was a wide level area dotted with emerging medium size stones. Good views to north east and south and the whole backed to the NW behind the barn by a relatively steep 90 metre hill. The level area ended at the edge of a small cliff see Wp 32. It was unclear whether the level area was natural or not. Along with Wps 32 and 33 could possibly suggest burial ground along with chapel and surrounding enclosing wall, a Vallum.
Wp 31	NM 64331 83980	Tumbled ruin just to the north of Wp 30 with similar stone work c. 5 x 3 mtrs.
Wp 32	NM 64359 83951	Substantial stone built dyke running roughly east west for c. 20 metres at the foot of a 10 metre high cliff with a 3 to 4 metre gap between the cliff and the dyke. A large standing stone was incorporated ¾ way along the dyke to the west. The dyke then turns SSE to partly surround Wp 33. At the west end if you turn away to the north a ‘path’ made an easy way up to the top of the cliff. A very strange and enigmatic feature taken with Wps 33 and the ‘level’ area described at Wp 30.

Wp 33	NM 64365 83946	A large c. 10 x 4 mtr feature of low tumble walls with no obvious entrance lying N/S with the north western corner within a metre or two of the end of the dyke (Wp 32) A large sycamore tree is growing inside the southern end of the building. The dyke described at Wp32 seems to peter out on east side of the structure where there is a natural low outcrop of rock. Working against the idea that the structure was once a chapel is that it does not lie E/W.
Wp 34 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64399 83963	Oblong feature c. 9 x 4 with walls only to ½ metre and an entrance probably on the NE side.
Wp 35 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64407 83960	Almost attaching Wp 34 on the NE corner a low very degraded building covered with turf c. 12 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 36 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64385 84034	Large spread of tumbled stones c. 8 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 37 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64370 84012	Degraded cairn?
Wp 38 (HER:MHG27366) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -9) Canmore118365	NM 64381 84007	Another degraded cairn?
Wp 39	NM 64617 84426	Turf dyke extending westwards up the hill for 40 – 50 mtrs. Stops at Wp 39 where boggy land to east begins.
Wp 40	NM 64624 84456	Very degraded feature barely above ground 7 x 4 mtrs lying N/S.
Wp 41	NM 64628 84480	Another very degraded oblong feature c. 10 x 5 mtrs.
Wp 42	NM 64854 84620	Gate at road.
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Wp 2/43	NM 64751 84512	Three large cairns in a row running N/S, two of the cairns appear to have large 'marker' stones. The cairns are c. 0.75 m high with a circumference of c. 20 metres.
Wp 3/44	NM 64747 84478	Another large cairn of similar size with a 'marker' stone to the SW.
Wp 4/45	NM 64756 84422	Slightly smaller cairn, this time grass covered, marks the first of another row of three cairns over 40 mtrs also running N/S with another slightly west of the row. Wp 3/44 and 4/45 is a collection of cairns some in a row placed in 'good' clear ground others set back against the slope into rougher ground.
Wp 5/46	NM 64800 84351	A row of three small cairns c. ½ metre high and circumference of c. 10 metres running E/W over c. 80 mtrs. Two further large cairns also in line a few metres to the north almost against the field wall (marked on the OS map) were probably built against large pieces of bedrock sitting proud of the field.
Wp 6/47	NM 64854 84168	This waypoint marks the SW corner of a stone built enclosure which may have a connection with a stone wall marked on the OS map.
Wp 7/48	NM 64881 84129	Isolated ruined building set against a north facing hill c. 6x3mtrs with extant walls to ¾ metres high. A tumbled ruined out building was just to the north.

Illustrative map of the Tòrr a' Bheithe Survey





Wp 9 NM 64493 84087 Possible Corn Kiln built into outcrop



Wp 13 NM 64566 84005 Detail of narrow entrance barely 1/2 metre wide



Wp 29 NM 64289 83884 Rounded end on NW end of ruin possible corn kiln



Wp 30 NM 64324 83959 Very large ruin c. 12 x 8 mtrs known as the 'Winnowing Barn' looking SW



Wp 30 NM 64324 83959 Detail of stone work in 'Winnowing Barn'



Wp 32 and 33 Stone dyke in foreground and 10x4mtr ruined walling with tree behind at NM 64365 83946



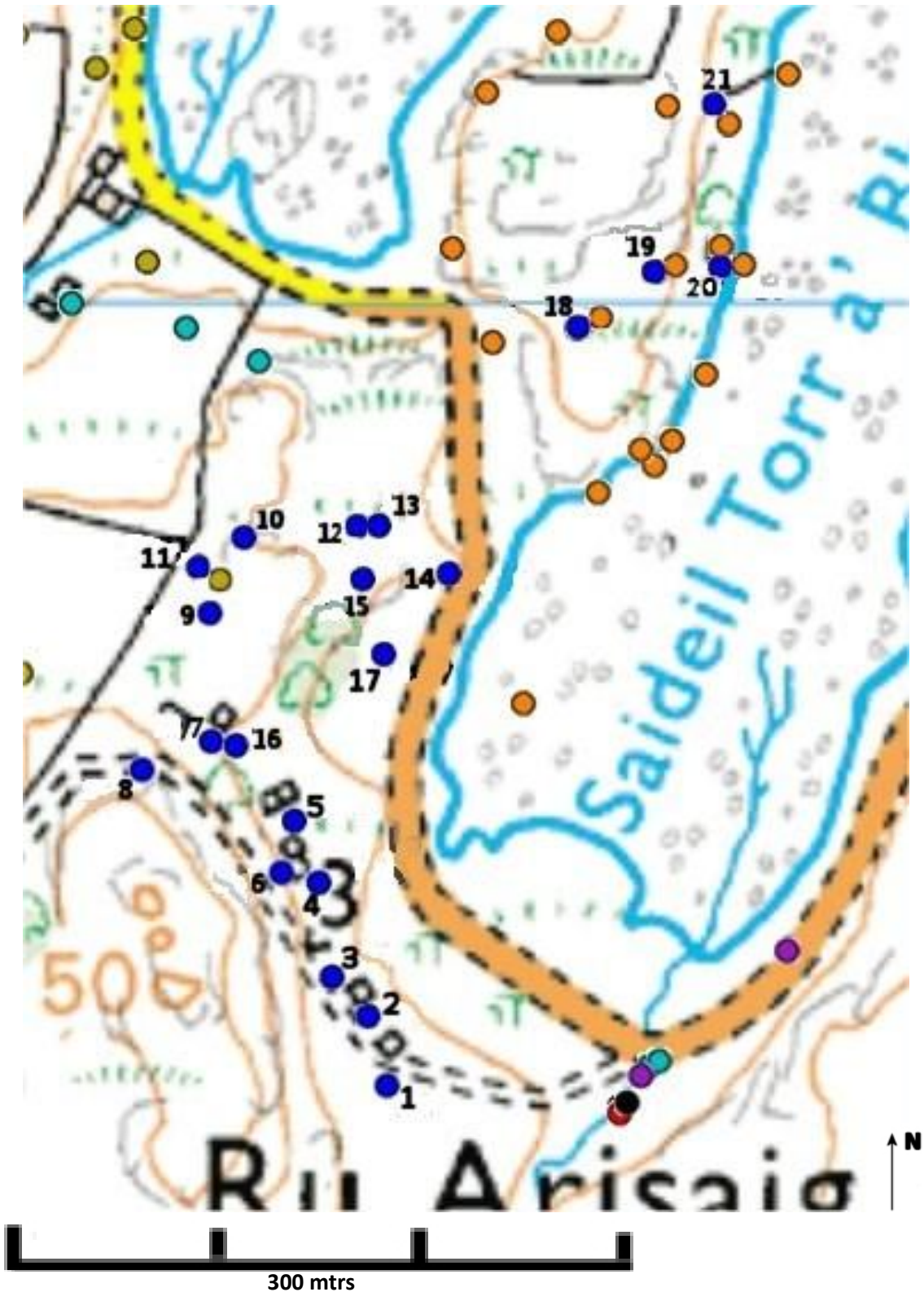
Wp33 NM 64365 83946 Detail of ruined walling on SE corner

4. Baile Ùr (New Town) N.B. name not on modern OS map

Centred on NM 64702 84752 Surveyed on 15/02/2013

This settlement comprises a row of substantial ruins running parallel to the modern council road. On the modern 25000 OS Map the route of the forestry track is incorrect; in fact it runs between the road and the ruins running north west until turning south west towards the woodland. The correct line of the track is indicated on the illustrative map of Baile Ùr on page 26.

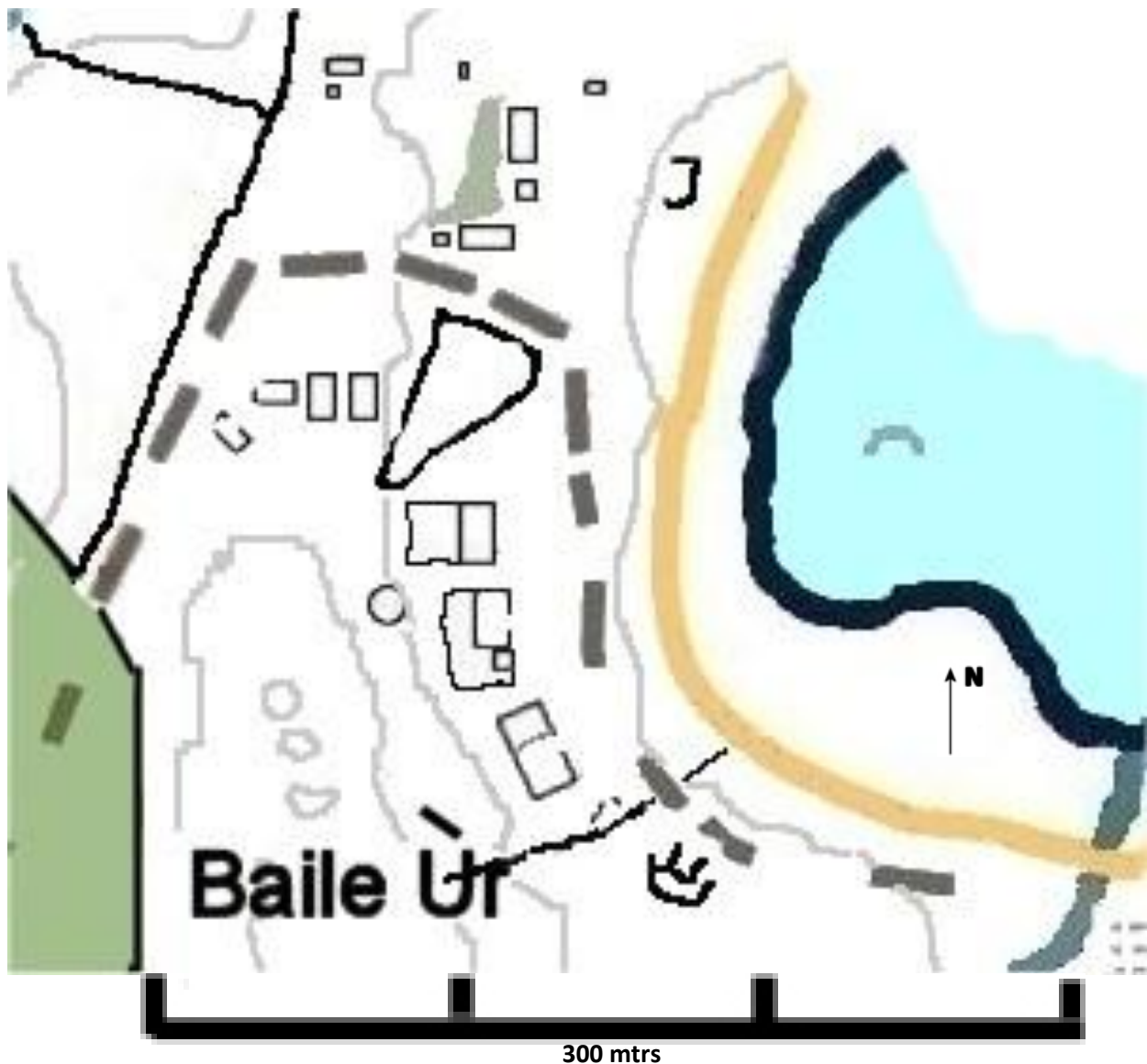
Waypoint map of the Baile Ùr survey (blue numbered dots)



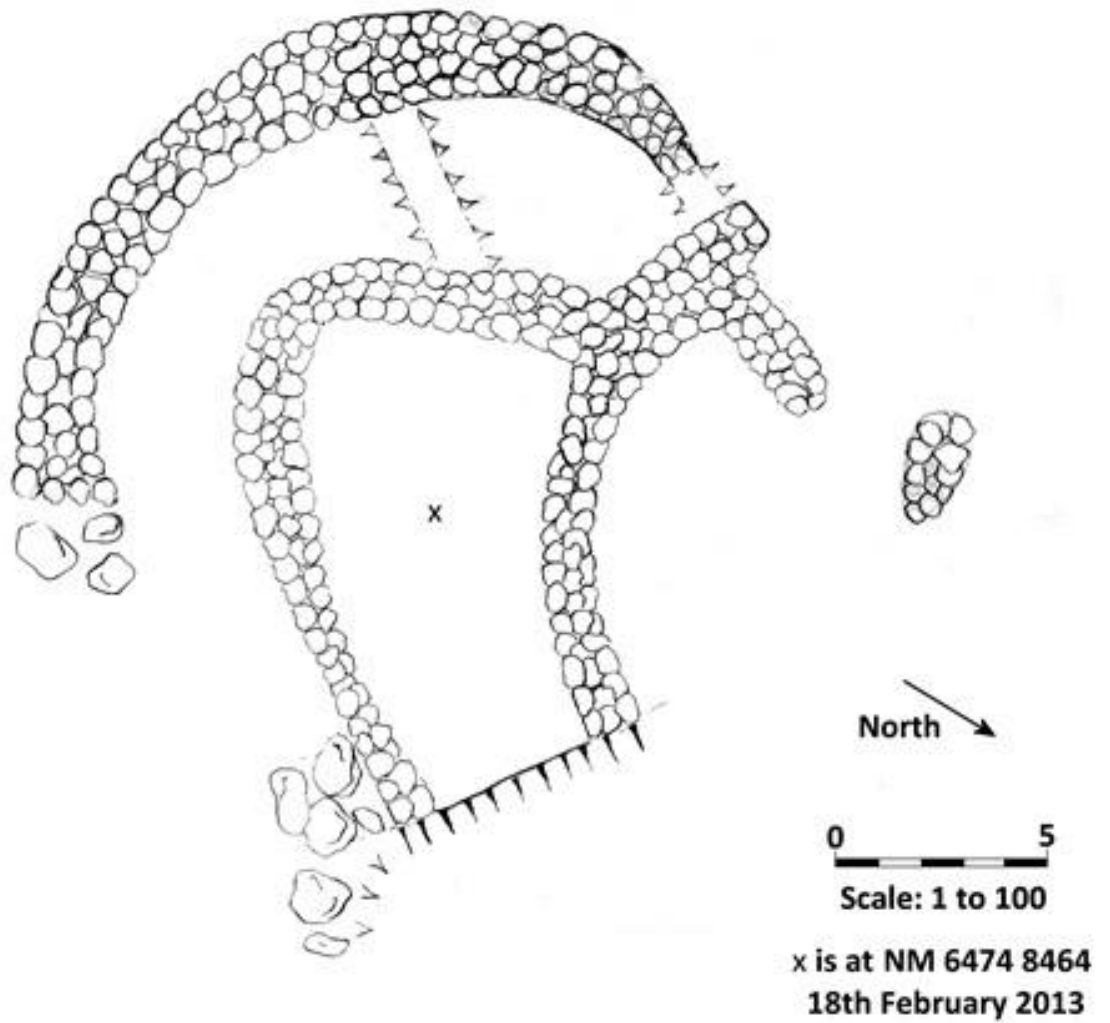
Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS 961/39-2)	NM 64746 84625	A large feature with a semi- circular outer wall to the SW c. 40 metres long with a rhomboid stone built walling inside: 7 mtrs wall backing on to the semi-circular wall; long side walls c. 9 mtrs and front edge c. 5 mtrs. Front edge facing NE with no walling but the inside structure levelled and the front face built up to form the platform. A further tumbled structure seem to join the outside walling and the inside structure on the north-western end of the semi-circular wall. This is an unusual feature and was subsequently planned accurately with a plane-table - see drawn plan on page 27.
Wp 2 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-3)	NM 64737 84658	A degraded wall extending up the hill to the SW and SE down towards the road. Waypoint marks the SW corner of a tumbled ruin which uses the wall as its SE side and is c. 5x4 mtrs.
Wp 3 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-4)	NM 64720 84677	Large ruin built against the hillside with two compartments c. 10x6 mtrs. Walls extant to a metre high with evidence of turf being built up on the NE side. Entrance on the eastern side.
Wp 4 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-5)	NM 64713 84720	Ruin c. 10x4 mtrs with enclosure adjoining on the south side with a small 'outbuilding' incorporated on the south side of the main building. Back walls of the main building to a metre high with an entrance to the east. Enclosure extending 6 mtrs to south, c. 11 mtrs along southern edge and c. 17 mtrs along back, western side. Large fallen rocks incorporated into the enclosure walls.
Wp 5 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-6)	NM 64702 84752	Ruin c. 9x4 with eastern entrance on the long side and an enclosure attached on the west side c. 9x11 mtrs.
Wp 6	NM 64695 84727	Tiny feature c. 1½x1 mtr with extant walls only 25 cms built into the steep hillside to the NW of wp 11 / 4 – maybe storage for kelp?
Wp 7 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-8)	NM 64662 84790	Waypoint marks eastern corner of this more or less triangular enclosure c. 25x25x15 mtrs. Short edge parallel with the forest road track and the western edge using 20 mtr high cliff for part of its length as a natural boundary.
Wp 8	NM 64628 84777	Group of three very degraded oblong features in a row; from the east first one c. 5x4 mtrs, middle one c. 6x4 and the last with its short side to the east c. 8x4 mtrs.
Wp 9	NM 64661 84852	Another very degraded oblong feature c. 6x3 mtrs with entrance to NE. Possibly predating the surrounding evidence of cultivation.
Wp 10	NM 64677 84888	Very degraded feature one large stone and many small stones.
Wp 11	NM 64655 84875	Point on large stone wall running c. E/W shown on OS map but the wall on map shown close to here running N/S no longer very evident.
Wp 12	NM 64732 84894	Relatively substantial ruin c. 8x5 mtrs with entrance on long side facing south. Also on the south side to the right facing out a small second building c. 5x3 ½ mtrs. West and north walls of structure still over a metre high.
Wp 13	NM 64742 84894	Down the slope from Wp 12 a rougher built ruin c. 6x4 mtrs.
Wp 14	NM 64776 84871	Very small degraded feature c. 4x3 mtrs on south side of a small enclosure to the north. Very exposed on hill above track – signs of a wall a few metres to the north perhaps to help for shelter.

Wp 15	NM 64734 84868	Fairly substantial ruin to half a metre high c. 9x5 mtrs with a c. 6x4 mtrs outbuilding on south side. Entrance on long side of main building facing east.
Wp 16 (HER:MHG27367) (JW/WAS NMRS MS961/39-7)	NM 64674 84788	Two tumbled ruins side by side on the edge of the forest track which runs along the south side of both buildings with a modern stock fence between the track and ruins. Larger eastern ruin c. 6x4 mtrs & smaller ruin on west side c. 3x2 mtrs. Only substantial walls on SE corner on larger building.
Wp 17	NM 64744 84822	Small enclosure built against a 20 mtr cliff constructed with at least 5 very large rocks and infilled with smaller rocks. The larger rocks possibly natural rock fall – the largest being c. 2.2 x 1.2 x 0.6 mtrs.
Wp 18	NM 6483784989	Large area of rigs, some covered in short machair grasses other bracken covered on a peninsula north of tarmac. road.
Wp 19	NM 64876 85016	Large depression about 2mtrs across – possibly for a clamp to store potatoes but more likely for kelp burning.
Wp 20	NM 64911 85018	Small tumbled ruin to 0.5 mtr high c. 5x5 mtrs on knoll overlooking the bay possibly for stacking kelp.
Wp 21	NM 64909 85087	Stone wall to c. 75 cms high leading east /west from cliff face to the beach then north following coast -possibly for kelp drying.

Illustrative map of the Baile Ùr survey including correct line of the forest track



Plan of enigmatic feature described above at Waypoint 1



Waypoint 1 Detail of the circular ditch on the south west side of the feature



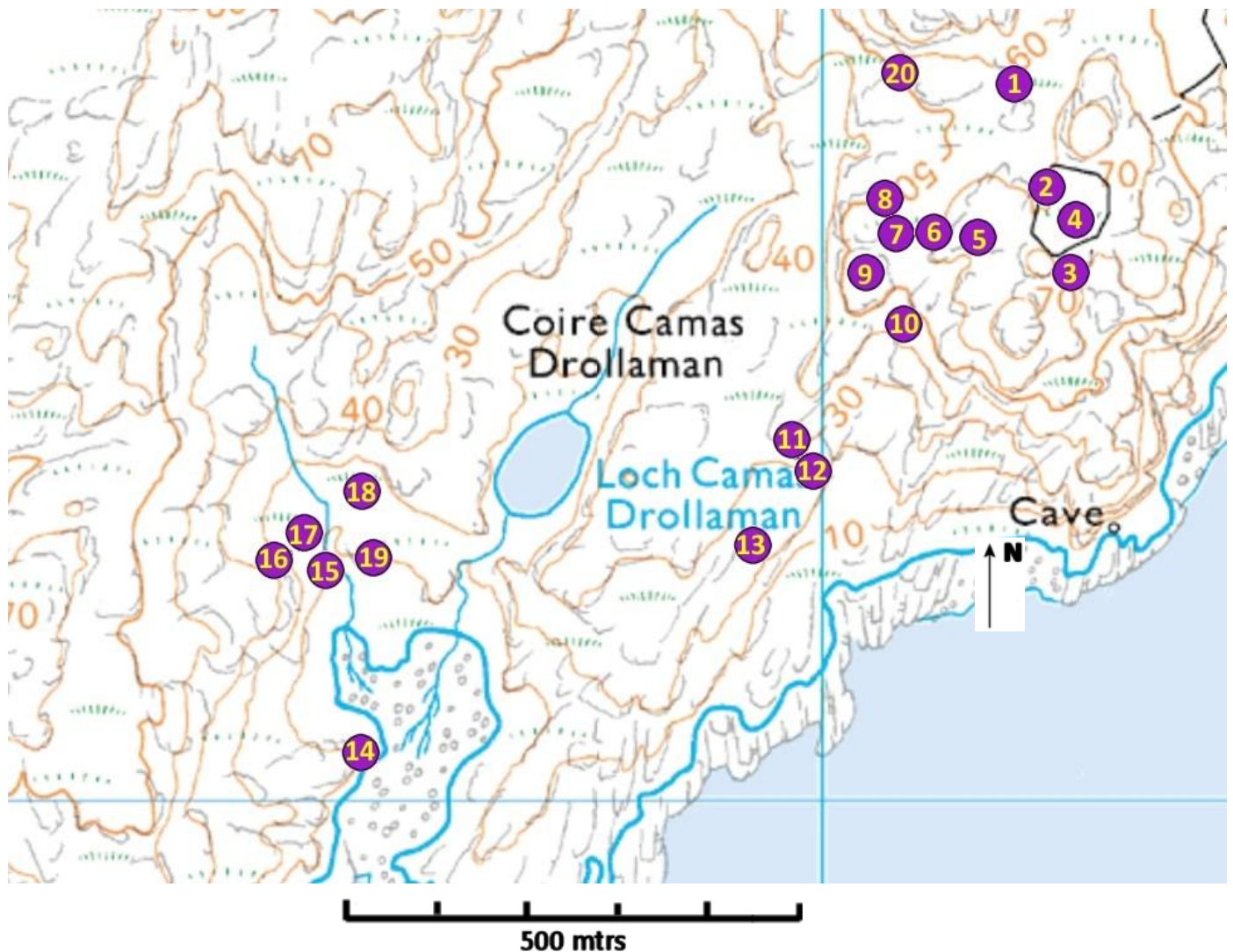
Waypoint 17 A view looking north west of a small enclosure built with very large stones possibly for kelp stacking

5. Camas Drollaman (*meaning uncertain, but possibly Bay of the Sluggard or a tenuous suggestion is that 'droll' came from the Norse word 'troll' a supernatural being to be respected and avoided*)

Centred on NM 63980 83373 Surveyed on 27/02/2013

This southern part of the peninsula is remote by land though accessible by sea at the large bay from which the area takes its name. Only two substantial ruins were noted and the main cultivation areas to the north east of the area are not far from Tòrr a'Bheithe. A large enclosure with evidence of cultivation at Wps 2–4 is on the Highland HER and noted on the OS 1:25000 map. However the large ruined house at Wp 20 is not on the modern OS map. There are several scattered features that were very small, possibly used for storage. Wp 7 is a feature large enough to be a shieling or temporary dwelling. The Rhu peninsula rises only to around 90 metres so transhumance was possibly not practiced beyond the early to mid nineteenth century, particularly with the reduction of land for the local population along with clearance. The feature at Waypoint 7 was surrounded by cultivation rigs. A faint structure at Waypoint 18 was beneath more recent cultivation rigs.

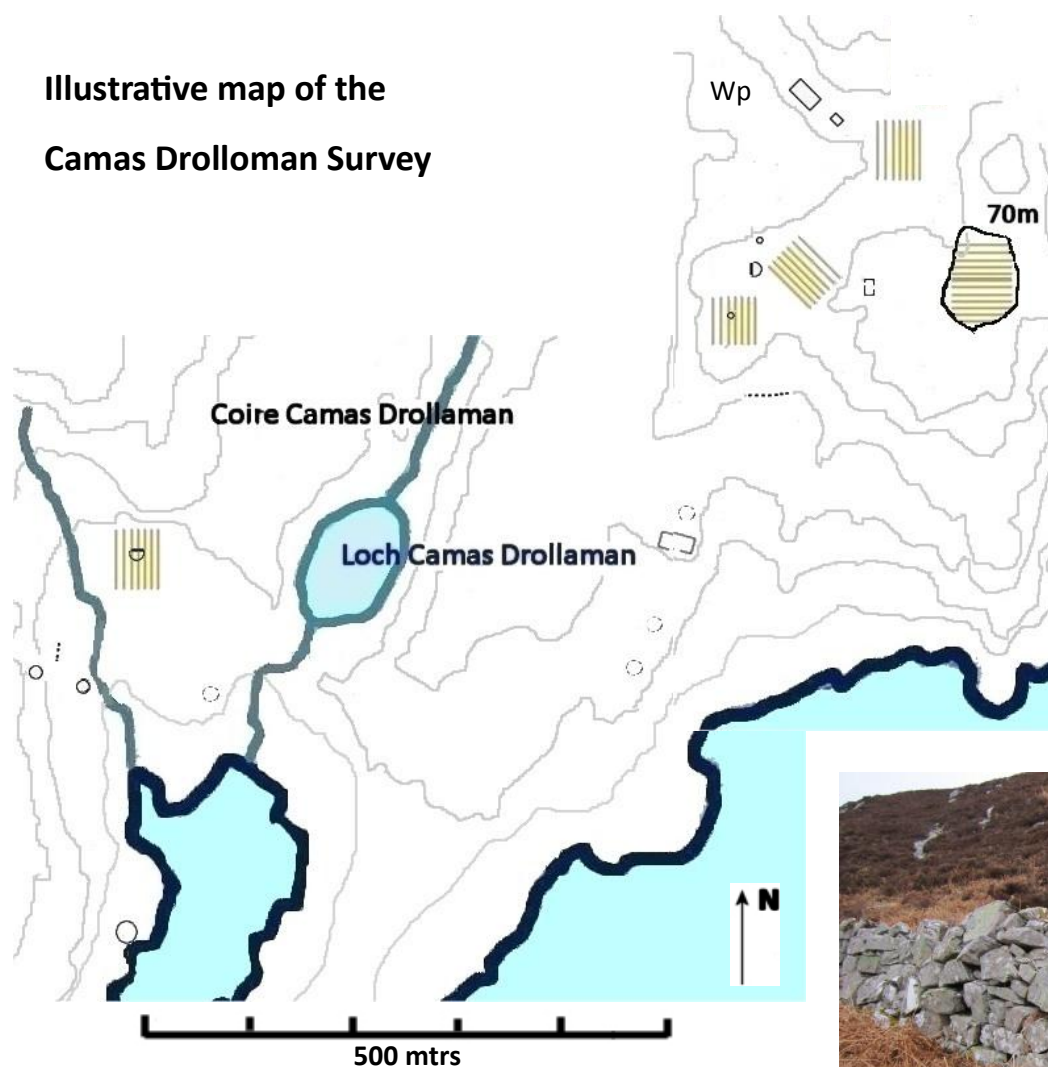
Waypoint map of Camas Drollaman



Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 64219 83799	An area of rigs running N/S Note: The land seen south and west from this waypoint was intensively cultivated with areas of rigs observed in every possible place of good ground. Only the tops and really boggy areas seem not to be cultivated. The rent was relatively high reflecting the amount of good ground and is known now as Àrd Arigh.
Wp 2 (HER:MHG27365) (NMRS: NM68SW8 Torr a'Bheithe)	NM 64254 83684	A turf and stone wall forming the northern edge of a large enclosure used at one time for cultivation with evidence of rigs. The total area of the enclosure approximately 100 by 75 metres covering land in a slight depression between steep hillsides. Enclosure marked on the O.S map.
Wp 3 (HER:MHG27365) (NMRS: NM68SW8 Torr a'Bheithe)	NM 64273 83596	South eastern edge of the enclosure noted on Wp 2.
Wp 4	NM 64280 83652	Raised feature in the centre of the enclosure with another on the eastern edge – possibly a natural rock outcrop.
Wp 5	NM 64175 83652	Small tumbled low oblong ruin lying almost N/S with entrance on the long eastern side. This ruin is not marked on the O.S. map.
Wp 6	NM 64114 83629	A tumbled ruin or cairn against the NE side of a outcrop of bedrock c. 5x3 mtrs. Surrounding area covered in rigs.
Wp 7	NM 64083 83635	A low walled structure c. 3 mtrs diameter. The western wall nearly straight making the structure D shaped with an entrance on the north side. No evidence of tumble making this feature a possible shieling – a temporary summer residence predating the surrounding rigs. Along with nearly all the features observed on the walk this one is not marked on the O.S. map.
Wp 8	NM 64069 83667	A very small built feature – possibly for storage only c. one metre internally.
Wp 9	NM 64048 83594	Possibly a small cairn, small shieling or storage cleit in amongst lots of rigs.
Wp 10	NM 64090 83529	Stones place in a row between two fairly steep hillsides c. 18 mtrs long – possibly to help level cultivated ground on a sloping area above the stones.
Wp 11	NM 63974 83389	Small built structure against natural rock outcrop c. 5x3 mtrs possibly a shieling / shelter then later storage for Wp 12.
Wp 12	NM 63980 83373	Stone built ruin with walls in places still to c. metre high oblong lying E/W with entrance to south on long side c. 2 x 5 mtrs internally. Feature facing south and fairly exposed to weather. Only built feature on O.S. map on walk apart from Wp 2 – the enclosure.
Wp 13	NM 63914 83282	Built feature against east facing hillside c. 2x1 ½ mtrs – built with tumble from hillside above possible storage. Another similar more tumbled feature a few metres away to north on same level of east facing hillside.
Wp 14	NM 63488 83058	Built feature c. 5x3 mtrs against NE facing part of cliff side using massive fallen rock for the SE wall and with entrance to the north – possible shelter.
Wp 15	NM 63443 83268	Small circular built feature max. 1 ½x 2 mtrs internally.
Wp 16	NM 63400 83274	Feature built against north facing cliff c. 2x2 mtrs max. walls to 75 cms possible storage.

Wp 17	NM 63420 83286	Possible stance/platform faced with stones on east side.
Wp 18	NM 63486 83346	D shaped structure very similar to Wp 7 c. 4x2 mtrs internally with walls to half a metre - possible shieling but on low ground not far above sea level and surrounded by cultivation rigs.
Wp 19	NM 63501 83273	A very tumble structure c. 2x2mtrs internally max. built against west facing hillside with an entrance to NW.
Wp 20	NM 64088 83814	Very substantial ruin c. 4 x 10 mtrs - inner and outer walls of large stones filled with smaller stones. Evidence of window(s) on long south west facing side. Entrance on the short SE side. Built against SW facing hillside with ground sloping away to SW and a panoramic view of the whole of Coire Camas Drollaman to the loch Camas Drollaman. Small area in NE corner walled off with low wall – possible twinning pen or storage. Similar often observed in similar size buildings elsewhere in Moidart. A small tumble ruin was noted a few metres to SE of the main structure – possible outbuilding /storage/byre. The large ruin is not on the O.S. map even though it is very obvious and others not far to the east were largely recorded.

Illustrative map of the Camas Drolloman Survey



**Wp 20 Detail of the SW facing wall of this large ruin
c. 4 x 10 metres**



Wp 7 This D shaped feature c. 3 metres in diameter is a possible shieing at 50 metres above sea level



Wp 18 This feature is also D shaped c. 4 x 2 metres and may also be a shieling but is not far above sea level



Wp 12 This tumbled sub- rectangular structure c. 2 x 5 metres is marked on the OS map



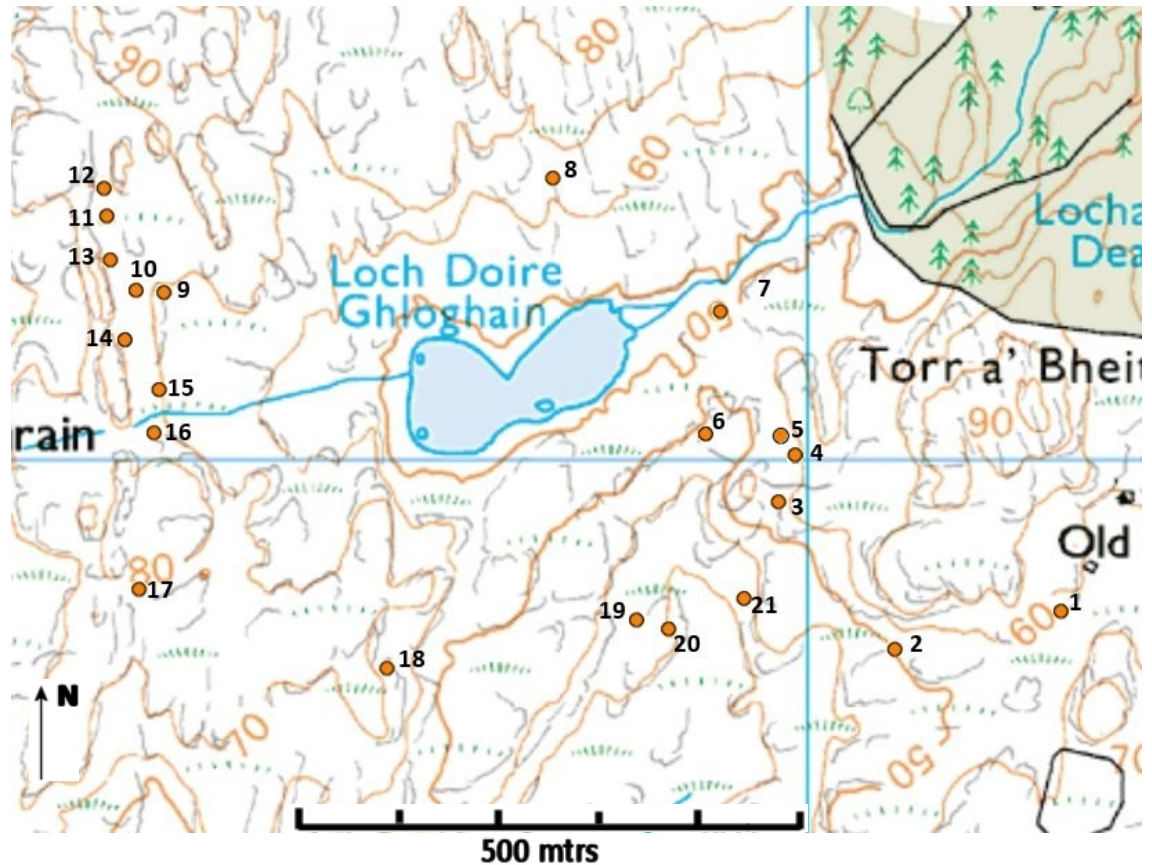
Wp 14 Tumbled feature built using natural fallen rock as SE wall c. 5 x 3 metres possible shelter close to shore

6. Àrdgaserie (translated as Headland of the Geese or Goose Bay)

Centred on NM 63344 84072 Surveyed on 5th March 2013

This area is marked on the Roy Map of 1747 as Ardgashrig and on Thompson's Atlas of 1832 as Ardgassick, but does not appear on any Ordnance Survey map. The land around Loch Doire Ghloghain is now very wet and boggy, hence the features noted are ranged on the hillsides to the east and west of the wide glen. At around 60 metres above sea level Wps 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15 are all small tumbled structures, most built against the east side of the north-south basalt ridge. They would probably have been shielings but the gently sloping ground to the east had signs of cultivation. None of the shelters appear on any maps but this area would be well sheltered from prevailing winds and rains and would be an attractive area for grazing during the summer months. A further shieling type structure was noted at WP 21 on the east side of the glen, this one open to the south and west but may have been sheltered from the worst of the weather by the basalt ridge opposite.

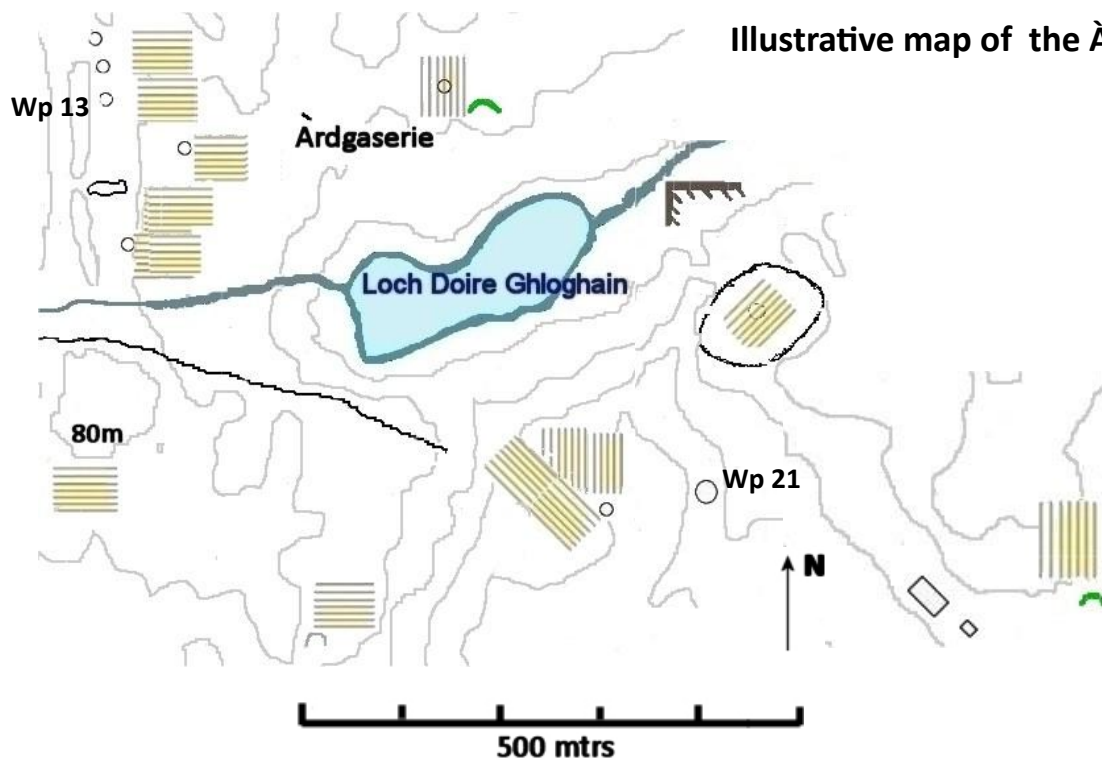
Waypoint map of Àrdgaserie survey



Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 64257 83847	A grass covered cairn at the foot of rigs just east of Wp 2 probably clearance.
Wp 2	NM 64089 83809	Large ruin as described in Camas Drolloman Wp 20 – a small tumbled further structure possibly for storage seen behind the ruin to NW against hillside.
Wp 3	NM 63971 83958	Turf wall ending a low cliff a few metres to the west and climbing east over the ridge – part of an enclosure with evidence of cultivation.
Wp 4	NM 63988 84005	Natural rocky outcrop inside large enclosure.
Wp 5	NM 63984 84013	Tumbled low structure – possible shieling c. 10 mtrs circumference in amongst the cultivation rigs.
Wp 6	NM 63898 84027	SW edge of turf walled enclosure.
Wp 7	NM 63912 84151	Possible peat cuttings ENE of Loch Doire Ghloghain.

Wp 8	NM 63743 84286	Small cairn possible clearance on side of small area of cultivation with more tumbled stones or possible shieling against a low outcrop in the middle of the cultivation just a few metres NW of Wp 8.
Wp 9	NM 63349 84170	Low built structure max 3x3 mtrs, possible shieling with no tumble built on the west side of an outcrop of low bedrock on the edge of a large area of cultivation sloping to the east.
Wp 10	NM 63321 84172	Clearance cairn on rigs as at Wp 9.
Wp 11	NM 63291 84247	Similar to Wp 9 structure possible shieling built against low east facing out crop of bedrock – low walled c. 5x3 mtrs with entrance on south side by the bedrock – structure by continuing rigs N/S sloping gently eastwards.
Wp 12	NM 63288 84275	Very tumbled structure at the northern end of a wide area of cultivation backed on the west side by a Basalt ridge of bedrock.
Wp 13	NM 63295 84203	Very degraded structure max 3x3 mtrs against continuing ridge as at Wp 11 & 12.
Wp 14	NM 63310 84122	Low walled degraded possible enclosure at a position where the N/S running ridge has a gap E/W around 8 to 10 mtres wide. To the west of the ridge is a cliff falling steeply into the next glen. A natural but possibly man made levelled area runs W/E for over 20 metres including the possible enclosure which is c. 6 mtrs wide at the western end.
Wp 15	NM 63344 84072	Very degraded small circular feature c. 8 to 10 metres in circumference possible shieling in amongst the rigs.
Wp 16	NM 63339 84028	Substantial wall running west where basalt ridge finishes and continuing down slope across the glen towards Rhu Farm and running east and ESE over the land to far horizon. Possible boundary Wall between farms. This waypoint also marks the southern end of a large area of cultivation sloping gently but largely level to east for c. 50 mtrs at least and north south for about 300 mtrs. Although high, between 70 and 80 mtrs above sea level, this area of cultivation with several possible shielings backed to the west by the low ridge would have been an attractive area especially during summer months.
Wp 17	NM 63324 83869	Another separate small area of cultivation backed to the west by a basalt ridge but with no sign of built features.
Wp 18	NM 63575 83789	A possible small clearance cairn on the edge of another cultivation area on the east side of another basalt ridge.
Wp 19	NM 63828 83838	A large flattish area of rigs sloping slightly to the north maybe 0.75 of a hectare.
Wp 20	NM 63860 83829	Low structure against east facing low bedrock on the eastern edge of a good spread of rigs.
Wp 21	NM 63936 83860	Good size, up to 5 mtrs diameter, probable shieling, a circular structure with walls to half a metre high, entrance to SW and built with medium size stones with little or no tumble. Sheltered to east and north by a near by hillside but open to south and west overlooking a wide strath. Long ridges on far side to 80 metres above sea level giving some protection from westerly winds.

Illustrative map of the Àrdgaserie survey



Wp 9 Low built structure c. 3x3 possible shieling using bedrock backing on west side at NM 63349 84170



Wp 11 Possible shieling built against basalt ridge at NM 63291 84247



Wp 14 At NM 63310 84122 View north along basalt ridge with possible structure on left at foot of cliff



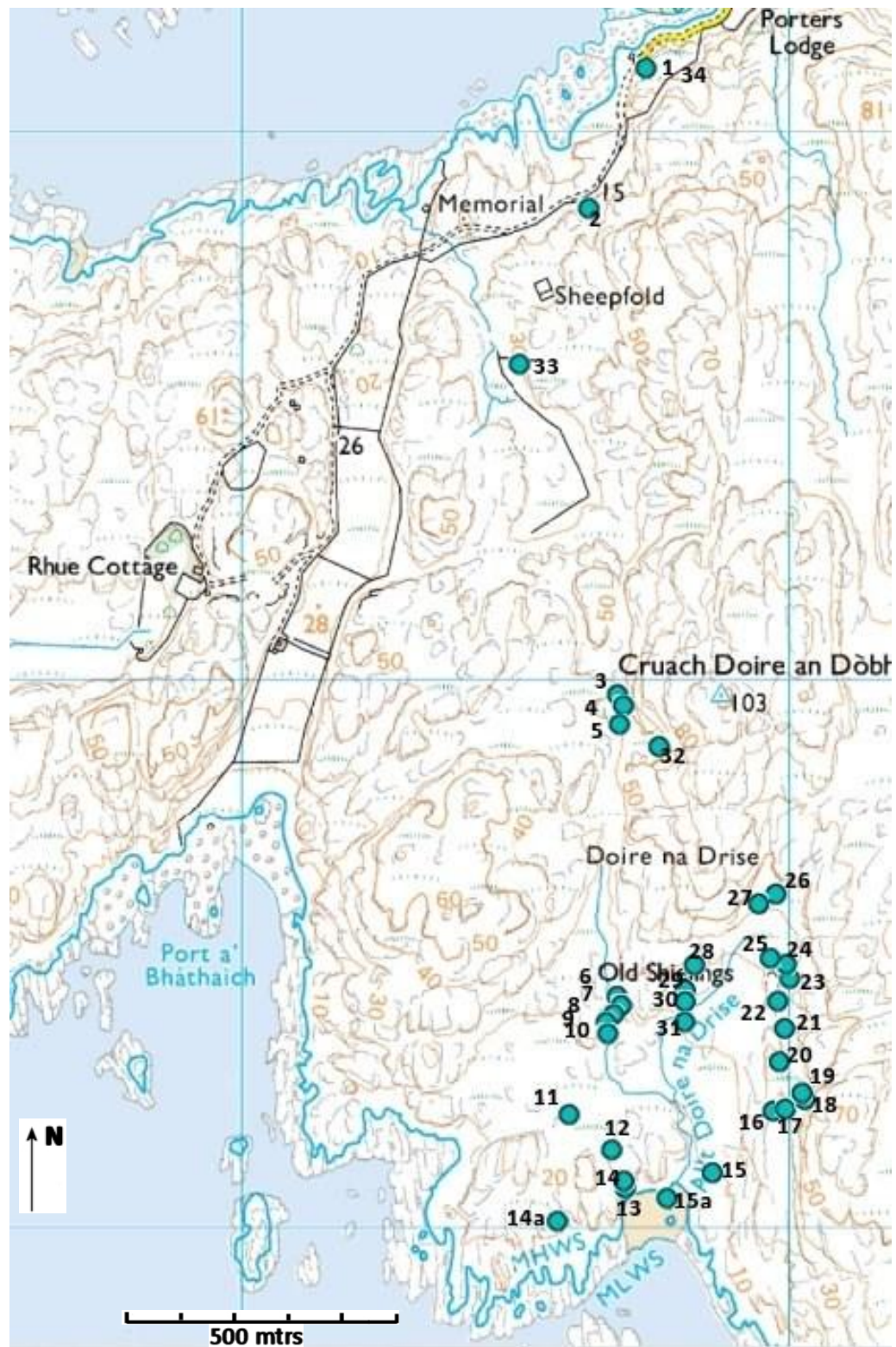
Wp 16 Substantial boundary wall at south end of rigs at NM 63339 84028

7. Doire na Drise (*Thicket of the Brambles*)

Centred on NM 62810 83412 Surveyed 13/03/2013

This is a large, once permanent settlement, but, as with Tòrr a Bheithe, is marked on the modern Ordnance Survey map 1:25000 as old shielings. Nine ruins, probably dwellings, were recorded, most with extant walling between 0.75m and 1.5m high. Seven of the buildings (Waypoints 6, 8, 9, 30 and 31) with a couple of smaller ruins, possibly byres or storage buildings, are clustered together giving the settlement the air of being a township. The area is a gentle sloping bowl of land facing south with Allt Doire na Drise providing a good water supply. Whilst access to the shore is good, the remoteness of Doire na Drise probably meant it was too far to rob the stone of the ruins for later use elsewhere. However there is a substantial square-cornered ruin c. 6 x 12 metres at waypoint 23 with walling to 1.75 metres; there is evidence of possible gable ends and windows but this was thought to be a later nineteenth century utilitarian building rather than a dwelling. At Wps 26–29 small shieling-like structures were recorded. These might have served as temporary dwellings if they predate the larger ruins, but are more likely to be for storage if they were in use when the larger ruins were occupied.

Waypoint map of the Doire na Drise survey



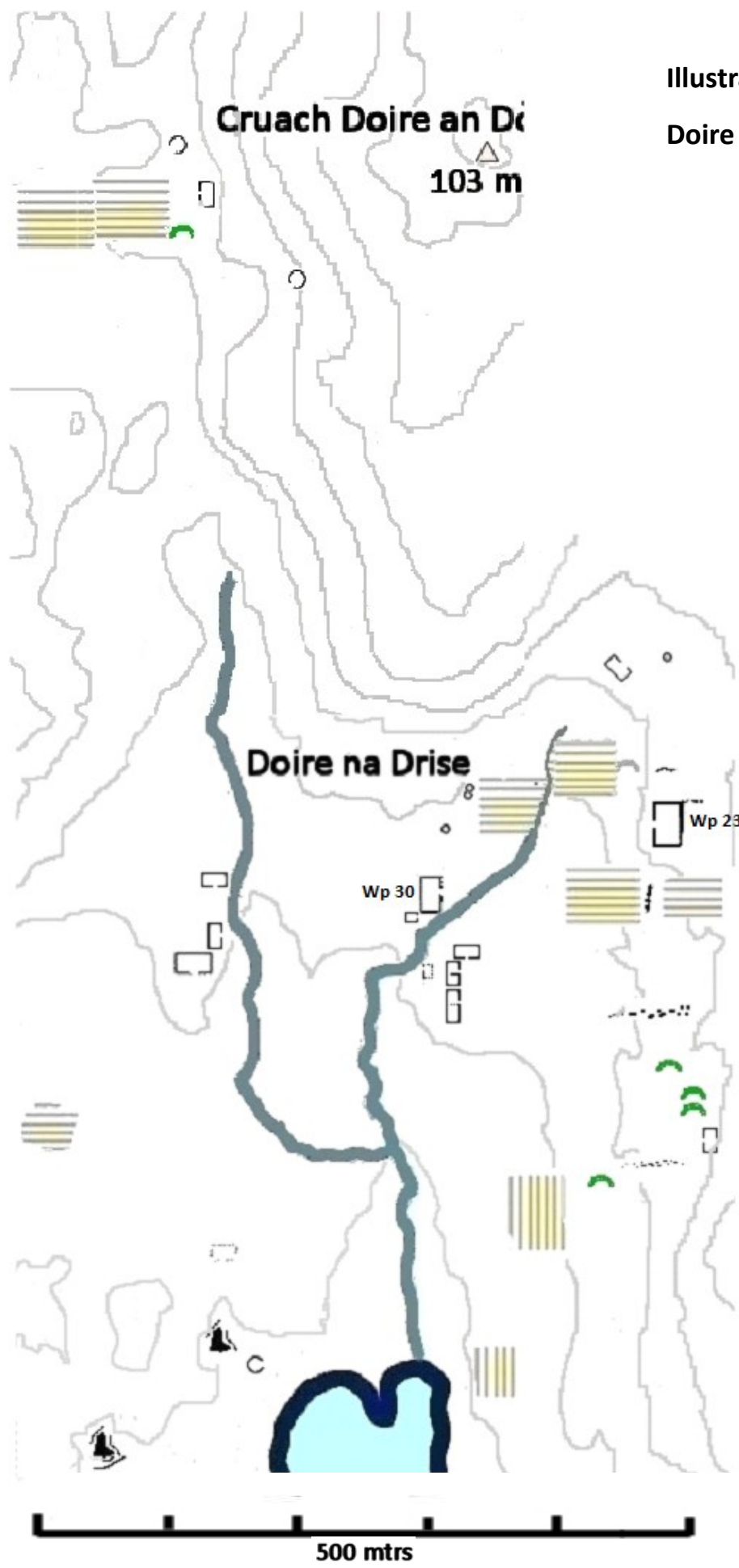
Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62708 85085	Gate at start of private road at the Pier at Rhu.
Wp 2	NM 62634 84860	Point at which we left the private road to ascend the slope on a direct course south east towards Doire na Drise.
Wp 3	NM 62687 83972	Small sheiling 3x2 mtrs max built against west facing outcrop with an entrance on the SW corner.
Wp 4	NM 62698 83952	Small oblong ruin c. 5x4 rough built sheiling like with a small 'annex' on the east side against west facing slope. Two large rocks 'natural tumble' incorporated into the north wall. Entrance on the west side – the whole structure built on platform. A large area of rigs to the west and south with a possible enclosure in the centre of this area.
Wp 5	NM 62690 83918	A Possible clearance cairn on the east side of the area of rigs. See also Wp 32 a small shieling ruin 50 metres to the SE.
Wp 6 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62686 83422	Oblong ruin c. 2 ½ x 7 mtrs using a flat vertical outcrop on the short western side. Entrance on the long south side. Good burn running N/S on eastern side of ruin.
Wp 7 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62694 83404	Low stone wall running E/W from outcrop on the west to the burn – possibly part of an enclosure (Kale yard) for Wp 6.
Wp 8 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 82680 83397	Oblong ruin c. 7x4 mtrs externally. Long side facing W/E with entrance (75 cms wide) on the east side. Extant wall on the west side well built to original roof height c. 1 mtr with two cruck slots still evident- other walls more tumbled.
Wp 9 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62666 83374	Oblong building c. 12x8 mtrs externally. Long side facing N/S with south facing doorway c. 1 mtr wide. Walls generally tumbled but the north-east corner extant to c. 1 ½ mtrs high.
Wp 10 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62669 83353	A natural outcrop above surrounding boggy heath covered land -c. 2mtrs high and with a fairly level area of at least 4x4 mtrs on the northern end extending a further 8 mtrs to the south before the natural stone starts to slope more. Evidence of walling on the northern and southern ends of the outcrop. Use inconclusive.
Wp 11	NM 62598 83206	A small area of cultivation in amongst otherwise boggy land. A small seasonal lochan to the SW and a possible clearance cairn in the middle of the area.
Wp 12	NM 62676 83141	A very degraded ruin with just base stones evident c. 2x3 ½ mtrs - long side facing south.
Wp 13	NM 62701 83071	Well built ruin c. 4x3 mtrs externally little tumble – sheiling like with walls to c. 75 cms and entrance to the east - built against west side of cliffs that encircle the bay at the foot of Doire na Drise.
Wp 14	NM 62698 83084	Behind Wp 13 a few metres to the north in the cliff a long narrow cave over hung with ivy. A wall extends on the east side of the entrance with a substantial upright stone as a 'door jamb' Shell scatter on the floor of the cave which extends to possibly 10 mtrs but only a couple of metres wide. A tumbled wall across the approach of the cave about 2 mtrs away was observed and a further wall about 4 mtrs from the cave entrance.
Wp 14A	NM 62577 83011	To the west of Wp 14 about 100 mtrs and into the basalt cliff another cave with a shell midden on the floor and a protective low wall across the entrance. A very small shieling type structure was seen on the east side of this narrow bay may have been kelp store.

Wp 15	NM 62860 83099	A small area of cultivation on the east side of Doire na Drise surrounded by bad land.
Wp 15A	NM 62777 83053	A large white spot painted on the cliff walls opposite the clear water between low reefs – a navigation aid
Wp 16	NM 62971 83212	Remnants of a storage cleit with the area to the west patches of rigs and large areas of boggy heath land sloping gently to south.
Wp 17	NM 62993 83216	20 mtr long wide feature made of small stones - possible as part of an enclosure on the south end of a large area of cultivation.
Wp 18	NM 63029 83233	Built against west facing cliff side, small structure max 5x3 mtrs externally ,well built still on east and south sides. Entrance 75 cms on west side.
Wp 19	NM 63024 83245	Just to north west of Wp 18 , two large cairns built against the north and south ends of a small outcrop/large rock tumble. The northern cairn appeared to have been robbed.
Wp 20	NM 62982 83302	Possible tumble storage cleit on the east side of an outcrop.
Wp 21	NM 62992 83363	A tumbled wall possibly similar construction to Wp 17 (small clearance stones) with nearby gateway and possibly part of the same enclosure.
Wp 22	NM 62979 83410	Degraded wall c. 7 mtrs long between two outcrops running N/S separating two areas of rigs to the east and west. Possible boundary between tenancies or built earlier than the cultivation to keep animals from one side or the other?
Wp 23	NM 63001 83454	Substantial square cornered building c. 6x12 mtrs with walls to at least 1.75 cms. East and west walls complete with no windows, north and south short ends tumbled but with evidence of gables and possibly windows. Entrance over 1 mtrs wide on west side. Possible 19 th century utilitarian building rather than house. No sign of wood or metal any where to help determine structure.
Wp 24	NM 62995 83480	Turf and stone dyke running E/W from a cliff on the east to a natural outcrop.
Wp 25	NM 62W966 83491	A robbed out large cairn of rounded small (beach?) stones by very large area of cultivation to the west and tussock grass to the east.
Wp 26	NM 62976 83608	A small shieling/storage cleit c. 2 ½ x 1 ½ mtrs with an entrance to the north.
Wp 27	NM 62944 83590	A sub-rectangular shieling –like structure with low complete walls to ½ metre high with entrance to the north-east, probably for storage.
Wp 28 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62827 83479	Small storage cleit/shieling built against east facing low natural outcrop with two compartments and walls to ½ metre high on the edge of the western edge of a large area of more cultivation.
Wp 29 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62810 83432	Another small shieing/cleit built against east facing bank c. 1x2 mtrs internally.
Wp 30 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)	NM 62810 83412	Large well built house c. 10x5 mtrs long side facing east with central entrance 1 ½ wide and two window gaps either side of the doorway. All walls well built to original height c. 1 ½ mtrs, curved at external corners. On SW corner a separate smaller ruin c. 3x8 mtrs - more tumbled and with an entrance also to the east of 75cms.

<p>Wp 31 (HER:MHG27364) (NMRS:NM68SW7 Doire na Drise)</p>	<p>NM 62809 83375</p>	<p>A series of four ruins, three in a line and one more tumbled and ruinous on the west side of the central building.</p> <p>Building A: Starting at the northern end the first building was 6x4 mtrs long side facing south with the entrance to the south c. 75 cms wide and walls to ½ metre</p> <p>Building B: Built with short side to the first building with a narrow gap between them the second building was c. 6 x 9 long side facing east with an entrance on the east side c. 75 cms. Built with two compartments the entrance into the northern most side and a way into the south side internally next to the western wall.</p> <p>Building C: The third ruin a few metres to the south in a line with the second building was c. 12x 6 mtrs with the entrance (75 cms) also on the long side facing east. Evidence of an internal dividing wall.</p> <p>Building D: The fourth building c. 3x5 mtrs with long side parallel with the second building - very tumbled walls only to ½ mtr with only a substantial section of wall extant to 1 ½ metres on the south side of the western entrance.</p>
<p>Wp 32</p>	<p>NM 62762 83877</p>	<p>Small low built shieling with an entrance to the south west and walls to ½ metre – structure isolated in a small bowl of hills some 50 metres south east of Wp 5.</p>
<p>Wp 33</p>	<p>NM 62508 84575</p>	<p>Substantial stone and turf dyke running east west with a gate way – dyke noted on OS map. Dyke encountered on the way back from Doire na Drise – route back taken slightly to the west of the way taken in.</p>
<p>Wp 34</p>	<p>NM 62735 85124</p>	<p>Car parking area near Pier building at road end and near gate to private road.</p>



Wp 23 The large building c. 6 x 12 mtrs looking south west with the tumbled wall of an enclosure on the eastern side of the ruin at NM 63001 83454



Illustrative map of
Doire na Drise survey



Wp 31 A view of the four ruins looking west and north at NM 62809 83375 with ruin at Wp 30 towards top right of the photograph



Wp 8 A Ruin c. 7x4 showing close up of cruck slot at NM 82680 83397



Wp 27 Sub rectangular structure with an entrance on the north-east side probably for storage at NM 62944 83590



Wp 30 Interior view looking south of the large ruin 10 x 5 mtrs with walls to c. 1.5 mtrs high at NM 62810 83412

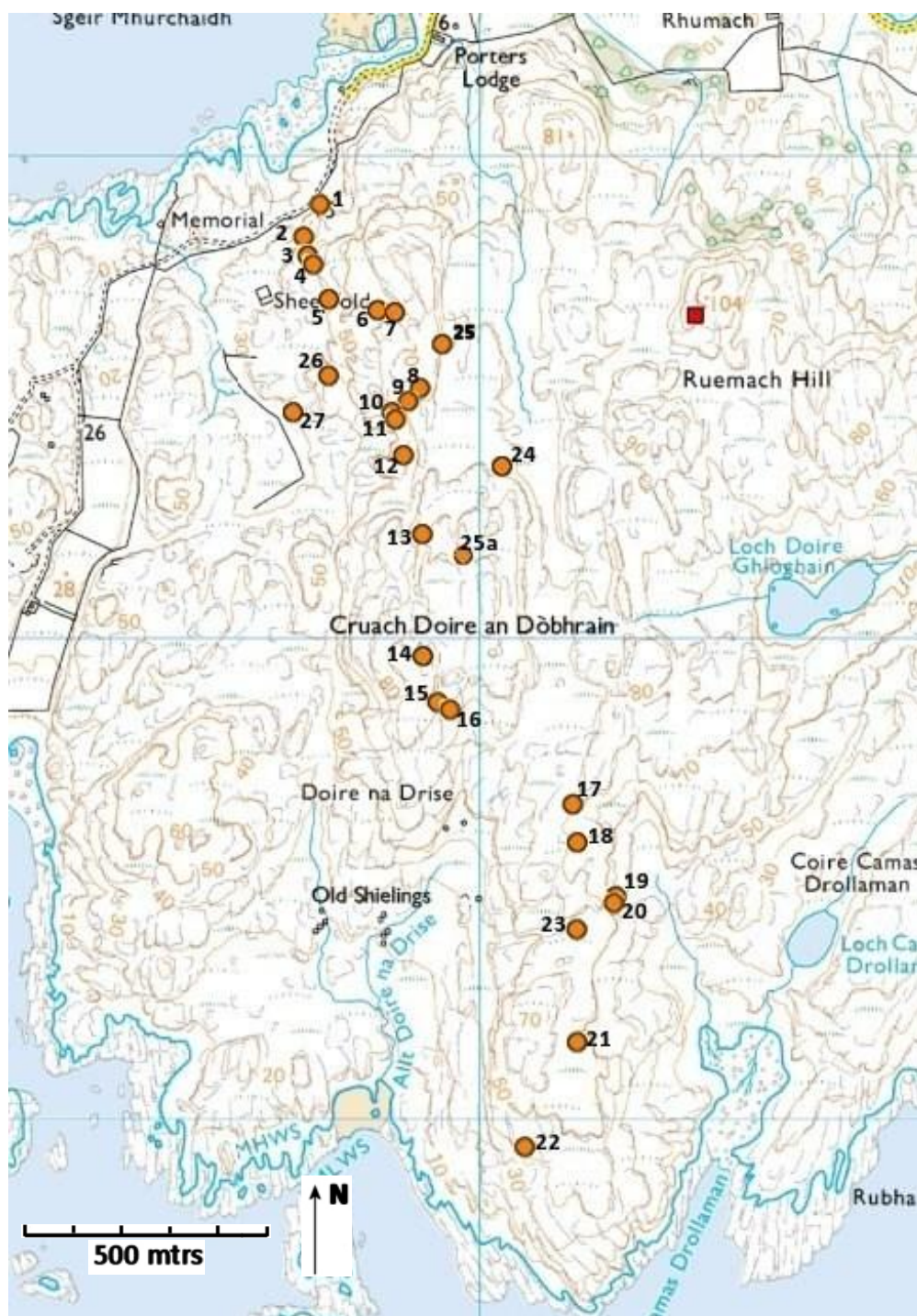
8. North and South of the Trig Point at Crucach Doire an Dòrainn

(*Rock of Anguish*—tradition has it named as a place where folk gathered to watch the emigrant ships leave taking friends and family away for ever. N.B. on O.S. maps Dòrainn is shown as Dòbhrain meaning otter)

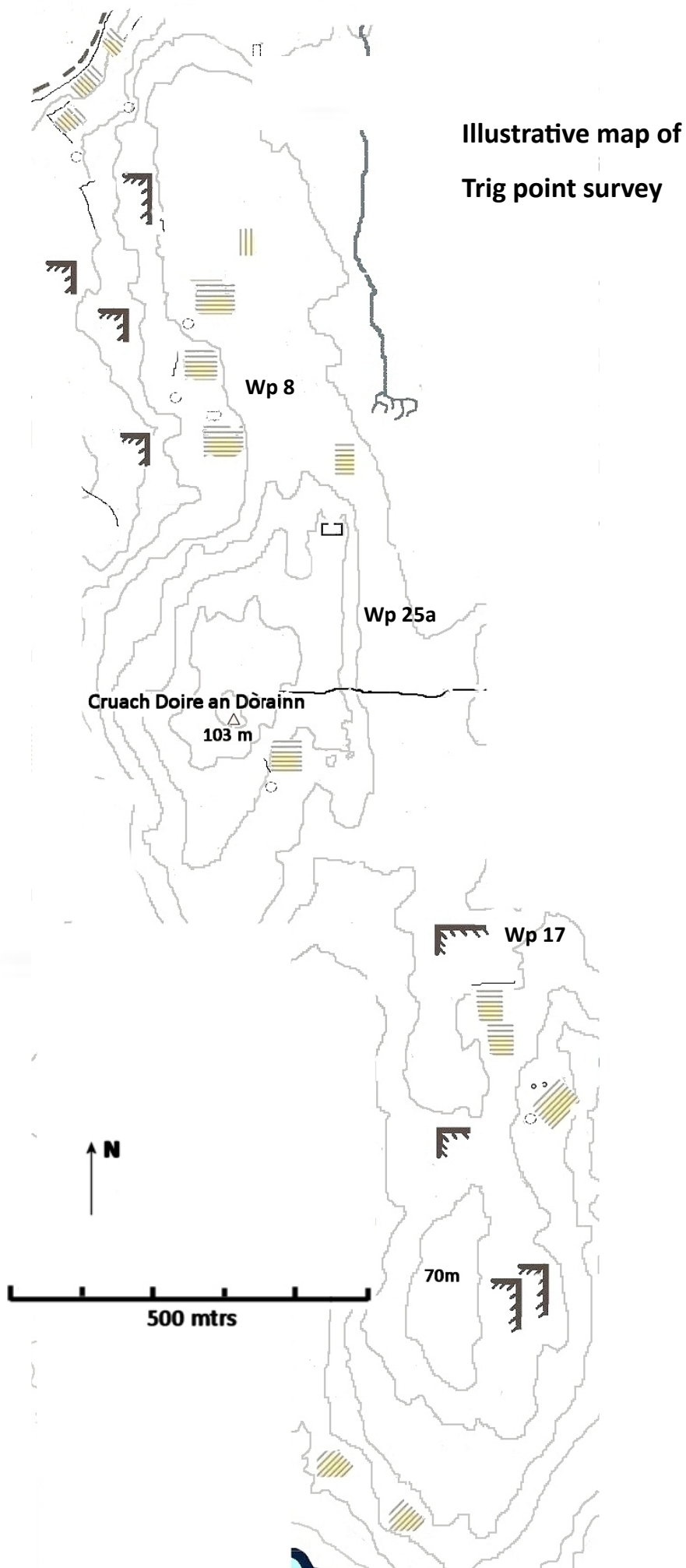
Centred on NM 62882 83962 Surveyed on 21st March 2013

This survey covered land following the highest ridge on the peninsula from the coast in the north to the headland on the west side of Camas Drollaman. There was no signs of a settlement but there is evidence of the land being used right up to the summit at 103 metres in a variety of ways. Even at higher levels there was a scattering of feannagan. At Wp 8 and 12 quite large areas of old cultivation rigs were noted at around 70 metres above sea level benefiting from year round good light, but very exposed to the south and west. As population density increased in the early nineteenth century, the theory is that more and more land was brought under cultivation in places once thought unsuitable. Further south of the trig point at Wp 21 there are large areas of peat digging but on the wide headland the soils are thin and much bedrock is showing on the surface with no evidence of land use; it may have been too exposed and poor even for summer grazing. Down the slopes to the south west at Wp 22 are some areas of old cultivation, but even this is very exposed to the prevailing south-west storms.

Waypoint map of north and south of the Trig Point survey



Waypoints	O. S Reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62669 84900	An area c. 30x15 mtrs on the landward side of the track with signs of cultivation facing WNW.
Wp 2	NM 62625 84832	A substantial wall running c. 40 mtrs NE from the burn in a deep cleft to an outcrop with signs of cultivation facing NW between the wall and the cliff.
Wp 3	NM 62647 84793	Wall running NW/SE using natural features to help enclose cultivated area at Wp 2.
Wp 4	NM 62655 84775	Built feature on east side of the burn against a SW facing steep rocky cliff side using natural large rock tumble and built inserts of also quite large rocks to form a small circular structure.
Wp 5	NM 62689 84703	A low turf wall running SW from cliff side to meet at right angles a long running wall running NW/SE.
Wp 6	NM 62788 84680	Long line of peat cutting on a large level area.
Wp 7	NM 62824 84675	Low wall forming a barrier between two outcrops.
Wp 8	NM 62876 84518	Large areas of cultivation sloping west high on the hill at c. 70 mtrs above sea level.
Wp 9	NM 62852 84491	Tumbled shieling c. 3x4 mtrs exterior on east side of an outcrop with entrance to the east.
Wp 10	NM 62818 84468	Remains of a wall between two outcrops with rigs on the east side and rough ground to the west.
Wp 11	NM 62825 84453	A tumbled shieling between two outcrops with an entrance to the NE – the structure also seems to act as a barrier between the outcrops.
Wp 12	NM 62842 84379	Vegetation covered sub-rectangular c. 4x3 mtrs shieling building on the south side of an outcrop by a large area of large rigs.
Wp 13	NM 62881 84215	A point on a good path between Wp 10 and the approach to the trig point at Wp 14.
Wp 14	NM 62882 83962	Trig point on Cruach Doire na Dòbhrain (Dòrain)
Wp 15	NM 62912 83866	Tumbled wall c. 7 mtrs between two outcrops with rigs to the east.
Wp 16	NM 62939 83851	Low degraded circular feature of stones c. 6 mtrs diameter on a level area of grass and bracken on the south side of the ridge.
Wp 17	NM 63193 83634	Peat cuttings
Wp 18	NM 63202 83575	Degraded wall running E/W from ridge on the west and on the north side of an area of cultivation which runs for c. 70 mtrs along the east side of the ridge. Two areas tumbled stone against the ridge may be remains of shielings.
Wp 19	NM 63282 83463	An elongated cairn of stones with a second similar 10 mtrs to the NE down the east facing slope of a large area of cultivation on land high above Camas Drolloman.
Wp 20	NM 63278 83449	Large degraded shieling building near the top of the slope of rigs at Wp 19 built against east facing cliff.
Wp 21	NM 63202 83161	Very large area of peat cuttings.
Wp 22	NM 63093 82943	A high point overlooking lower land facing SW with a scattering of rigs.
Wp 23	NM 63201 83395	Peat cuttings
Wp 24	NM 63046 84356	Small area of east facing facing rigs with a possible clearance cairn.
Wp 25	NM 62922 84609	Long narrow area of cultivation on east side of ridge but with no evidence of shielings.
Wp 26	NM 62686 84544	Peat cuttings
Wp 27	NM 62613 84468	Point overlooking a very large area to the south and west of old cultivation now covered in heather and bog myrtle.
Wp 25 a	NM 62950 84240	This waypoint is an estimate of a ruined building noticed when looking SSE from waypoint 25. The building appears to be built high on a narrow north facing slope of tussock grass in a cleft of the ridge running 300 mtrs north of the trig point.





**Wp 8 Large areas of cultivation viewed
looking south-west at 70 metres above sea
level**

**Wp 21 Large areas of peat diggings
at NM 63202 83161**



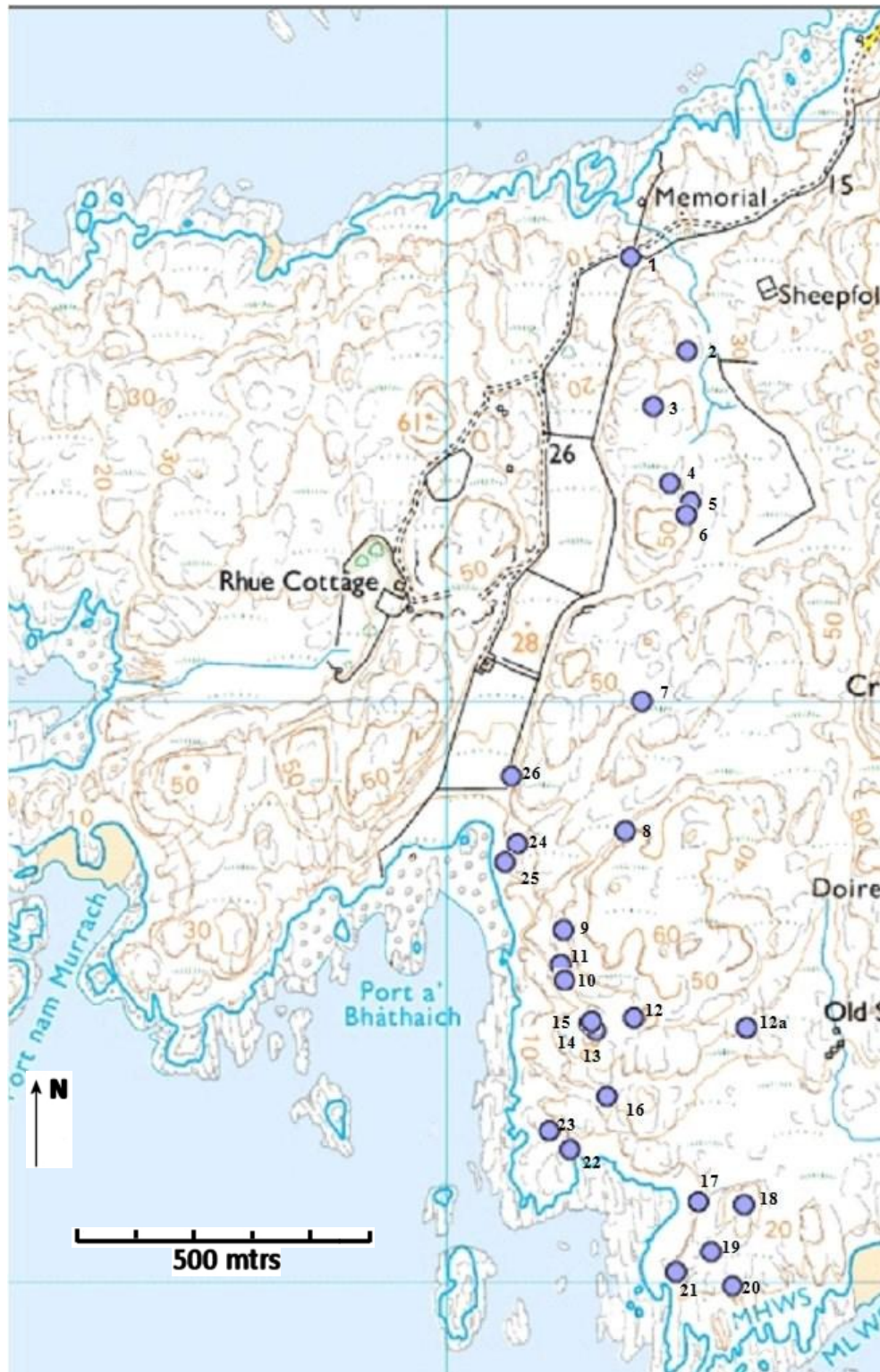
**Area of exposed bedrock (Basalt intrusion) on the
headland south of Wp 21 near NM 63244 82849. One
of the least fertile areas of land on the peninsula**

9. A survey on the east side of Port a' Bhàthaich *(Port or landing place of the Byre)*

Centred on NM 62324 83456 Surveyed on 26th March 2013

As with the Trig Point survey, this was a north to south walk to cover the land east of the fields of Rhu farm and the bay at Port a Bhàthaich. Most remarkable about this survey are the very small areas of land noted at Wps 10, 12, 16, 22 and 23 that were once used for cultivation, often only a few tens of metres wide and long, hemmed in by cliffs on three sides and open to the sea to the south and west.

Waypoint map of the east side of survey Port a' Bhàthaich survey



Wp 1	NM 62318 84764	Waypoint marks just south of the gate across the private track.
Wp 2	NM 62415 84603	A very tumbled shieling (bothan airigh) building using natural large tumble by rigs running N/S.
Wp 3	NM 62357 84503	Very old peat cuttings.
Wp 4	NM 62386 84376	A very small area of possible cultivation on the west side of a ridge and with two more similar areas a little way to the south.
Wp 5	NM 62421 84343	A large oblong ruin c. 11 x 6 mtrs with long side facing east, walls to half a metre high but very tumbled and with entrance to the east. A dividing wall at north end of the building with possible entrance from inside – this area only about one and half metres wide. A small enclosure attached to the south wall – possible kale yard east wall c. 5 mtrs then south wall c. 4 and west wall c. 8 mtrs to rejoin main building.
Wp 6	NM 62414 84321	A very small degraded structure c. 3 x 2 ½ mtrs long sides on north and south on an east facing outcrop below scree.
Wp 7	NM 62337 84001	Peat cuttings on a large level area.
Wp 8	NM 62309 83777	Possible cleit using very large tumbled rocks on the western side of a cliff with a large area of cultivation to the west and south.
Wp 9	NM 62203 83607	A level area up on cliff side at c. 38 mtrs o.d. backed by on three sides by a high cliff. Open views to the SW with a good size turf bank sheltering the area on the seaward side – possible fort?
Wp 10	NM 62198 83546	Cultivation area c. 50x30 metres on a level bit of hillside facing SW towards the sea The cliff to NE steep and to the SW vertical.
Wp 11	NM 62198 83548	Possible small cleit c. 1½x1 mtrs on the sheltered east side of a knoll.
Wp 12	NM 62324 83456	Large gently sloping area of c. 60x40 mtrs facing SW – the waypoint marks the NW corner.
Wp 12a	NM 62517 83439	Very worn large post well set in packing stones – possibly left over from war time training – a cleared area down the hill below the post maybe significant but was not investigated.
Wp 13	NM 62259 83434	A very tumbled possible structure c. 2 x 1 mtrs between a natural outcrop and with entrance to the NW.
Wp 14	NM 62244 83445	A sub-rectangular ruin c. 5 x 4mtrs with walls to 75 cms – well built especially to the SW. Entrance uncertain but maybe to the NE facing cliff or NW Possible signs of cultivation around ruin which is set in a small sheltered area on hillside with a low ridge on the SW seaward side.
Wp 15	NM 62247 83447	A large oval cairn at the natural way in to Wp 14 over 1 ½ mtrs high and 15 mtrs in circumference covered in vegetation but apparently built with smallish stones and with two large stones at the NW end.
Wp 16	NM 62277 83321	South western facing pocket of rigs.
Wp 17	NM 62434 83140	A large area of rigs down to the shoreline.

Wp 18	NM 62512 83135	A small structure – possible cleit on the east side of feannagan.
Wp 19	NM 62456 83054	Small cairn another large of cultivation down to the shoreline c. 35 x 40 mtrs.
Wp 20	NM 62493 82995	An area of rigs of at least 50x20 mtrs on a raised beach.
Wp 21	NM 62396 83019	A built wall c. 75 cms high between two outcrops to close gap and with rigs to the west side.
Wp 22	NM 62214 83230	Another area of rigs near the shore on a raised beach – the waypoint is at the western end.
Wp 23	NM 6179 83262	Another area of rigs between the shore line and the cliff facing SSW.
Wp 24	NM 62124 83755	Substantial wall to a metre high and stretching c. 10 mtrs across a deep cleft – possibly built as a dam for water for the animals. N.B. this western end of Rhu does not have any natural lochs or lochans and very few burns – there are no large water courses into Port a' Bhàthaich. A second more tumbled wall some 30 mtrs down from the 'dam' stretches across the same cleft to form a small enclosure.
Wp 25	NM 62103 83724	A low wall between the cliff and the outcrops on the rocky shore – possibly to form a barrier stopping the animals straying eastwards long the shore.
Wp 26	NM 62113 83872	A short section of truncated old wall running E/W between the main walls of the fields (marked on the O.S. map east of Rhu House) and the steep cliff side to the east.



Wp 9 Possible fort or stance—a small area backed by cliffs with protecting turf bank looking SW at NM 62203 83607

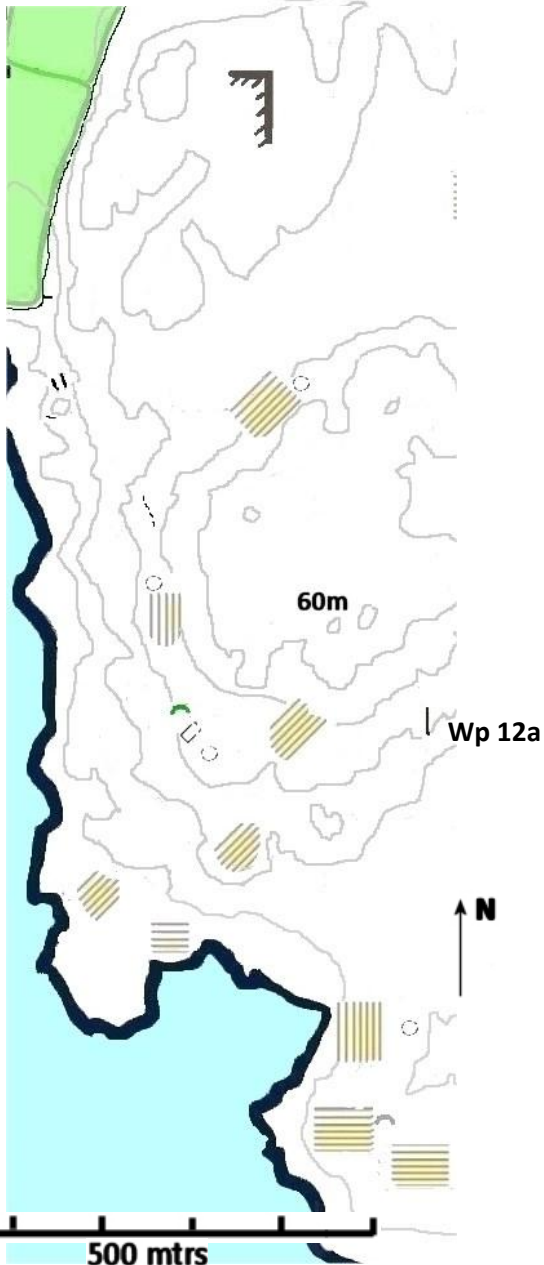
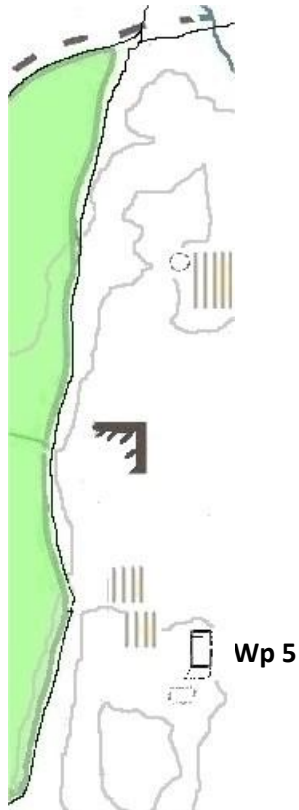


Wp 10 Area of Cultivation c. 50x30 metres at NM 62198 83546



Wp 14 Distant view of ruin c. 5x4 metres looking NE across signs of cultivation at NM 62244 83445

Illustrative map of Port a' Bhàthaich survey



Wp 12a Large worn wooden post c. 2 metres tall looking east at NM 62517 83439



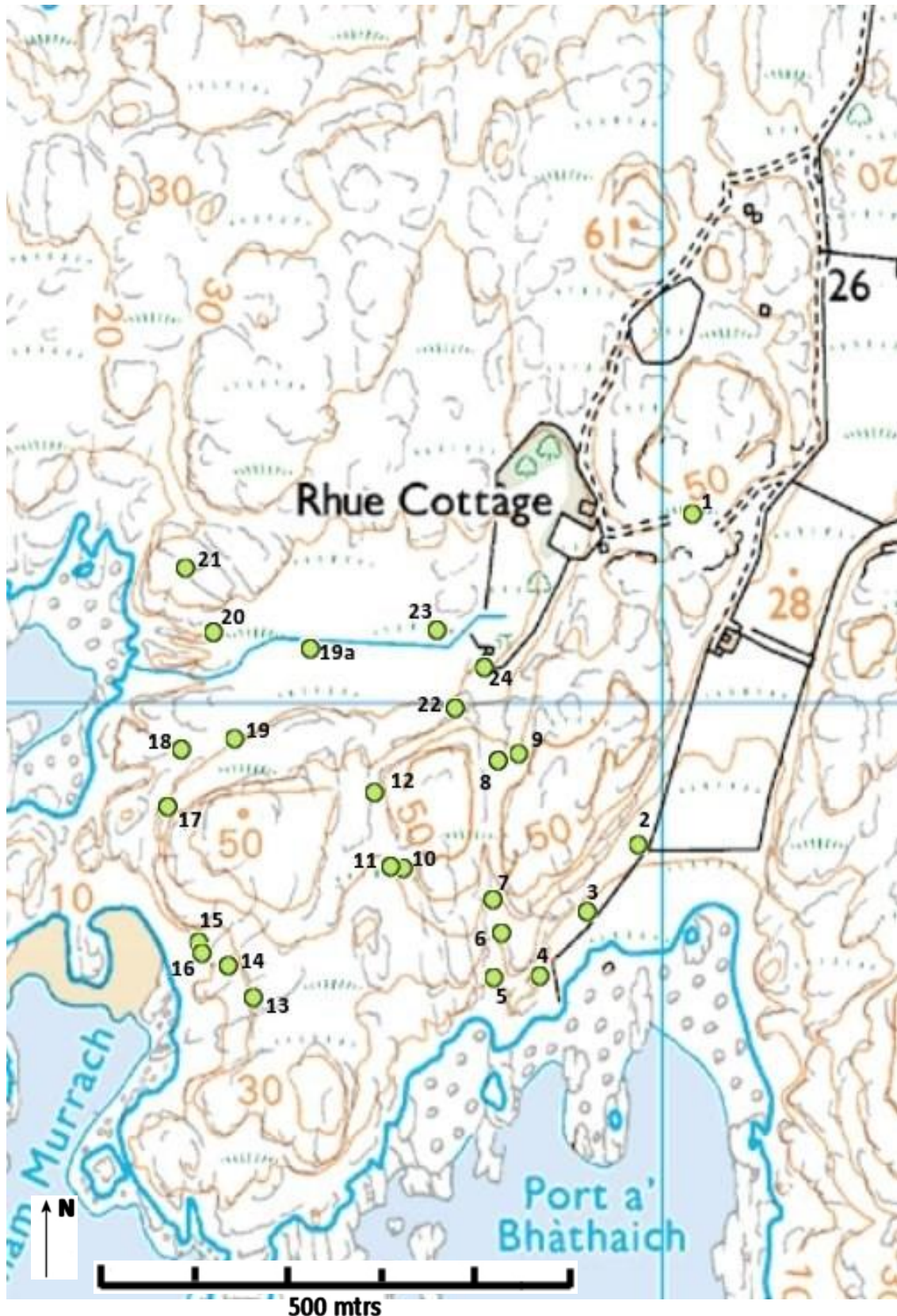
Wp 24 View looking SW to a wall possible dam at NM 62124 83755

10. A survey on the west side of Port a' Bhàthaich *(Port or landing place of the Byre)*

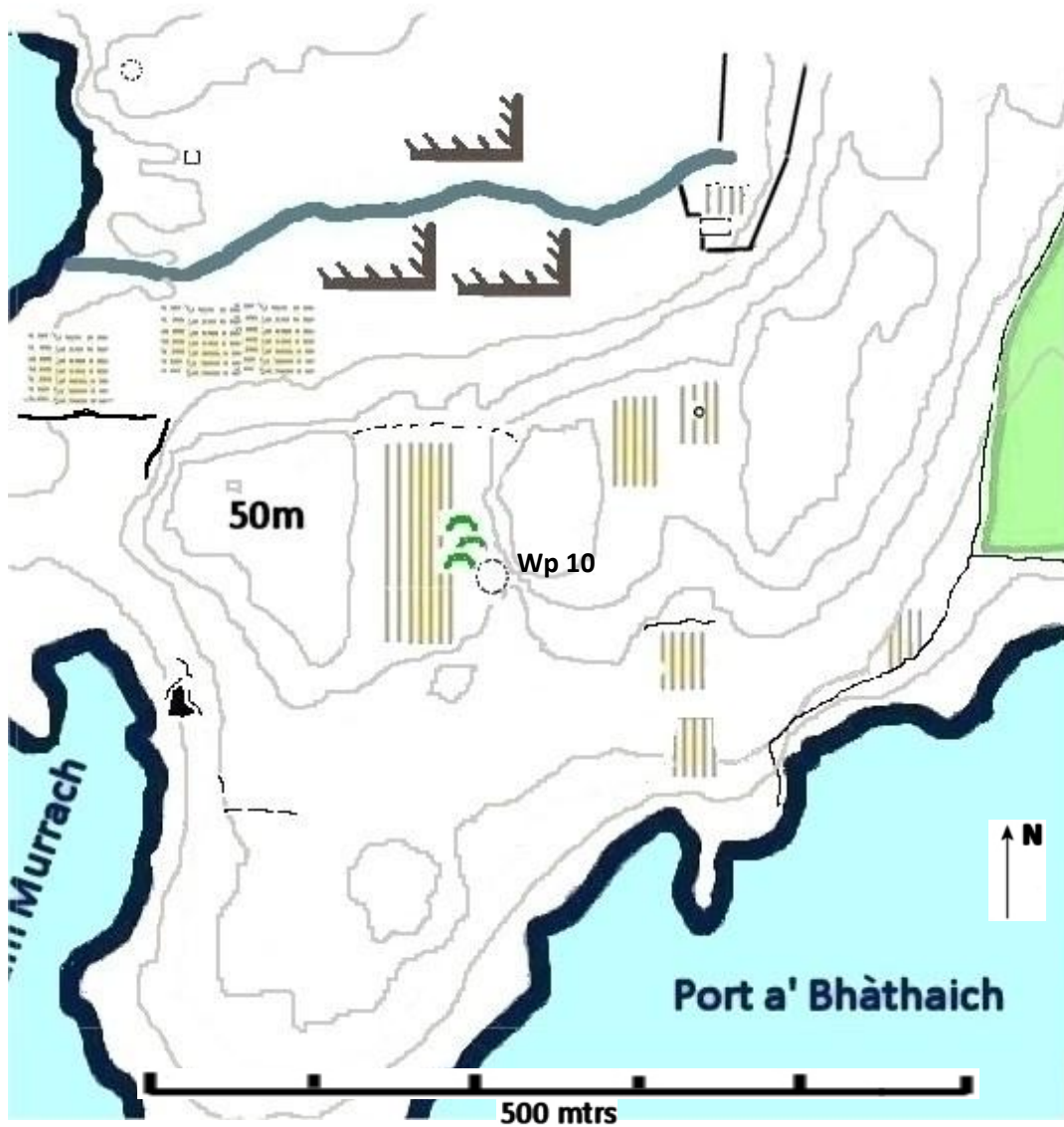
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As with the area on the east side of Port a' Bhathaich, small areas of old cultivation were noted but this time at higher levels often above 40 metres above sea level. At Wps 8 and 10 the feannagan run north and south and are sheltered along both the east and west sides by steep sloping knolls along with the headland to the south-west. While the areas of cultivation in this area are quite high above sea level, it was on the poorer boggy ground by the burn that extensive areas of peat digging were recorded on land that might have once been well drained at barely 10 metres above sea level, west of the farm house at Rhu.

Waypoint map of the west side of Port a' Bhàthaich survey



Wp 1	NM 62033 84193	A point on the private track on the way to Rhu house.
Wp 2	NM 61976 83855	A natural east facing platform backed by steep rocky hillside and lots of tumble just above the fields sloping gently towards the shore at Port a' Bhathaich.
Wp 3	NM 61921 83787	A small area of cultivation between the cliff and the early nineteenth century field walls. No sign of structures/ruins but the sheltered land to the west side of this glen under the cliff likely to have had habitation at some point – possibly the stones were robbed for the field walls.
Wp 4	NM 61871 83722	Natural south facing large scoop in cliff wall possibly once a cave forming an attractive temporary shelter with a large fallen rock guarding the entrance and signs of banking to further protect the area.
Wp 5	NM 61822 83720	A small area of cultivation between the cliff and the sea with a possible very degraded structure on the east facing west side of the area.
Wp 6	NM 61830 83766	Further area of cultivation on a natural platform up the slope inland from Wp 5 with a possible structure in the NE corner of the area.
Wp 7	NM 61821 83800	Degraded wall running east/west between the sheltering hillside above area of cultivation at Wp 6.
Wp 8	NM 61827 83942	Long area north/south, c. 8 x 70 mtrs, of cultivation with signs of further cultivation on steeper slope to the north. Wp marks northern end of this 70 mtrs. Hills to east and west sheltering this narrow strip of rigs.
Wp 9	NM 61848 83948	A small degraded structure c. one metre in diameter in the middle of a small area of cultivation sloping gently to the north. Area c. 36 mtrs above sea level.
Wp 10	NM 61725 83832	Possible stance on east side of a wide long area of very old cultivation running north / south again sheltered east and west by steep sided hills. Stance large and circular and possibly even prehistoric.
Wp 11	NM 61712 83833	On the edge of the old cultivation and stance at Wp 10 up to six or seven small cairns.
Wp 12	NM 61695 83909	Well built undulating low wall between the east and west facing hillsides with a large area of old rigs (see wp 10 and 11) to the south.
Wp 13	NM 61566 83700	A short wall of large stones running east/west to mark the edge of a cliff with a further wall built as a possible barrier a few metres further west.
Wp 14	NM 61539 83702	More walling of large stones between clefts in the rocks for possible barriers for cattle.
Wp 15	NM 61508 63756	Signs of possible structure and walling at the top of beach area.
Wp 16	NM 61511 83745	A cave with a level floor c. 3x3 mtrs and good head height dry and sheltered despite facing SSW over Port nam Murrach.
Wp 17	NM 61475 83894	Substantial wall over metre high running west from cliff at shore side and south along cliff face with gate way at waypoint.
Wp 18	NM 61489 83953	Area of very old rigs running east/west.
Wp 19	NM 61545 83966	A large area of old cultivation with large areas of peat cutting the centre whole area c. 300 mtrs E/W and c. 200 mtrs N/S.
Wp 19a	NM 61627 84056	Waypoint marks edge of canalised burn running east/west that runs through the area described at Wp 19.
Wp 20	NM 61525 84073	A small well built structure between a narrow gap in natural outcrops. Southern wall using flat natural rock, east wall built to over a metre high, west wall built and incorporating natural fall. Structure c. 2mtrs N/S and c. one mtr E/W. North side no wall with a small gap before the northern outcrop. Possibly built for storage of kelp.
Wp 21	NM 61494 84138	Possible stance for a round house – well drained circular hollow c. 4 mtrs diameter with possible turf wall to the SW.
Wp 22	NM 61781 83995	Old degraded wall using some natural tumble running N/S from North facing hillside down to peat cuttings in the centre of the area described at Wp 19.
Wp 23	NM 61761 84075	Circular well drained area at the head of the peat cuttings.
Wp 24	NM 61812 84037	Roofless ruin c. 9 x 6 mtrs with walls of over 1 ½ mtrs. West, east and north walls complete but south wall ruinous. No sign of window gaps and west and east walls finished for entrances on both sides at south ends. Ruin was possible once a house and then later adapted for a byre or storage. Low tumble walls attached to the north end of the west wall indicate a possible enclosure for a kale yard with signs of old cultivation in the area immediately north of the ruin.



Wp 6 Area of cultivation looking SW to natural platform and well sheltered to the west at NM 61830 83766



Wp 8 Long narrow area of cultivation looking south well protected from the east and west at NM 61827 83942



Wp 8 View looking north down slope of rigs towards Rhu House at NM 61827 83942



Wp 17 Approach from south of a substantial wall running west from the cliff at NM 61475 83894



Wp 17 View of the substantial wall continuing under cliff southwards at NM 61475 83894



Wp 19 A view looking east towards the farmhouse at Rhu of a large area peat cuttings and of possible old cultivation at NM 61545 83966

11. Western Rhu

Centred on NM 61495 84347. Surveyed on 9/04/2013 and notes added 30/04/2014

This area of the peninsula is now part of Rhu Farm, stretching west and north to the coast of the main farmhouse to the point at Rhubh' Arisaig in the north-west corner. No concentrated settlement was recorded but several areas of cultivation and peat diggings were recorded scattered throughout the area. However, an important discovery was an incised stone built into the north-east corner wall of a substantial ruin at Wp 10. Subsequent research concluded that it was a Neolithic incised stone, probably originally set into a burial cairn. It may be the markings were noted and thought significant (apotropaic) and so deliberately built into the dry-stone walling of the house. Some six hundred similar incised stones have been found on Orkney but this is the first to be found on the mainland of Britain. After consultation with RCAHMS (now part of HES), several specialists in the Neolithic, and the land owners, the incised stone was eventually removed to be put on display at the Land, Sea and Island Heritage Centre in Arisaig. The area surrounding the building at Wp 10 is, as is much of the peninsula, made up of exposed bedrock, scattered stones and rocks, along with pockets of peat of varying sizes; therefore identifying prehistoric cairns or ancient built structures is difficult, but any easily accessible stone would have been used and reused over the centuries. A second significant feature recorded at Wp 21 was a shingle built jetty and cleared slipway at Port na Sròine (*Port on the promontory/headland*). This was one of a couple of points of departure on the peninsula of emigrants bound for Canada, often just recorded as leaving from Greenock. A letter from a local priest, Father Uisdean MacDonald of Duchamas, to his sister dated 1791 speaks of administering to these "Poor Creatures ... before their departures.." This feature is not noted on any map or in local oral tradition.

Waypoint map of Western Rhu survey



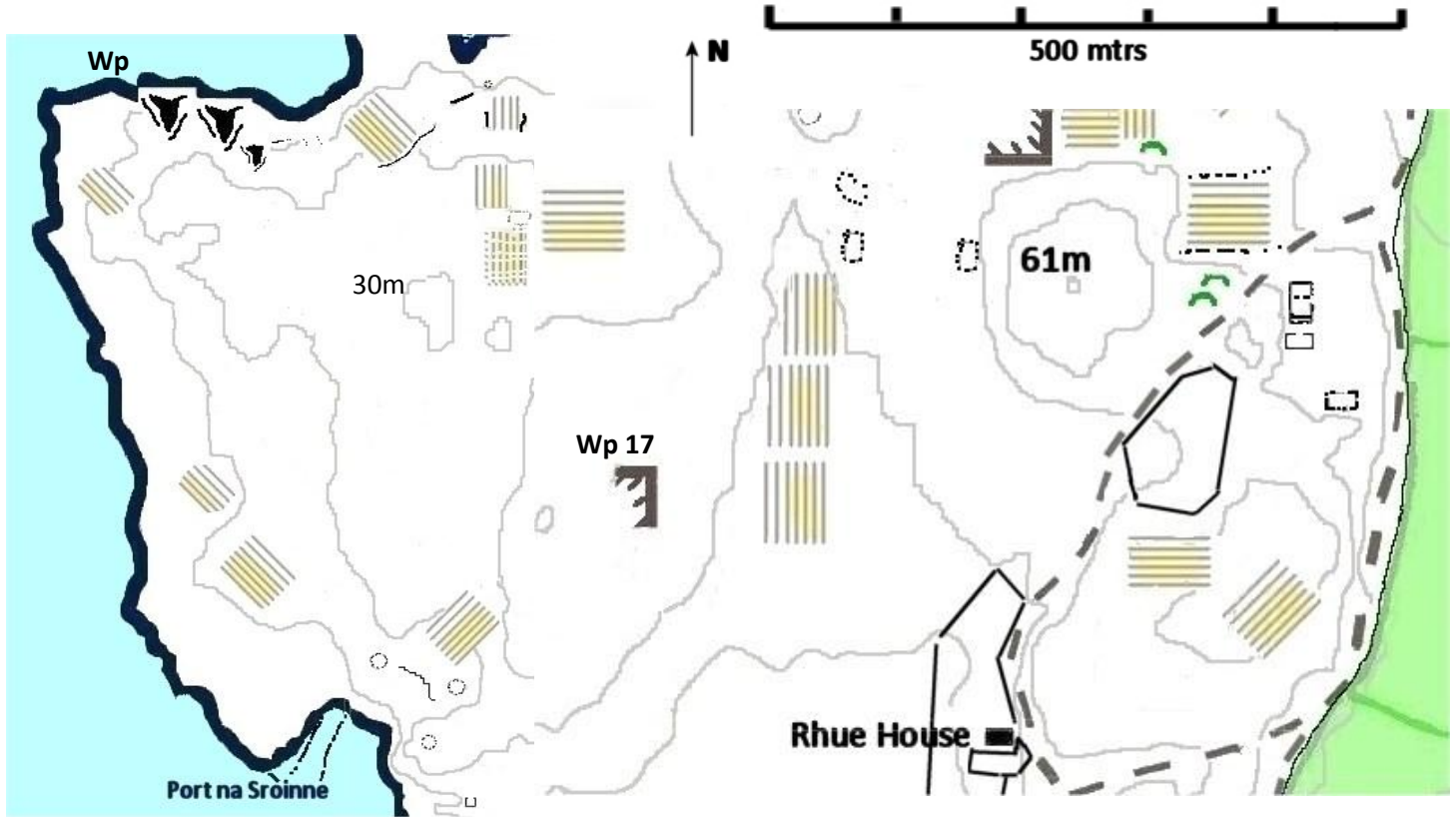
Waypoint	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62035 84187	Point on track between the turn for the Steadings and Rhu House.
Wp 2	NM 62058 84265	A small area of rigs at 56 mtrs above sea level running NW/SE rather exposed and now well grazed.
Wp 3	NM 61990 84280	More old rigs running E/W c. 15 x 60 mtrs sheltered by a ring of low outcrops.
Wp 4	NM 62031 84422	A point on the SSE edge of a large enclosure marked on the modern OS map with a low wall rough built to 75 cms – the enclosure c. 300 mtrs In circumference with signs of cultivation inside but the enclosure may have once been used as a holding pen for cattle. The southern half of the enclosure now fenced off in the last 10 years for a regeneration project.
Wp 5	NM 62037 84422	Point on the NNE edge of the enclosure described at Wp 4 Parts of the enclosure wall appear to be just turf built.
Wp 6	NM 62118 84395	Degraded ruin c. 7x3 mtrs with walls now only 25 cms high but walls substantial and thick with rounded corners – sub rectangular. Ruin sheltered from all directions except the north and with a north facing entrance. Just to the south up a small rise a small level area of cultivation.
Wp 7	NM 62040 84462	Small cairns by old track marked on map and was the original track to Rhu House.
Wp 8	NM 62041 84477	A degraded wall running E/W down hillside part of a large enclosure using natural outcrops on the western side at the top of the hill and signs of E/W rigs inside the enclosure.
Wp 9	NM 62041 84507	Degraded wall or cairns on northern edge of enclosure described at Wp 8.
Wp 10 (HER:MHG27362)	NM 62103 84490	Substantial ruin c. 10x6 with long side, entrance and window gap on the east side. Walls to at least 1.5 mtrs and signs of a dividing wall inside to right of the doorway. The wall at the southern end seems to have been rebuilt possibly up to a metre further into the building – signs of old walls at the southern end beyond the rebuild. An incised stone was noted and photographed in the NE corner of the main building.* A smaller second ruin possibly a byre or hay barn set at right angles to the main building with an entrance to the north. To the NE of the main building a low degraded wall marks a rectangular enclosure of c. 12 x 12 mtrs. *The incised stone was later identified as Neolithic and removed to be put on display at the Land Sea and Island centre in Arisaig.
Wp 11	NM 62012 84543	A small cairn of biggish stones at the southern edge of rigs running to the north and west in a level area.
Wp 12	NM 61993 84563	Peat cuttings to the north and west.
Wp 13	NM 61929 84476	Very degraded ruin c. 7 x 3 mtrs obscured by vegetation on eastern side of an extensive peat bog – possible entrance to the east side facing hillside. Possible well just up the hill side to the NE.
Wp 14	NM 61800 84473	A degraded ruin with only short sections of walling extant and a great deal of tumble on the northern end. Difficult to see shape of building – possibly originally circular and then later extended to the north. Overall size c. 10 x 3 mtrs.
Wp 15	NM 61800 84503	Very small possible structure using large stones against a natural west facing outcrop.
Wp 16	NM 61756 84465	A large area to south and east with apparent herring bone drainage or rigs c. 200 N/S and 50 E/W.
Wp 17	NM 61629 84404	Peat digging between outcrops c. 20 x 20 mtrs.
Wp 18	NM 61578 84520	Large level area of cultivation at least 50 mtrs wide between outcrops of naturally draining land. Wp by possible clearance cairn or raised beach.
Wp 19	NM 61424 84266	Signs of a degraded walling between the hillside and beach area.
Wp 20	NM 61440 84276	Possible structure by west facing cliff –very small and tumbled.
Wp 21	NM 61397 84171	Cleared slipway with small pebble built landing stage at Dubh Chamas na Uhlan on north side of the bay between large outcrop on south side and low cliff to the north.

Wp 22	NM 61377 84117	A point at the low water end of the slipway which faces SW at the top and south towards the lower seaward end.
Wp 23	NM 61495 84347	A strip of cultivation between outcrops overlooking Dhub Chamas to the SW.
Wp 24	NM 61398 84240	Possible structure using natural outcrops and fallen rock c. 2 x 2 mtrs max facing
Wp 25	NM 61315 84353	Possible cultivation on a raised beach at 11 mtrs above sea level.
Wp 26	NM 61242 84416	A small area of possible cultivation between low cliffs and the rocky sea shore
Wp 27	NM 61189 84599	Small area of rigs c. 20 x 20 mtrs near the sea but very sheltered on all sides by
Wp 28	NM 61188 84651	Large white painted flat outcrop facing SW – navigation point for Loch na Ceall.
Wp 29	NM 61227 84655 NM 61271 84653	Large north facing cave in basalt cliff very boggy and with a large pool at the entrance even with weeks of dry weather. However the cave itself appeared to be quite dry and with the bog dug away easy to create a dry access to the cave. Another smaller cave to the east of Wp 29 with a low entrance c. 10 metres
Wp 30	NM 61305 84661 NM 61312 84663	Excellent deep dry cave with slightly damp sloping entrance but leading to a raised beach floor sloping gently upwards . Extra light percolating from a fissure in the cave ceiling to the outside higher up on the cliff side. Floor with a deep layer of broken shells indicating a long period of occupation. Another cave with a hidden entrance c. 25 mtrs deep and c. 5 mtrs wide but no sign of shell midden in the floor.
Wp 31	NM 61334 84656	Another deep dry cave with a flat floor – low entrance slightly blocked by a low wall facing NNE. Underneath c. eight inches of soil composed of sheep dung,
Wp 32	NM 61339 84656	Low 75 cms walling possible barrier between outcrops running E/W.
Wp 33	NM 61347 84636	Rock shelter made by walling at eastern end and low walling at the western end
Wp 34	NM 61381 84633	An area of rigs backed by a low walling between outcrops and a longer length to
Wp 3 (HER:MHG27328) (NMRS: NM68SW6 RHUE)	NM 61941 84196	Rhu House—one of the few places on the peninsula still occupied built c. 1774 by Iain “Fraingeach ” MacDonald, who was a tenant of Clanranald farming much of the peninsula by 1775. MacDonald planted apple trees hence the name of the area becoming Dubh Chamas na Ubhail—Black Bay of the Apples.



Wp 35 View looking north to Rhu Farm house at NM 61941 84196

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Wp 10 i View of substantial ruins looking east at NM 62103 84490



Wp 10 View of NE corner of building showing the position of the incised stone



Wp 10 Close up of the incised stone now in the Land, Sea and Island Centre in Arisaig



Wp 21 Cleared slipway at Port na Sròine—Dubh Chamas looking NE inland at NM 61397 84171



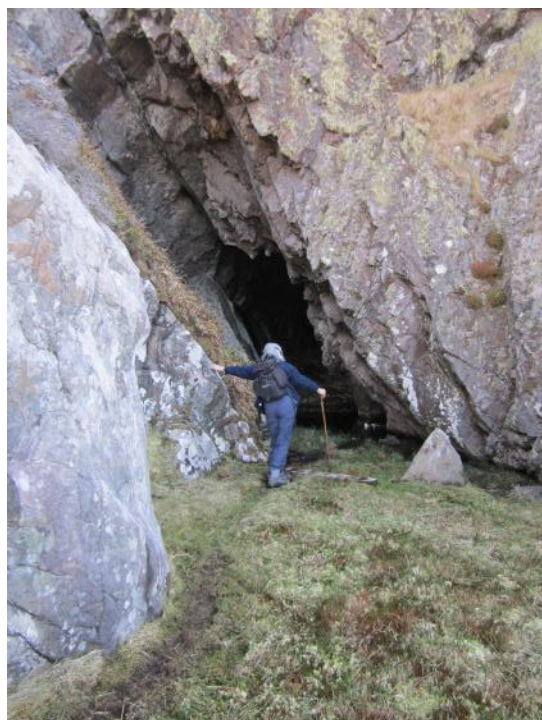
Wp 21 Cleared slipway at Port na Sròine with detail of landing stage at NM 61397 84171



Wp 21 The cleared slip-way looking south-west



Wp 21 A view looking south-west over Dubh Chamas with the slip-way at Port na Sròine in the foreground



Wp 29 i Large north facing cave at NM 61227 84655

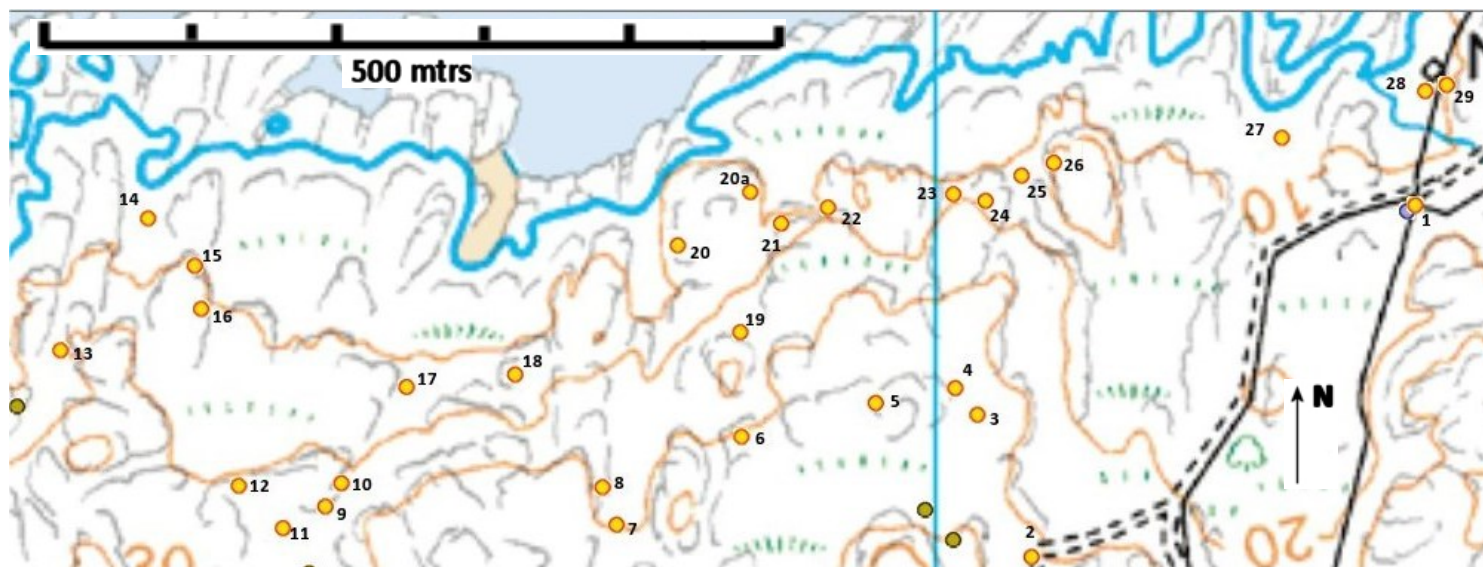


Wp 18 Clearance cairn or more possibly raised beach at NM 61578 84520

Centred on NM 61644 84646. Surveyed on 19/04/2013 and notes added 30/04/2014

This area, as with Western Rhu, is now part of Rhu Farm, with no concentrated settlement but with a scattering of old cultivation and peat digging areas. At Wp 20 a level area was recorded ending in a vertical cliff at least 10 metres above sea level with wide views to the north-east right round to the south-west. A wall-like feature was noted running for at least 100 metres and to 1.5 metres high along the cliff edge, covered with turf, bracken and bramble. The feature is described in full in the table below but at the time of the survey was thought to be a possible promontory fort. A slipway was recorded at Wp 14 and two more at Wp 27 and Wp 28. The last slipway called Port na h-either (Port of the Small fishing boats) was the main port for Rhu and the surrounding area before a new jetty was built half a mile further east in 1885. The large stone built barn at Wp 29 was used for storage at the slipway but was roofless by 1873. Three large caves were recorded at Wps 23, 24 and 26. The most western cave had a large midden at the entrance indicating use over a long period. The cave at Wp 26 is locally known as the Soap Cave (*Uamh an t-Siabain*) and has a 2m high mortared stone built wall across the entrance, with a doorway and integral flue, and was probably used for the kelp industry, and certainly for camping in more recent times, shown by 1930's graffiti.

Waypoint map of North-western Rhu survey (Yellow numbered dots)



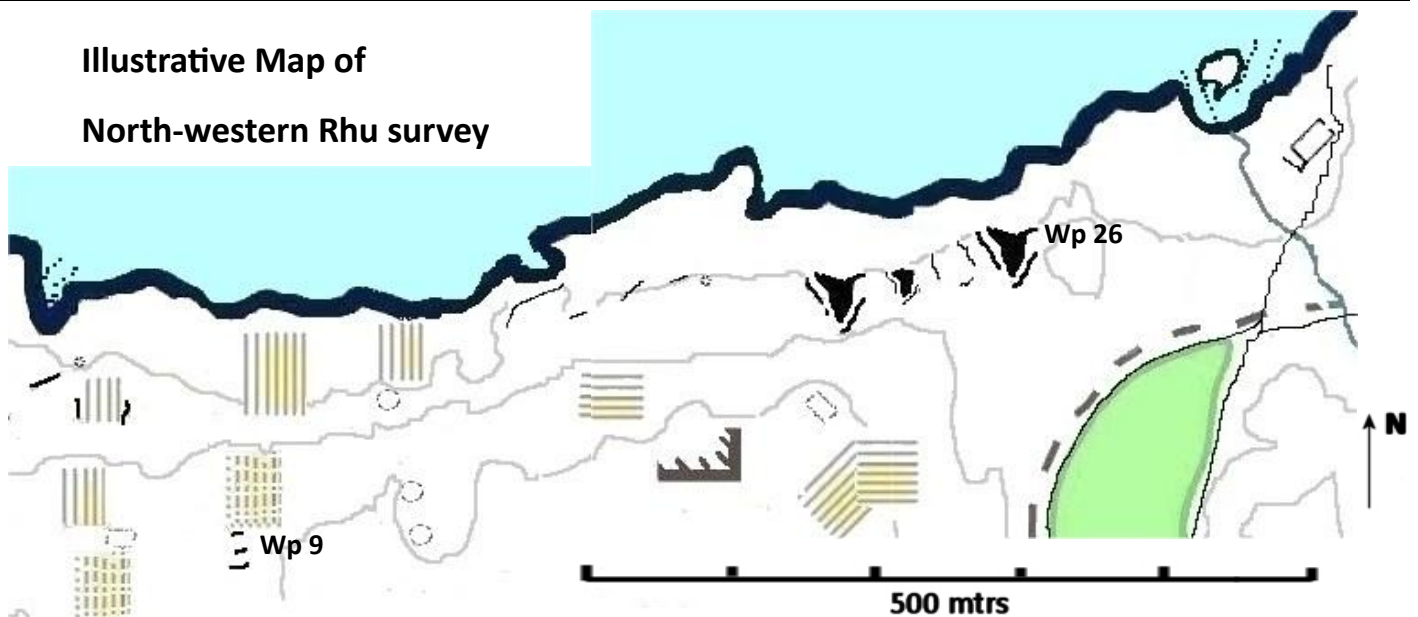
A walk over North-Western Rhu on 19th April 2013 additional notes in bold added 30th April 2014

Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62324 84768	Place on old track to Rhu House.
Wp 2	NM 62065 84531	Point at which we left the old track.
Wp 3	NM 62028 84627	Large area of old rigs on a wide gentle slope facing ENE then further down the slope to the east.
Wp 4	NM 62014 84645	Tumble of stones – possible structure c. 5 x 2 mtrs on NE facing low hill.
Wp 5	NM 61960 84635	Peat cuttings in large level areas between outcrops.
Wp 6	NM 61869 84612	Western end of peat cuttings noted at Wp 5.
Wp 7	NM 61785 84553	Small circular structure c. 2 mtrs diameter and to half a metre high made of large tumble stones built on the east side of rocky hillside by large area of peat cuttings.
Wp 8	NM 61776 84578	Very small circular feature c. one metre diameter built against same east facing hillside as Wp 7; low stone built back wall and possibly turf built front wall.
Wp 9	NM 61589 84565	Three very degraded low built walls built at 90° to east facing cliff – possible storage.
Wp 10	NM 61600 84581	Area of very old rigs between natural dykes running S/N on raised beach sloping gently NE now heavily grazed.

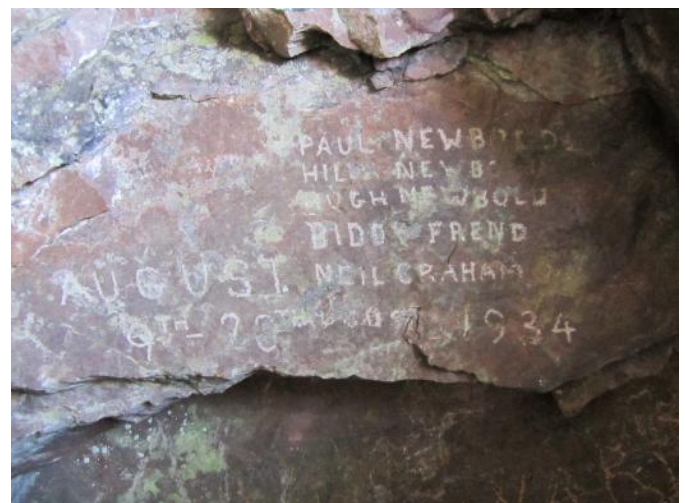
Wp 11	NM 61560 84551	On northern edge of old cultivation, very low sub-rectangular feature c. 8 x 4 metres covered in vegetation possible entrance on short eastern end.
Wp 12	NM 61531 84579	Wp marks southern edge of a gentle slope of very old rigs to north side of a natural dyke.
Wp 13	NM 61410 84670	Evidence of old walling between outcrops – possible built as barriers to stop animals reaching areas of cultivation.
Wp 14	NM 61469 84759	Cleared slipway to NE on rocky shoreline – for small boats only.
Wp 15	NM 61501 84727	Tumbled possible structure against NW facing cliff side with further tumble just to SW both near a fissure type cave in cliff possibly for storing /stacking dried kelp.
Wp 16	NM 61505 84698	Narrow area between dykes with barrier walling/storage by small area of rigs.
Wp 17	NM 61644 84646	Area of cultivation on a raised beach at least 100 x 70 metres between low natural dykes to east, west, and south.
Wp 18	NM 61717 84654	Possible structure made of tumbled stones against 5 mtr high north facing natural Dyke overlooking rigs to rocky shore – a possible rock shelter with a small amount of shell midden material in evidence but could also be for stacking kelp.
Wp 19	NM 61869 84633	Flat area of cultivation on top of cliff at 23 mtrs above sea level.
Wp 20	NM 61833 84734	Raised wall-like feature running from this waypoint along the edge of the cliff for over 100 mtrs. The cliff drops vertically c. 10 mtrs to the shore on the west, north and north-east sides of the feature. The 'wall' maybe partly or wholly a natural feature but appears to be built up possibly with stones or turf to over 1 ½ mtr above area immediately landward to the wall. The 'wall' is covered in bracken and bramble and follows the cliff edge in large curved sections to Wp 20a. The area adjacent to the wall is largely level about 5 metres wide with at least three level round stances along its length then rises a meter or so to a second 'wall' which follows the curve of the outer wall and is especially obvious on the eastern half of the feature. To the landward side of this second 'wall' the land dips steeply for a few metres to another level area which then curves round against a c. 5 metre high round natural outcrop. The land inland beyond this central outcrop slopes gently upward to a higher ring of natural outcrop which encloses the whole area. The area has a wide view to the north east right round to the west and south-west and could easily be barriered off from access from the landward side and would be an ideal place for an iron-age promontory fort. After further examination, the various features described above were thought to be on the whole natural and there was no evidence of a defensive wall on the landward side of the promontory so a 'fort' is unlikely. However it is likely the area has been used and shaped by man for some purpose at some time.
Wp 20a	NM 61878 84778	This waypoint is on one of the level stances to the east end of the wall-like feature described at Wp 20. A few metres further east the land drops steeply to a gully running S/N, the southern end of the gully rising to meet the encircling higher outcrops.
Wp 21	NM 61896 84756	Degraded wall between outcrops/ dykes forming barrier. Further sections of walling seen nearby between other outcrops, one just east of this waypoint forming a platform behind it of level turf. Walls in varying states up to one meter high.
Wp 22	NM 61928 84767	Built structure c. 2 x 3 against south facing dyke wall in narrow gully sheltered but usually out of the sun; could be for storage/kelp stack.
Wp 23	NM 62012 84776	Cave in north facing dyke –dry with flat earth floor –potential good shelter. A large area of shell midden outside indicated on the surface by very black soil occupation layer and covered in daises.
Wp 24	NM 62030 84779	Cave with wide opening to c. 3 metres high c. 5 to 6 mtrs wide and c. 3 mtrs deep. Rough stony floor but useable shelter for working.
Wp 25	NM 62058 84788	Small area enclosed by walling between surrounding high dykes close to shore.

Wp 26	NM 62080 84797	'Soap Cave' (Uamh an t-Siabain) –natural wide fissure in cliff side walled off with mortared stone walling to c. 2 mtrs high on the right and 3 mtrs high on the left with a doorway with a lintel in the centre. The wall does not extend up to roof height. Flat dry earth inside with graffitted walls to the right of the doorway. Possibly used for the kelp industry and used for camping over the years. Soil in cave revealed layers of ash/ burning and a flue was observed on the right hand walling looking into the cave. It is thought that most likely the cave was used for storing the product of burning seaweed i.e. Kelp.
Wp 27	NM 62234 84814	Port Mac'illean
Wp 28	NM 62330 84845	Port na h-eithier (or Port na h-eathear) Port of the boats Cleared slipway with a level natural raised area that would once have been cobbled for landing goods. The port was once the only landing area for Arisaig and beyond (apart from Port na Sroine at Dubh Chamas) But both ports very subject to the vagaries of the weather.
Wp 29 (HER:MHG27 363)	NM 62345 84849	Substantial unroofed stone built ruin once the store house for the Port na h-eithier. C. 14 x 8 metres with complete walls to over 2 metres and with one entrance to the NE short end. The wall extends to about metre high on the seaward side protecting the entrance and a further section of walling at the SW end open on the seaward side encloses a smaller compartment. Running N/S is a substantial field wall just to the east of the store house which starts a few metres north of the ruin at the shore line and runs the whole length of the peninsula for over 1.2 kms to the shore line at Port a' Bhathaich beyond the Steadings enclosing the fields.

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Wp 26 Detail of the wall at the Soap Cave at NM
62080 84797



Wp 26 Graffiti in the Soap Cave at NM 62080



Wp 28 Port na h-èithier with cleared slipway and landing area t NM 62330 84845



Wp 29 Ruined Store house looking NE at NM 62345 84849



Wp 20 Detail of a possible promontory fort looking north at NM 61833 84734



Wp 20 View of a possible promontory fort looking west-south-west at NM 61833 84734

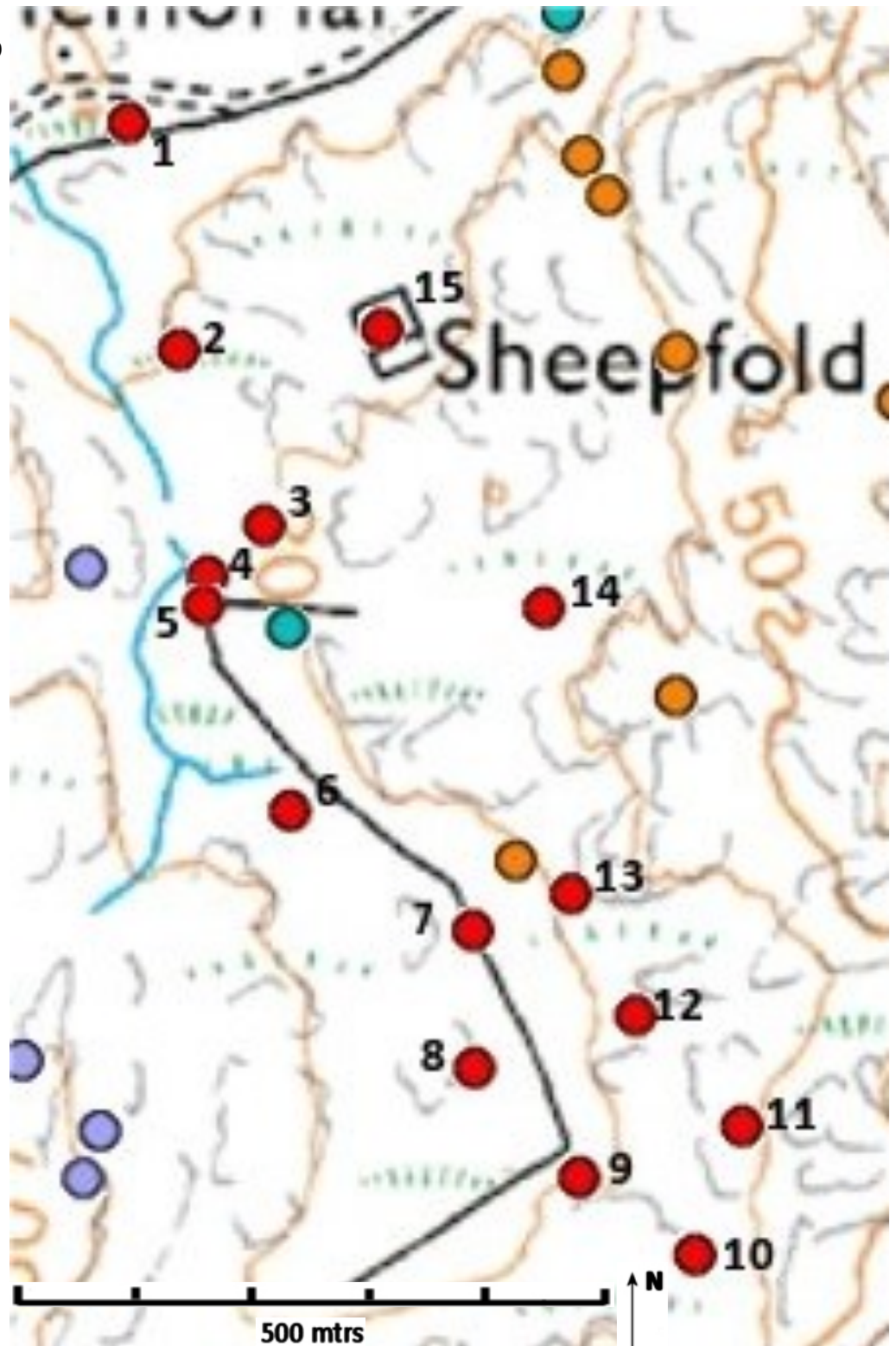
13. A survey of the Sheep Fank and beyond

Centred on NM 62551 84713 surveyed 10/05/2013

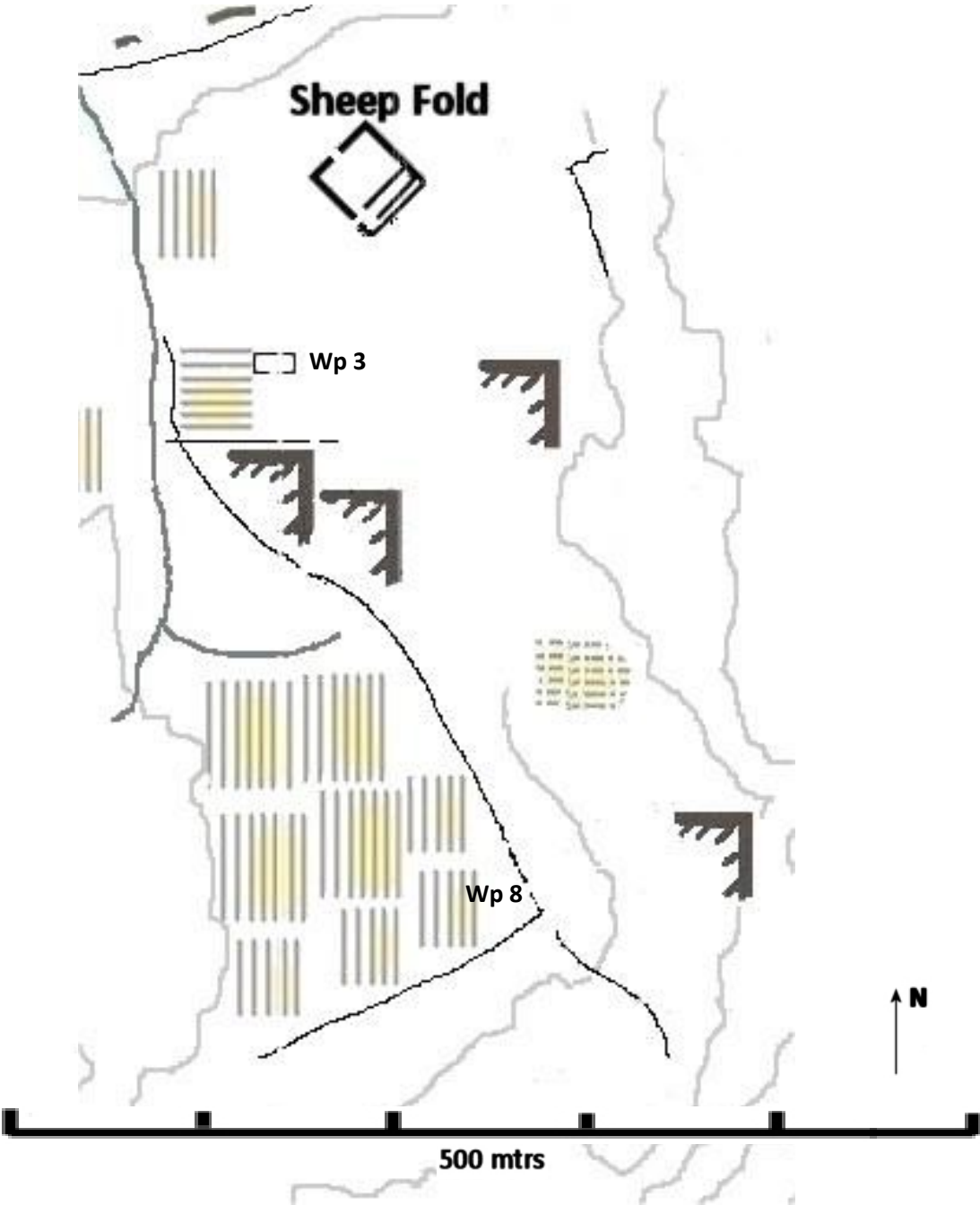
Large areas of old cultivation were noted on the wide and level strath running south-south-east for over 500 metres and up to 200 metres wide from Wp 1 to beyond Wp 9. A wall, well-marked on modern Ordnance Survey maps, is still evident running from Wp 5 for at least 300 metres and dissecting the strath with a drainage ditch noted at the turn of the wall at Wp 9. The area of old cultivation is now very boggy and in poor condition. The large sheep fank at Wp 15 is around 32 x 42 metres overall and is well described in the table below. It is not certain when it was built, but its size and strength might possibly mean that it was originally built for cattle, maybe before 1800, with stone quarried from the low cliffs on the landward side of the nearby track. It was only latterly that it would have been used for sheep. Subsequent research into the small glass bottle that was found lodged in the wall of the fank was inconclusive but almost certainly had to do with dealing with infections or infestations in sheep. At Wp 16 a spring was recorded, only one of three discovered on the peninsula.

Waypoint map of the Sheep Fank and beyond survey

(Red numbered dots)



Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62434 84808	Point where we left the track.
Wp 2	NM 62458 84704	An area of very old rigs – the land is now very boggy.
Wp 3	NM 62497 84622	Rectangular structure c. 7 x 4 mtrs using large boulders tumbled from a near by outcrop no other tumble from walls seen. Long side E/W with entrance on the south side.
Wp 4	NM 62467 84602	Stone walling following small burn on the west side of area of sloping well drained rigs now closely grazed grass between the wall and the outcrop by the ruin at Wp 3.
Wp 5	NM 62471 84583	Wall follows north and south of this point and also east for 75 mtrs connecting outcrops to form an enclosure/barriers – the easterly wall is on the south edge of the rigs described at Wp 4. The southerly stone wall stops after 20 mtrs but a bank continues for at least another 40 metres with extensive peat diggings to the east of the area. This walling and lines of drainage is marked on the OS map and further described at Wp 7 & 9.
Wp 6	NM 62509 84491	This point marks the end of the peat diggings described at Wp 5 and the start of a huge swathe of old rigs at least 15 mtrs wide to outcrops and over 50 mtrs long with a gentle slope to the north and east.
Wp 7	NM 62593 84436	Point on straight line of turf embankment stretching up to 300 mtrs NW/SE with burn/drain on the eastern side.
Wp 8	NM 65594 84372	Huge area of old cultivation taking most of the level area of ground between outcrops and surrounding low hills over 150 mtrs wide and 200 mtrs to west and south.
Wp 9	NM 64642 84322	Eastern end of drainage ditch running ENE/WSW over level ground for over 150 mtrs.
Wp 10	NM 62695 84286	Point on curving wall c. 60 mtrs long following a burn – possibly a containing wall to keep beasts off cultivation.
Wp 11	NM 62717 84345	Peat digging area c. 20 x 40 mtrs between outcrops.
Wp 12	NM 62668 84396	Long oval shaped area of land sloping SW c. 25 x 10 mtrs largely covered in grass and bracken unlike the heather and tussock grass predominating everywhere else. Two small hummocks centrally – possible feature. A burn runs down the long southern side of the area.
Wp 13	NM 62633 84453	Area of sloping old rigs c. 40 mtrs wide between outcrops running down westwards to level areas of cultivation.
Wp 14	NM 62626 84585	Another large area of peat cuttings on a flat area above the main glen.
Wp 15	NM 62551 84713	This feature marked as Sheepfold on the 1:25000 OS map, is a large stone built sheep fank c. 32 x 42 mtrs, possibly built in the 1840s or earlier if built for cattle. A wide, over one metre, main entrance on long side facing NW. Two walled internal sections on the SE end, one c. 9 mtrs wide the far one only 3 mtrs wide. Both sections c. 29 mtrs long and with small entrances on the SW sides. Two blocked up 'sheep creeps' were noted; one leading from the narrow section on the SE side, another in the SW wall opposite the internal sections with a further normal entrance also opposite the internal sections. Remains of hinges and wood from gates or doors were noted and a small brown glass screw top bottle was found lodged in the wall. The bottle smelt of carbolic. (A number 2 with a circle divided into eighths and K 106 was inscribed into the base of the bottle).
Wp 16	NM 62844 85160	A spring just off the tarmac. road near Porters Lodge. With a backdrop of stony cliff, springy turf and lots of primroses and violets the pool had signs of being deliberately built with stones.



Wp 8 Distant view of waypoint looking SSW over old cultivation at NM 65594 84372



**Wp 15 Sheep fank c. 32 x 42 metres-
looking NW at NM62551 84713**

**Wp 15 Detail of the Sheep
fank showing blocked sheep
creep at NM62551 84713**



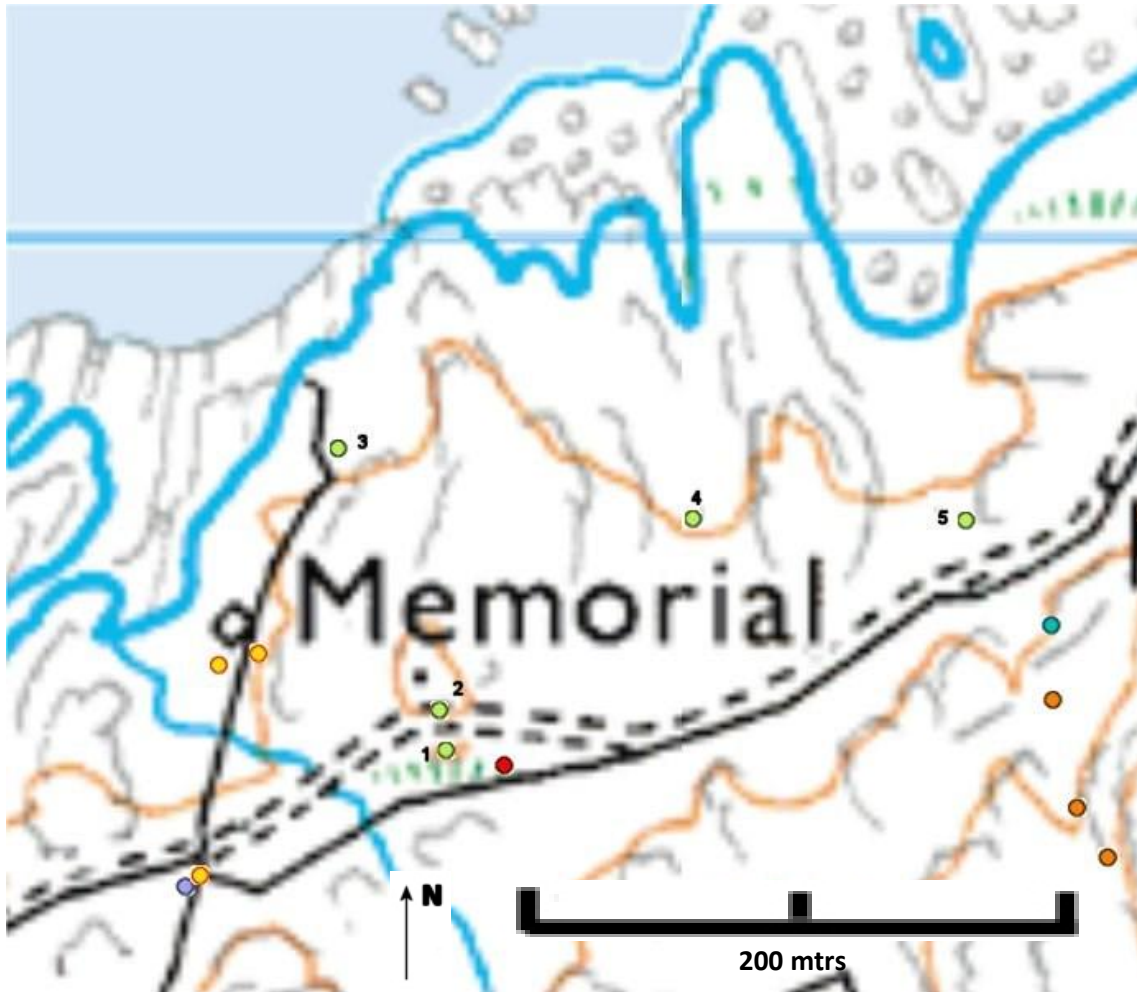
**Detail of small glass bottle found in the wall of the Sheep
Fank at Wp 15**

14. A survey by the Memorial at the west end of the Rhu peninsula

Centred on NM 62411 84329 Surveyed 13/12/2013

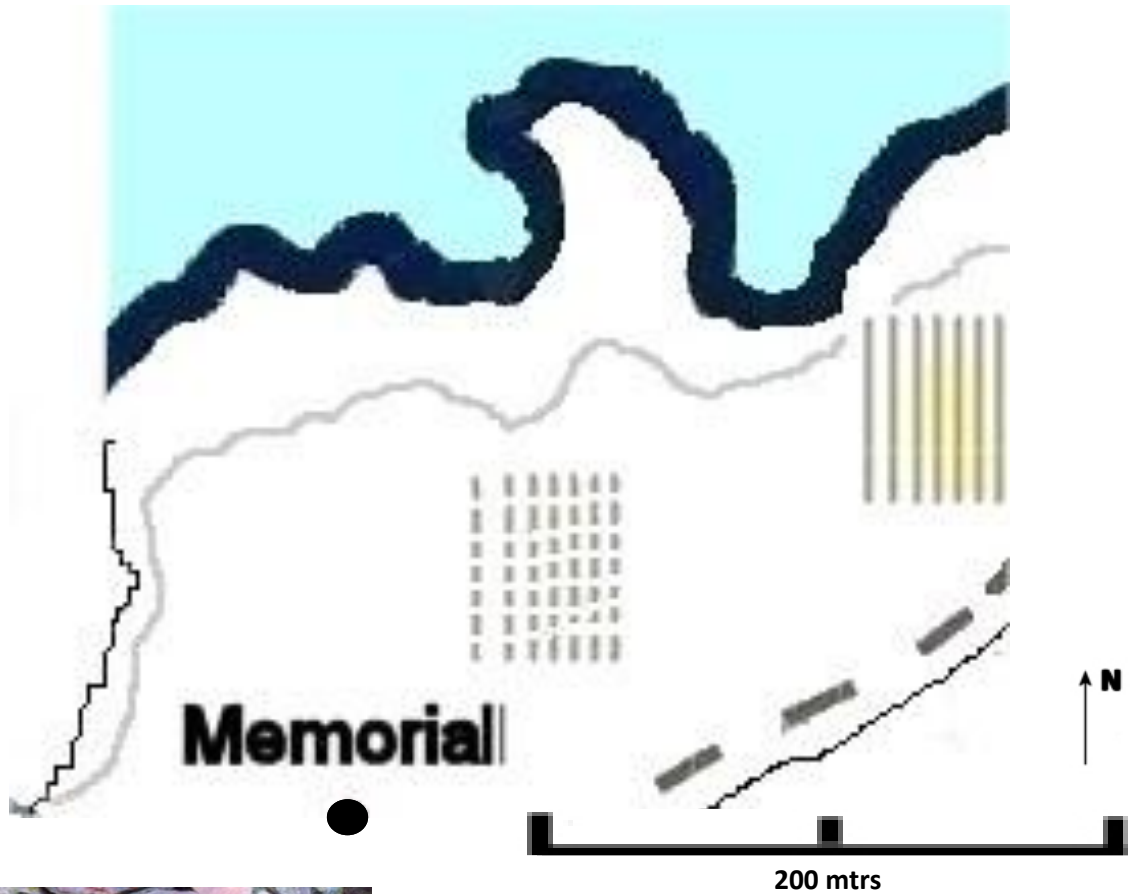
A short survey to look at the memorial and the rocky area by the shore to the west of the track. The track and memorial are both recorded on the Ordnance Survey 1:25000 map. The memorial is dedicated to Swedish born Brita Mortensen, a Cambridge lecturer in Swedish whose ashes were scattered on the spot on 13th June 1958. Despite the rocky terrain, two areas of cultivation were also recorded.

Waypoint map by the Memorial (Green numbered dots)



Waypoints	O. S Reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62413 84314	Point where we left the track
Wp 2	NM 62411 84329	Memorial to Brigit Mortensen
Wp 3	NM 62374 84924	N/S well built wall running down to sea and up towards old pier building and beyond – well marked on 1:25000 OS map
Wp 4	NM 62503 84898	Area of sloping rocky bracken possible old cultivation between rocky outcrops 40 mtrs across E/W and to South
Wp 5	NM 62601 84893	Large area of old cultivation from track northwards

Illustrative map of the survey by the Memorial



The Memorial reads:

IN MEMORY OF
 BRITA MORTENSEN
 BORN AT LUND IN SWEDEN 5 APRIL 1916
 UNIVERSITY LECTURER IN SWEDISH
 CAMBRIDGE 1947 – 1958
 KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT AT
 LOCH CARRON IN ROSS-SHIRE 3 JUNE 1958

Wp 2 The Memorial at NM 62411 84329



Wp 3 Walling at looking west NM 62374 84924



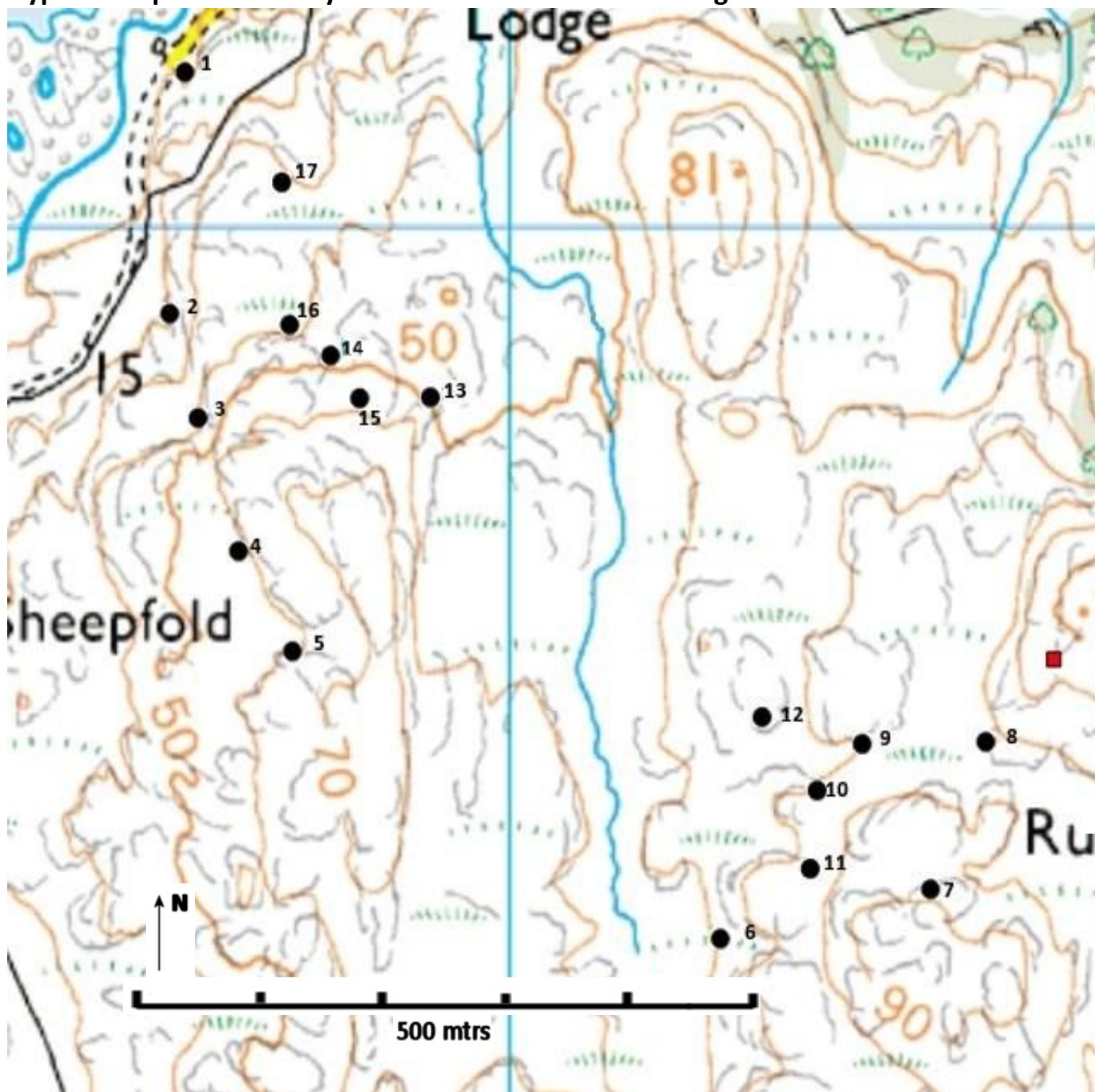
Wp 3 Walling looking east at NM 62374 84924

15. A survey to the South and South east of Porters Lodge

Centred on NM 62936 84871 Surveyed on 17/01/2014

A few signs of peat digging and old cultivation were recorded in the north-west and south-east of the area. However there is a wide area of boggy land in the centre spreading south and north-east with no obvious man made features found, unusual for the peninsula.

Waypoint map of the survey south and east of Porters Lodge



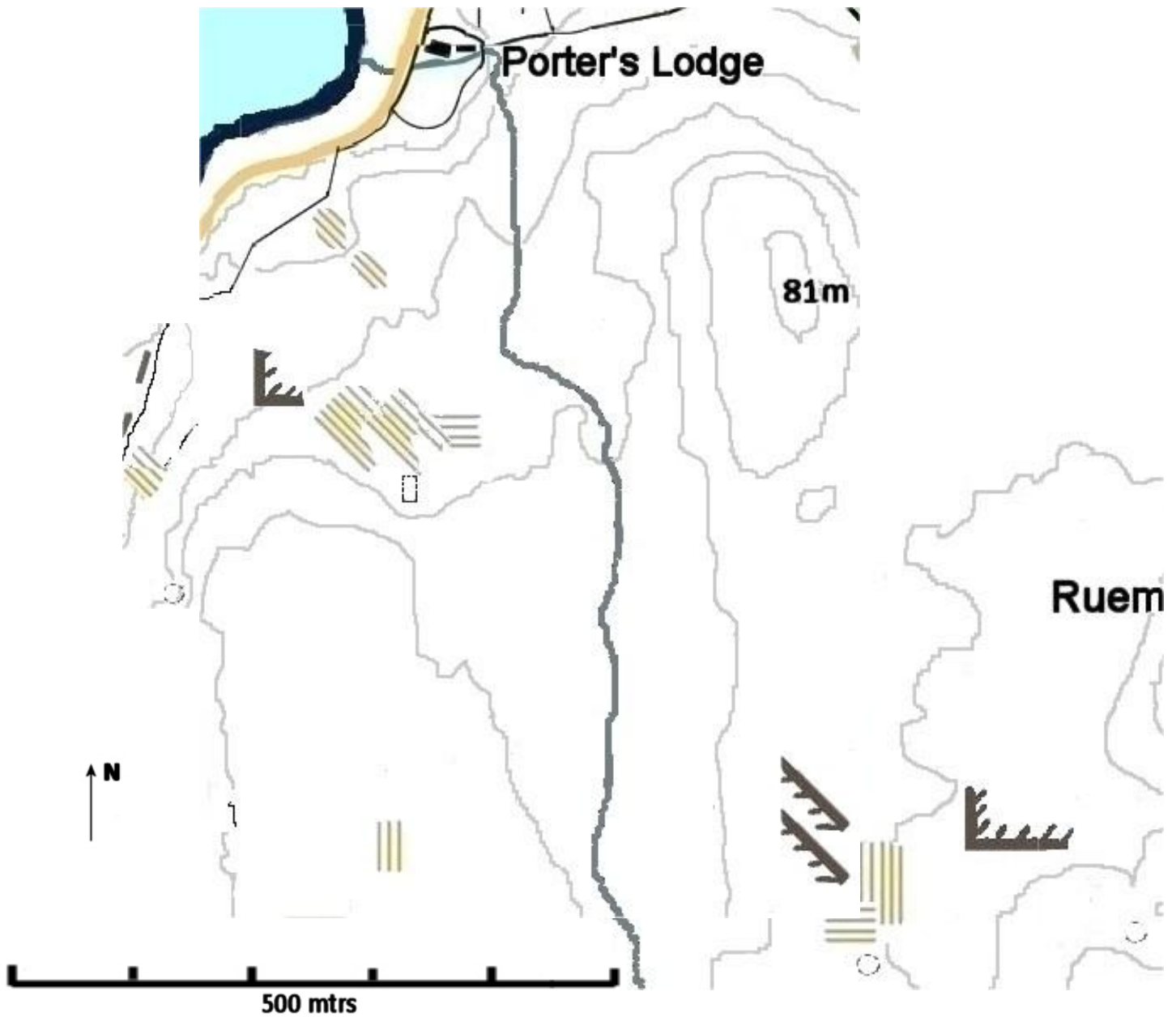
Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62735 85119	Parking at road end by pier.
Wp 2	NM 62723 84935	Degraded wall c. 15 mtrs of large stones running NE/SW from small burn at SW end to large outcrop of rock at NE end. Area of rigs on the other side of the burn running NW/SE c. 7 x 20 mtrs max.
Wp 3	NM 62746 84855	Small circular feature max 1.5 mtrs diameter against s/w facing low cliff – possible collapsed cleit with opening to the west.

Wp 4	NM 62779 84753	Waypoint marks north west corner of large area of peat cuttings running south for c. 70 x 15 mtrs wide.
Wp 5	NM 62823 84676	Very degraded wall c. 6 mtrs long running c. west/east between outcrops above north east end of peat cuttings at Wp 4.
Wp 6	NM 63173 84456	Waypoint at view point on east side of wide strath with no man-made features observed on the mainly level but boggy floor of the glen. Directly west of the waypoint a large area of bog with large pools of standing water.
Wp 7	NM 63345 84494	An east/west area c. 15 mtrs wide of bracken covered well drained land lying in a bowl with sheltering low hills especially to south and west with a fresh water pool at slightly lower east end – possible stance. Surrounding area boggy and heather covered with no signs of cultivation.
Wp 8	NM 63391 84607	Waypoint marks a corner of a substantial deer fence running due east to horizon and also north for c. 50 metres and then west across the strath. No stiles on these sections of fence.
Wp 9	NM 63289 84605	Large area of peat diggings to west of the deer fence.
Wp 10	NM 63252 84570	Northern end of a strip of rigs c. 10 mtrs wide and over 40 mtrs long between heather knolls widening to the south and west towards the southern end.
Wp 11	NM 63247 84510	A few metres south of rigs described at Wp 10, a circular bracken covered feature 3 to 4 mtrs in diameter – possible collapsed shieling hut.
Wp 12	NM 63207 84626	Long lines of peat cuttings running NW/SE.
Wp 13	NM 62936 84871	Top south eastern end of large areas of wide rigs running north and west down the slopes between low heather covered knolls backed by medium high rocky hills and cliffs.
Wp 14	NM 62854 84903	A point on the south western edge of the rigs described at Wp 13.
Wp 15	NM 62878 84870	Small degraded and tumbled stone rectangular building c. 2 x 4 built against north facing hill side at the top of the cultivation strips described at Wps 13 & 14, possible storage building.
Wp 16	NM 62821 84926	North end of peat cuttings running northwards for c. 30 mtrs and c. 10 mtrs wide. A single ancient gnarled birch tree was seen growing in a tumble of large stones a few metres north of the peat cuttings close to the north facing cliffs – possibly site of a building but area badly drained.
Wp 17	NM 62814 85035	Waypoint marks view down towards two small areas of cultivation c. 100 mtrs to the north east in a narrow glen sheltered on all sides except the north.



Wp 6 Large boggy area with nothing seen man-made NM 63173 84456

Illustrative map of area South and South East of Porters Lodge



Wp 3 Circular feature at NM 62746 84855



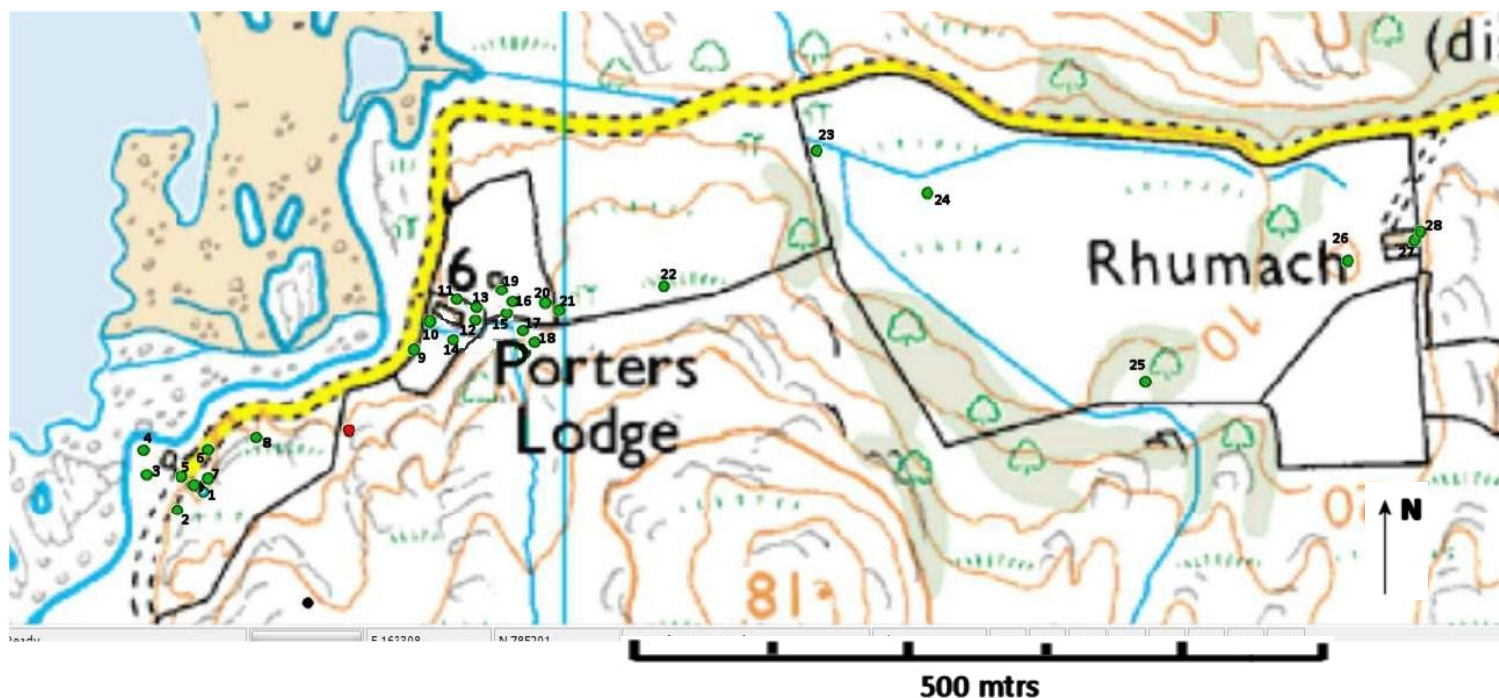
Wp 4 Large peat digging running south at NM 62779 84753

16. The Pier, Taigh a'Phortair (*Porter's Lodge*) Rhumach Field and Steadings

Centred on NM 63073 85265. Surveyed on 29th January 2014

The pier at Wp 4 was built in 1885 to succeed the port (Port na h'Eithier) half a mile to the west but was still three miles by narrow road from Arisaig. The entrance to Loch na Ceall is littered with skerries and sand banks which made navigation very difficult and dangerous. The new pier itself was made almost redundant only sixteen years later when the railway arrived in Arisaig in 1901. The Porters Lodge at Wp 10, also built in 1885, replaced an older black house and is now a holiday home. The store house for the pier at Wp 3 is still roofed and used as a boat house. The large field at Rhumach stretching west to east from Wps 23—27 has signs of improvement with a stone lined drain running most of the length of the field with side drains still obvious at the east end of the field. The large steading (Wp 27) at the east end of the field is still in use. Although records show some 20 families evicted from the area in 1842, we found very little evidence of house footings—it may be the stone was robbed comprehensively for the building of the extensive field walls well marked on the modern Ordnance Survey map 1:25000.

Waypoint map of the Pier, Porters Lodge and Rhumach field survey (Green numbered dots)



Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62732 85120	Carpark
Wp 2	NM 62720 85110	Iron gate on road to Rhu farm.
Wp 3	NM 62722 85127	Storehouse, c. 10x6 mtrs probably built in 1885, now a boathouse. Stone built with slated roof. Walls 2ft 6ins thick. Broad doorway east facing with, 7ft x 9ft with 3 wooden lintels. Back door facing W. Boarded window in N. gable end. Longside N/S.
Wp 4	NM 62695 85146	Ruined pier, built in 1885 for MacBrayne's steamers. Until 1901, when the railway came through, it was the main port for goods and passengers arriving and departing from Arisaig and surrounding districts. Pier head measurements c. 12x12 mtrs. 4 or 5 steps lead at right angles to pier head lead down to lower level which is now rubble and with decayed concrete surrounds. Two iron anchor rings at top of pier. Most of the above only visible and accessible at a low tide.

Wp 5	NM 62693 85136	Retaining wall for road. Badly damaged by recent rough sea activity.
Wp 6	NM 62697 85120	Square concrete base for memorial plaque which is no longer in situ.
Wp 7	NM 62742 85128	Large stone resembling a chair. Replacement for "Wishing Chair" which was destroyed at building of carpark. People from Tigh a' Phortair used to sit there.
Wp 8	NM 62776 85160	Well above road, at base of a cliff running N/W, facing west.
Wp 9	NM 62891 85219	Wall at front of Taigh a' Phortair running N/S with a W. elevation.
Wp 10	NM 62903 85239	Taigh a' Phortair was probably built in 1885 for Donald MacKinnon, am Portair. Stone built, slated and harled house with porch (10' x 10') at front facing W.
Wp 11	NM 62915 85241	Two degraded outhouses at N. end of the main house c. 8x2 mtrs and 2x1 mtrs.
Wp 12	NM 62924 85222	Stone built building c. 8x3 mtrs to rear of main house (probably previously a dwelling house). Has been renovated. Roofed in modern corrugated material. Facing S. Low door & 1 small window aperture. Walls and door approx. 5'.9" in height.
Wp 13	NM 62937 85223	Behind renovated building, degraded walls of former building or enclosure facing S c. 4x3 mtrs.. Party stone built wall and partly large boulders.
Wp 14	NM 62936 85221	Burn running east to west through garden ground beside house. Sides have been reinforced by lining stones. Water pipe from tank above house, crosses here to house.
Wp 15	NM 62948 85220	Short span of stone walling beside burn, probably as support to reinforce path to croft above and to the back of the house.
Wp 16	NM 62946 85222	A few stones between hillock and burn bank, possibly to block access and egress between house and croft land.
Wp 17	NM 62969 85219	Old, small water tank c.1 1/2 x1 1/2 mtrs with pipe connected to small concrete weir above. Pipe at E/W. end running into burn towards house.
Wp 18	NM 62971 85217	Small concrete weir built to hold water. Approx 0.5 m deep. Water pipe inserted at base. Little falls above.
Wp 19	NM 62986 85252	"Leading Lights" in field above house, to E. of house. White painted triangles on 16' poles. Purpose; to guide incoming shipping safely through the south channel of Loch na Ceall.
Wp 20	NM 62997 85246	Large patch of pasture or hayfield -facing N. No evidence of rigs.
Wp 21	NM 62955 85261	Several long, flat stones covering clay drainage pipe- running S/N.

Wp 22	NM 63073 85265	Patch of bracken-covered rigs. Possibly cultivated by different means in later years, causing less definition. This enclosure with walling on the west, south and east sides c. 200 x 100 metres is rocky and hilly compared to the main field described at Wp 23.
Wp 23	NM 63183 85363	Rhumach field. Large field with boundary wall – 1.5m in height, enclosing field and section of hillside above field, to the S. This main field is over 430 metres west to west and averages plus or minus 200 meters north to south. Field in bad state – neglected and reverting to natural state. Dry at W. end but boggy in the E. two thirds. Wall in reasonable condition with a few tumbled spaces. Entrance at W. end of N. wall which runs alongside the road. At the W end of the field there are scattered stones embedded in an area of approx. 80 x 40m. Could this be the remains of dwellings demolished after the clearance of 1842? 20 families were cleared from the Rhumach area in 1842.
Wp 24	NM 63268 85331	Stone-lined and slab (slabs L. 1.5 x .W. .5, thickness 75 cms.) covered drain, 1 m deep, running East to West in the middle of the field. Several small field drains at the East end, leading into main drain. The drain slabs have been covered with a mound of moraine material to a depth of 0.5m. At 3 different points along the drain, inspection pits have been opened. The drain continues beyond the W. facing field wall for 70m, and under the road, where it emerges into a small, apparently reinforced burn.
Wp 25	NM 63241 85195	Circular depression c. 25 mtrs circumference on hillock or cnoc. N. facing and inside the area boundary wall possibly site of roundhouse.
Wp 26	NM 63568 85283	Patch of indistinct rigs on a cnoc. facing N. Situated inside the area boundary wall and near the Steading.
Wp 27 (CFA 161 1: 10) (HER: MHG38832)	NM 63616 85298	Rhumach Steading. Large stone built, L-shaped building. Stone walled yard at rear with 6 doors opening into steading. Contains cattle crush and feeding trough. Floor mud filled – no stone flooring apparent. Yard walls approx. 2 m. high. Bounded by the east extremity of continuous wall which surrounds field and steading area. Boundary wall 1.5 m. in height throughout this entire area.
Wp 28	NM 63621 85304	Outer boundary of wall enclosing field and steading, runs S to N alongside cart track for 36 m to road. Wall turns W. and follows line of road for 30 m, bounding N. side of Steading area.

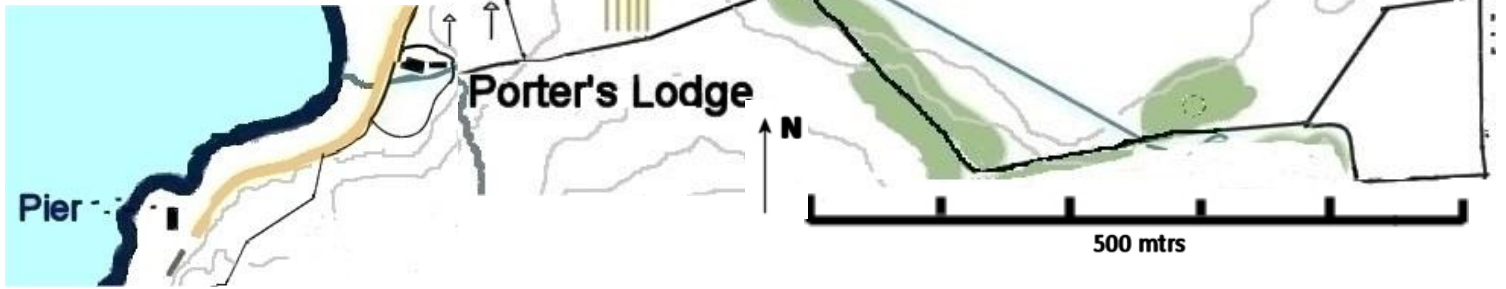


Wp 10 Tigh a' Phortair looking NE NM 62903 85239

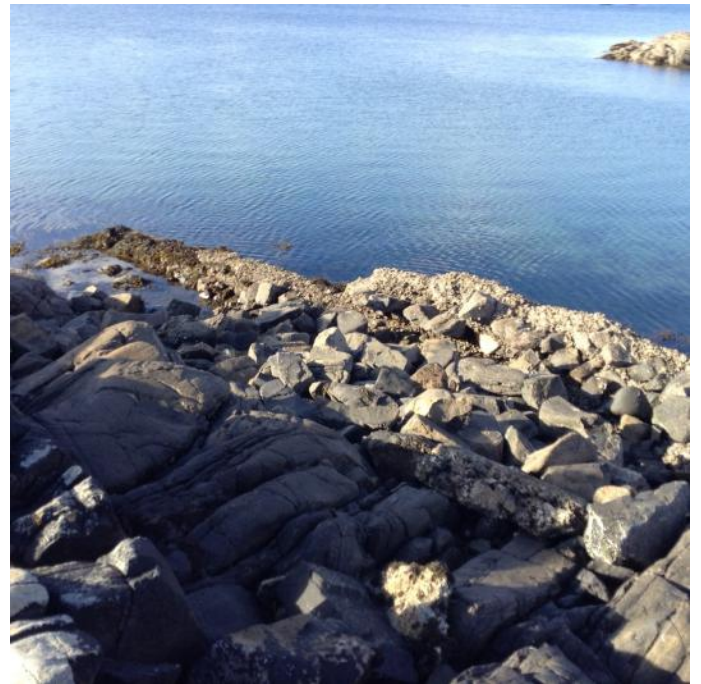


Wp 3 Storehouse built 1885 NM 62722 85110

Illustrative map of The Pier, Porters Lodge and Rhumach Field survey



Wp 4 Ruins of Pier and old road wall at NM 62695 85146



Wp 4 Ruins of the lower part of the Pier at NM 62695



Wp 24 Exposed stone slabs over field drain NM 63268 85331



Wp 27 Rhumach steading looking south NM 63616 85298

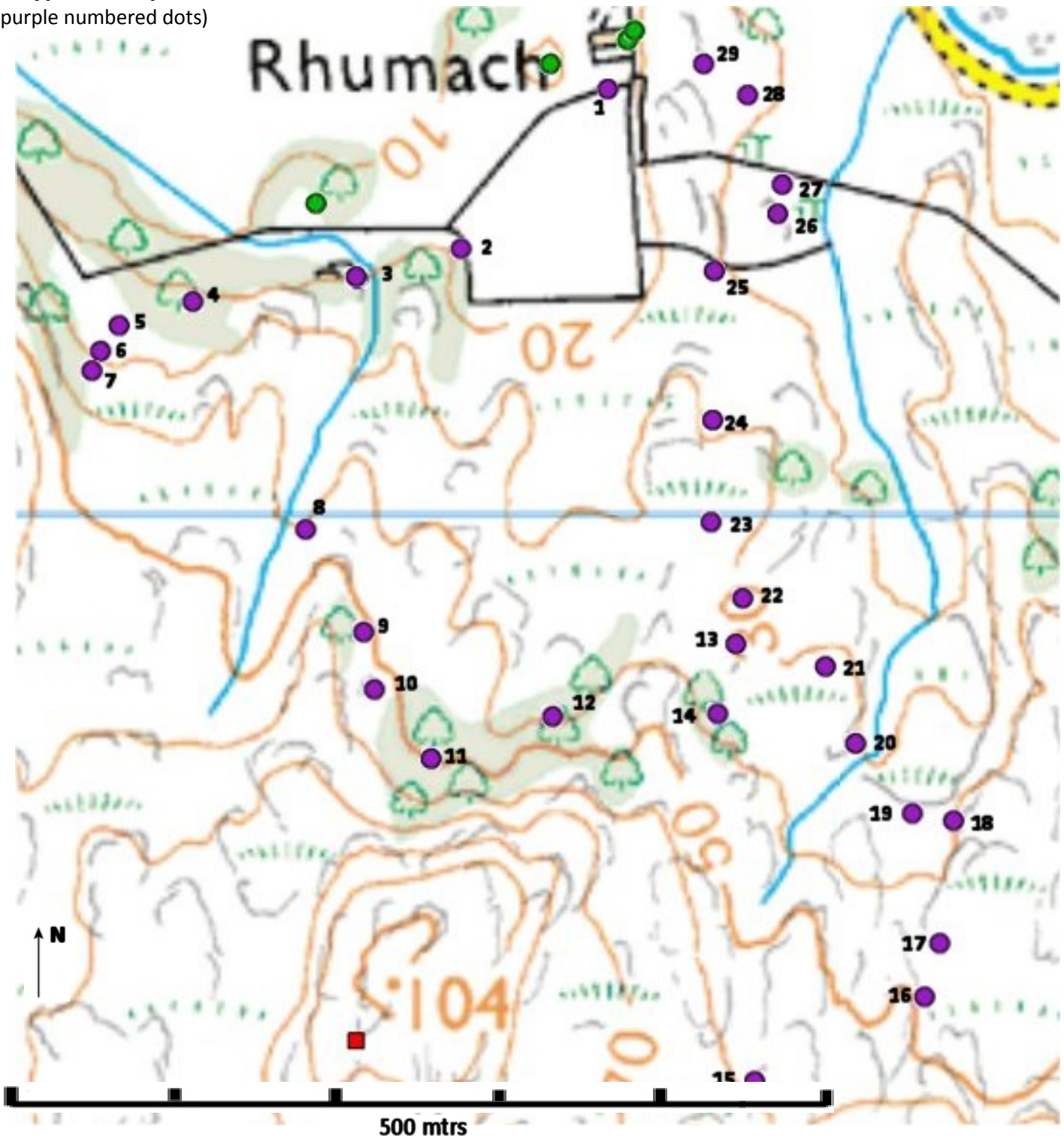
17. A survey of an area North and East of Rhumach Hill and South and East of Rhumach Field (*Rumach—Marsh*)

Centred on NM 63569 84879: Surveyed on 7th February 2014

Only half a dozen footings of possible dwellings or byres were recorded scattered throughout the area along with seven circular features which may have been shielings or storage cleits. All were robbed of their stones to ground level except one at Wp 13. Wp 9 was an area similar to the shieling area recorded on the 6. Àrdgaserie Survey at Wps 11,12 & 13, but in this case the evidence of buildings were too degraded to be recorded. However six small circular features were noted at Wp 9 and 10, possibly collapsed cleits or helping structures. At Wp 29 four cairns were recorded of varying sizes the largest being 5 metres long. Built on a large knoll above areas of old cultivation they may have been for clearance but the position is odd.

Waypoint map of north and east Rhumach Hill and south and east Rhumach field

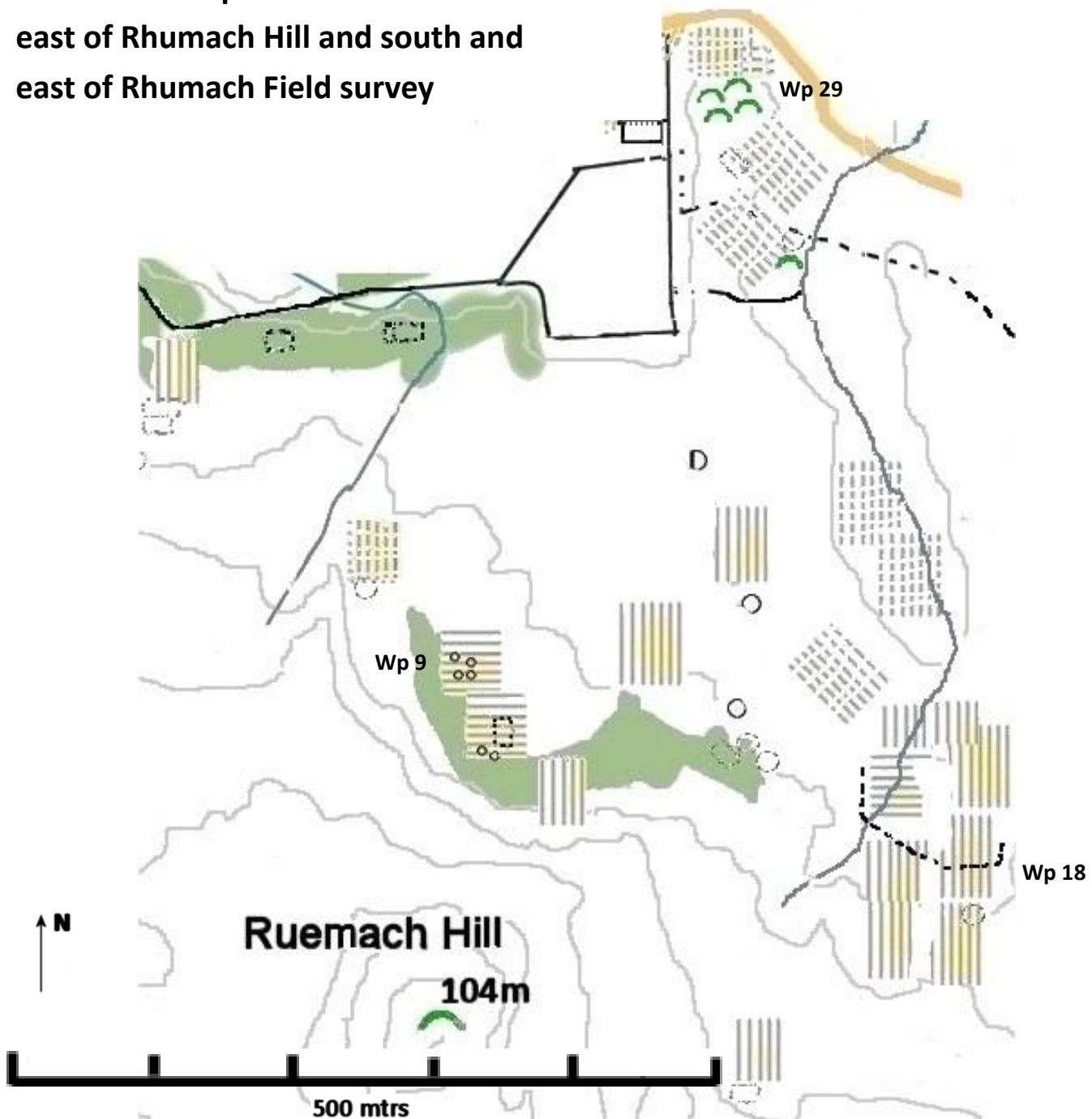
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Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 63604 85267	Gate by steadings leading to Rhumach paddock
Wp 2	NM 63512 85167	Corner of old stone walls clearly marked on modern OS 1:25000 map.
Wp 3	NM 63447 85148	Very degraded footings of ruin possible dwelling c. 8 x 5 mtrs long side N/S evidence of a dividing wall near to west short side. Also evidence of rigs on the west side. Area now covered by scrub trees mainly birch.
Wp 4	NM 63344 85134	Evidence of a possible built feature on a well drained north facing slope
Wp 5	NM 63298 85119	Area of rigs c. 50 x 50 mtrs on a more or less level area leading down to the stone wall to north enclosing Rhumach Field
Wp 6	NM 63286 85103	Indications of a building c. 8x4 with a possible small attached enclosure at the top south end of the rigs noted at Wp 5. A scattering of stones were noted in the centre of the rigs.
Wp 7	NM 63281 85090	Flattened/ level area of c. 5x3 mtrs facing NE with some stone footings still evident
Wp 8	NM 63415 84991	A small area of very old rigs c. 20x10 mtrs with a possible shieling hut on the southern edge now only indicated by a circle of moss
Wp 9	NM 63451 84927	At or near by this waypoint evidence of 4 small circular features each c.1 mtrs in diameter set in an area of cultivation c. 100 mtrs long N/S and 10 to 15 metres wide. This area sheltered from the south by hills and west by a N/S running high basalt dyke. Ground well drained even now and area reminiscent of similar but larger area marked on the 6. Àrdgaserie walk. Probably more built features in the area but now too degraded to be seen
Wp 10	NM 63458 84891	2 circular features possibly cairns or cleits with a possible building stance facing E/W on the long side near by and another feature to the north of it. Stones very tumbled and interpretation difficult.
Wp 11	NM 63493 84847	Area of rigs on steep north facing slope c. 50 x 20 mtrs.
Wp 12	NM 63569 84879	Waypoint noted at the southern end of a large area of rigs in a wide north facing glen at the foot of Rhumach Hill.
Wp 13	NM 63684 84919	Circular built feature possible cleit with extant walls to 75 cms and c. 1 mtr diameter with another on its SW side. Feature built against an east facing outcrop on the west side of an area of possible cultivation but now very overgrown.
Wp 14	NM 63673 84875	A collapsed cleit or even burial cairn with large stones placed behind it as the footings of another built feature, more degraded circular features noted near by. All set against a steep NE facing slope with views of Loch na Ceall. In an area of c. 30 x 40 mtrs to the north, south and east with evidence of more cultivation.
Wp 15	NM 63696 84645	A small area of rigs c. 15 x 15 mtrs with a possible built feature at the southern end.
Wp 16	N M 63802 84698	A very large area of rigs sloping down to the north from this waypoint covering an area of at least 400 mtrs long x average 50 mtrs wide.
Wp 17	NM 63812 84731	Circular feature in the rigs – possible shieling c. 3 mtrs in diameter.
Wp 18	NM 63821 84808	Substantial stone and turf dyke appearing to run east and then north into hill side. Well defined rigs that start at Wp 16 on both sides of the dyke.
Wp 19 (HER:MHG27038 (CFA 161 1.9))	NM 63795 84813	Point on dyke with another long area of cultivation to the north and south divided from the first long area by a long heather covered ridge. The rigs eventually join up to the north after 200 mtrs or so.
Wp 20	NM 63759 84857	Point on dyke on its western edge on another heather covered ridge running N/S Further research revealed this southern section of dyke is part of a continuous dyke that appears to run right round the large areas of cultivation described from Wp 16 – Wp 19 in some sections using the natural features of the N/S running ridges.
Wp 21	NM 63740 84905	Small area of very old rigs.

Wp 22	NM 63689 84948	Area of well defined rigs each c. 2mtrs wide in an area of cultivation c. 30 x 15 mtrs on a gentle NE slope but with evidence of a much larger area of cultivation now obscured by scrub.
Wp 23	NM 63669 84995	A large area of irregular shaped patches of cultivation interspersed with heather on a wide fairly level hill top.
Wp 24	NM 63670 85059	Small level area c. 4 x 3 mtrs faced by large stones built above a boggy area by a natural N/S running basalt dyke.
Wp 25	NM 63671 85153	Apparent start of stone and turf wall running SE then E with a very large area of cultivation to the North – this wall well marked on OS 1:2500 map.
Wp 26	NM 63710 85189	Clearance cairn c. 7 x 4 mtrs at lower eastern end of cultivation
Wp 27	NM 63713 85207	Circular stone built feature c. 1 ½ mtrs diameter at the foot of the feannagan described at Wp 25.
Wp 28	NM 63692 85263	Possible feature/stance/degraded building in the middle of a further large area of cultivation which possibly once covered the whole area to the road.
Wp 29	NM 63664 85283	Four cairns close together of varying size largest 5 mtrs long The cairns are on a natural knoll between areas of rigs.

Illustrative map of the area north and east of Rhumach Hill and south and east of Rhumach Field survey





Wp 9 One of 4 circular features NM 63451 84927



Wp 10 One of 2 cairns or cleits NM 63458 84891



Wp 18 Large turf and stone dyke looking north- west at NM 63821 84808



Wp 19 Detail of dyke at NM 6379584813



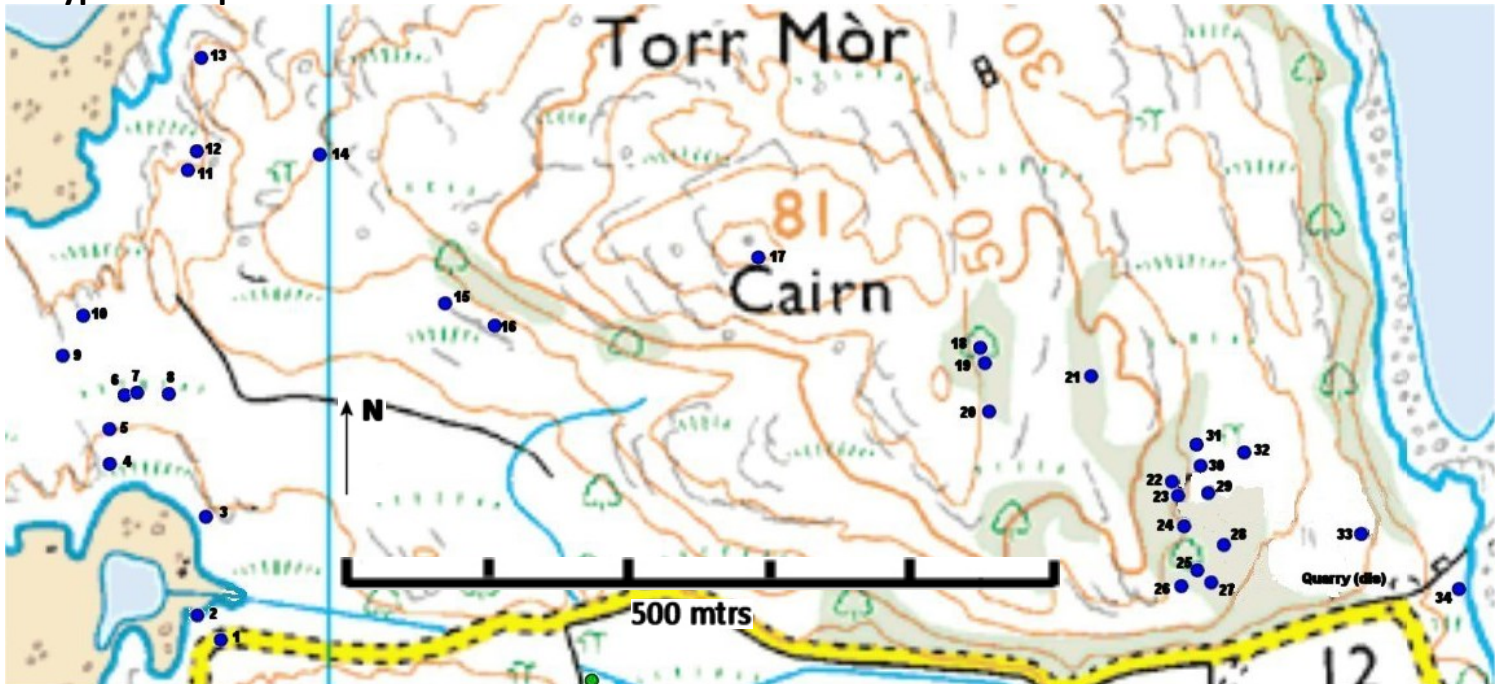
Wp 29 one of 4 cairns: the largest 5 m long at NM 63664 85283

18. Torr Mòr (Big Hill)

Centred on NM 63115 85609 Surveyed on 14th February 2014

On the gently sloping sheltered south-east side of Torr Mòr only three sub-rectangular ruins were recorded, but at Wps 20, 22, 24, 25, 29, and 30, small circular structures were noted. All were small with internal measurements to a maximum of 1.5 m in diameter, built in groups within a few metres of each other; they are possibly storage cleits but may have been for kelp stacking or burning. At Wp 28 a circular feature c. 8 metres in diameter on a knoll with another small circular feature inside the first, 0.5m high was recorded. Nearby at Wp 23 a circular feature was noted of c. 5 metres diameter and may be a round house stance. The area is well sheltered from the prevailing weather and has easy access to the shore; it is probable further footings were missed, having been covered by the spreading woodland.

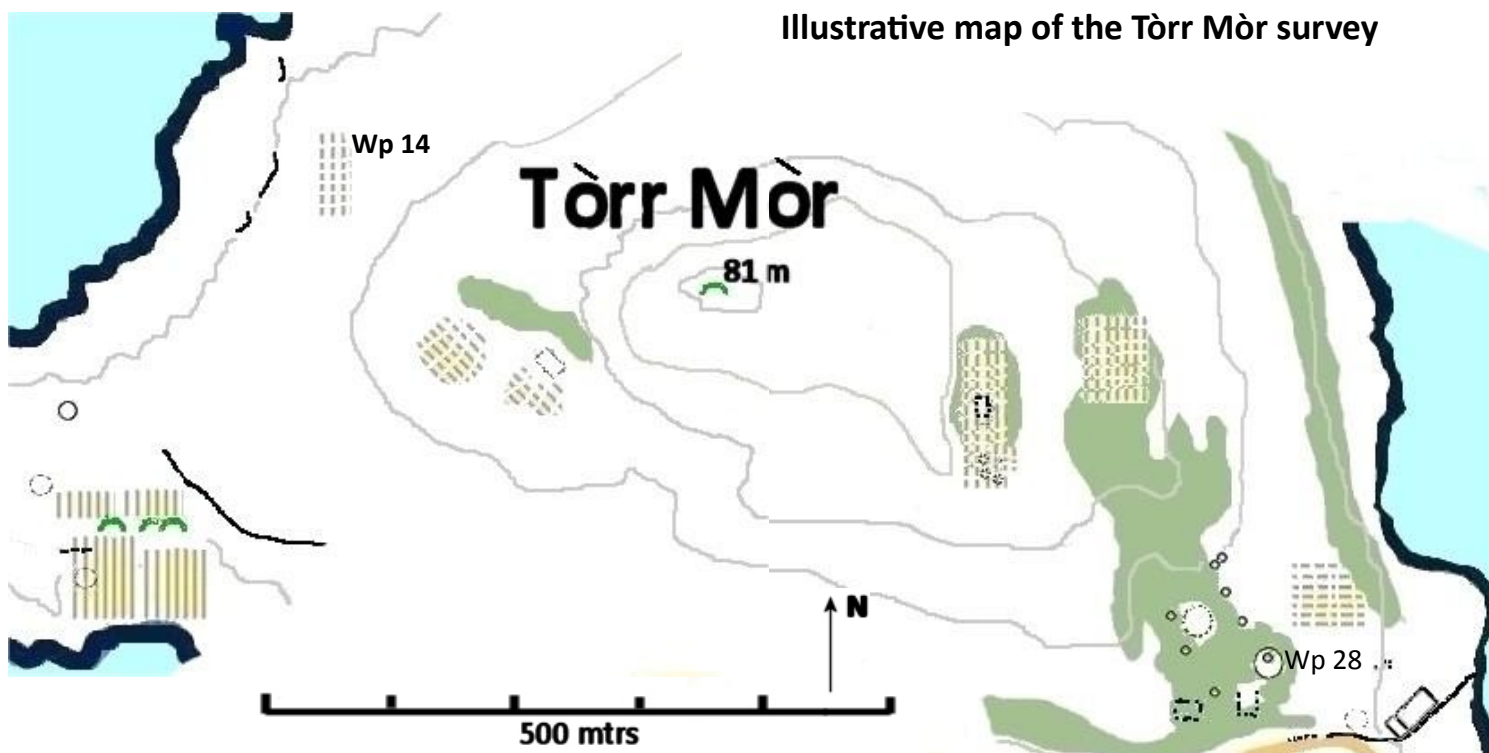
Waypoint map of Torr Mòr



Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62925 85391	Point on tarmac. road where we parked the cars.
Wp 2	NM 62914 85439	Area by road on the upper beach between a natural outcrop and an embankment of stones forming a possible boat naust. But the embankment of stones may have been formed by the road builders.
Wp 3	NM 62914 85476	Waypoint marks SE corner of a large distinct area of rigs sloping down to the shore between low basalt dykes running N/S c. 100x140 mtrs.
Wp 4	NM 62848 85513	A tumbled built feature against a south facing outcrop in the middle of rigs.
Wp 5	NM 62847 85537	Vague traces of walling running 5 mtrs E/W between natural N/S running dykes.
Wp 6	NM 62858 85561	Possible cairn on small natural outcrop in the rigs.
Wp 7	NM 62866 85562	Another flattened cairn east of Wp 6.
Wp 8	NM 62889 85562	Another possible cairn of large stones east of waypoints 6 & 7 and on the east side of the rigs described at Wp 3.
Wp 9	NM 62815 85888	Tumbled built feature in a cleft between natural high dykes with the rigs to the south and the shore line down to the north. More tumbled built features 5 metres to the north in the cleft.
Wp 10	NM 62829 85616	Circular built feature making use of natural tumble facing north on small levelled area in a very sheltered cleft.

Wp 11	NM 62902 85717	Well built walling c. 1 mtr high running for c. 5 metres between basalt dykes.
Wp 12	NM 62908 85730	More walling to the east of waypoint 11 linking the high dykes and using natural outcrops. The section of walling nearest the eastern dyke using large natural tumbled stones. Walling at waypoints 11 & 12 for possible cattle containment or even kelp drying.
Wp 13	NM 62911 85797	Short 2 metre stretch of tumbled walling between dykes ? for more containment.
Wp 14	NM 62994 85727	Narrow strip of old cultivation between banks of heather sloping northwards down a slope for c. 50 metres
Wp 15	NM 63081 85624	Patch of clear level land c. 14x10 mtrs in between large areas of heather – possible old rigs.
Wp 16	NM 63115 85609	Footings of possible dwelling at foot of SW facing hillside c. 4 x 3 with another area of possible rigs a few metres to the SE of waypoint 15 – very exposed to the SW.
Wp 17	NM 63298 85656	Cairn at the summit of Tòrr Mòr – elevation 80 metres.
Wp 18	NM 63456 85583	Large strip of at least 200 mtrs of old cultivation running N/S on the east side of a large basalt dyke sloping down eastwards for an average of 50 mtrs, land well draining and sheltered from the prevailing south-westerlies.
Wp 19	NM 63456 85583	Possible footings for a structure on a level bit of land half way down the area of old cultivation described at Wp 18.
Wp 20	NM 63459 85549	Waypoint marks southern most of three possible very indistinct circular features all 1 mtr in diameter and within c. 10 mtrs of each other.
Wp 21	NM 63530 85574	Another large area of c. 50 x 20 of possibly old cultivation now dotted by large old birch trees.
Wp 22	NM 63586 85501	Semi circular stone built feature to 1 mtr high and a diameter of 1.5 mtrs against a small natural outcrop with a tumbled wall several metres to the west between outcrops.
Wp 23	NM 63494 85470	Possible round house stance of c. 5 mtr diameters.
Wp 24	NM 63494 85470	Circular feature possible cairn or cleit 2 mtrs diameter to outside.
Wp 25	NM 63604 85439	Well built circular feature c. 3 x 2 mtrs.
Wp 26	NM 63593 85428	Sub-rectangular of tumbled walls possible shelter c. 2.5 x 3.5mtrs.
Wp 27	NM 63613 85431	Evidence of footings of small rectangular feature c. 2.5 x 1.5 mtrs with entrance to the north on short side.
Wp 28	NM 63622 85457	Two possible circular features – a large one on a knoll c.8 diameter with a small circular feature inside it of c. 0.5 metre high.
Wp 29	NM 63611 85493	Circular stone built feature to 0.5 mtr high and 1.5 mtrs diameter built against E facing hillside with apparent opening to the east.
Wp 30	NM 63606 85512	Another circular feature of 1 diameter internally with entrance to the north.
Wp 31	NM 63603 85526	Two circular built features against east facing hillside northern one c.1mtr diameter and the other 1 ½ metre diameter.

Wp 32	NM 63636 85521	Area of possible old cultivation c. 50 x 30 mtrs.
Wp 33	NM 63718 85464	Strip of land of possible old cultivation.
Wp 34 (HER:MHG27336) (NMRS:NM68NW4 RHUMACH)	NM 63786 85426	Substantial building of up to 1.5 metres high c. 9 x 5 metres short side to the north – position of doorway or windows unclear – though a possible entrance on the north side. Walling on the south end of the building c. 4 x 5 metres against north facing hill side. Building set along the long well built wall leading up to and along modern road and down to the shore line.



Wp 2 Possible boat naust at NM 62936 85425



**Wp 11 Well built walling between basalt dykes at
NM 62902 85717**



**Wp 30 Stone built circular feature with entrance to north
NM 63606 85512**



**Wp 28 a small circular feature in the larger one at
NM 63622 85457**



**Wp 25 c.3x2 mtr well built circular feature at
NM 63604 85439**

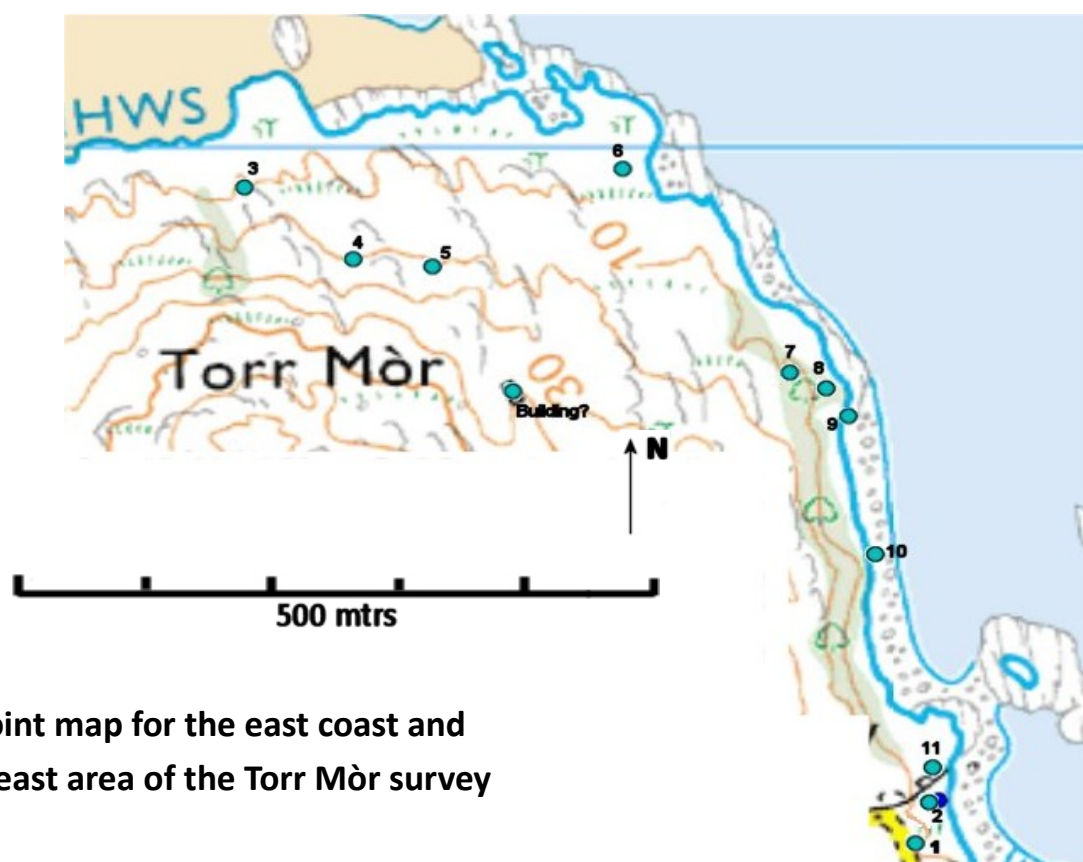


Wp 31 One of two circular features at NM 63603 85526

19. A survey of the east coast and north east area of Torr Mòr (*Big Hill*)

Centred on NM 63671 85802 Surveyed on 19th February 2014

At 63454 85794 a two compartment building was noted on the modern 1:25000 OS map indicated on the waypoint map below as 'building?'. However no building was observed on the ground after exhaustive search – the land was covered in dense heather and tussock grass. The land on the north and east side of Torr Mòr above 20 metres had no sign of cultivation or buildings. Very few areas, even at shore level, were probably ever cultivated. At Wp 9 a small sub rectangular building open to the NE and up to 0.5m high was recorded, possibly built for storing kelp. The building is at the west end of long shingle beach at *Camas an Amais* (*meaning Target, Meeting or Rendevous Bay*)– a former ferry point. A cleared slipway was recorded north-west of Wp 6; the tortuous coastline and the state of the tide has meant that we probably missed slipways as we surveyed the coast of Rhu and this was one of only eight we recorded, ranging from landing stages to simple stone clearance. Access from the sea for Rhu was of prime importance right up to the coming of the railway in 1901.



Waypoint map for the east coast and north-east area of the Torr Mòr survey

Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 63768 85388	Point on road where we parked the cars near a stone wall. The well built wall is built against the hillside for much of its c. 60 metre length and is probably the line of the old road into Rhu. The wall continues down NE towards the shore. 30 metres to the west the wall is breached for access to the hillside but then carries on west becoming more degraded.
Wp 2	NM 63774 85409	An old degraded stone wall running SE/NW following line of the shore and low hillside – possible marking the line of the original track into Rhu and is 90° to the wall described at waypoint one.
Wp 3	NM 63251 85063	Low metre high cave in basalt dyke in NW facing cliff but with opening in the roof making it less than ideal for storage. Northwards to the rocky shore a possible area of ancient cultivation.

Wp 4	NM 63335 85902	Very degraded possibly built feature at the top of a reasonably level area of again possibly ancient cultivation.
Wp 5	NM 63396 85896	Another area better drained again possibly ancient cultivation with indications of stances at the top southern end.
Wp 6	NM 63539 85990	An area of rigs above the shore with another 100 metres or so to the south. A good landing with a cleared slipway noted 50 metres west along the shore.
Wp 7	NM 63671 85802	A 15 mtrs long feature built incorporating a low natural dyke with an average of 2 mtrs width. Feature set in a cleft of the cliff on sloping ground possibly for drying kelp.
Wp 8	NM 63695 85796	Small built feature c. 1x2 mtrs to 75 cms high and using natural slab outcrop for the back wall – possibly for the storage of kelp.
Wp 9	NM 63715 85763	Small sub rectangular building open to the NE up to ½ metre high again possibly for storage of kelp. The building at the west end of long shingle beach at Camas an Amish – former ferry point.
Wp 10	NM 63737 85643	End of level raised beach above tide line possibly the path used to reach the ferry point at waypoint 9.
Wp 11	NM 63781 85455	Very low enigmatic. feature c. 2 x ½ m constructed of a line of 4 large stones set low in the turf with a protruding slab of a few centimetres at the north end and two more large stones set in line with the other 4 stones.



Wp 6 Cleared landing area looking NW at NM 63508 85970



Wp 9 Small sub-rectangular building possibly for storage by the old Ferry point NM 63715 85763

Illustrative map of the Tòrr Mòr North survey



Wp 7 A c. 15 mtr long built feature in cleft possibly for kelp drying at NM 63671 85802



Wp 11 low enigmatic. feature at NM 63781

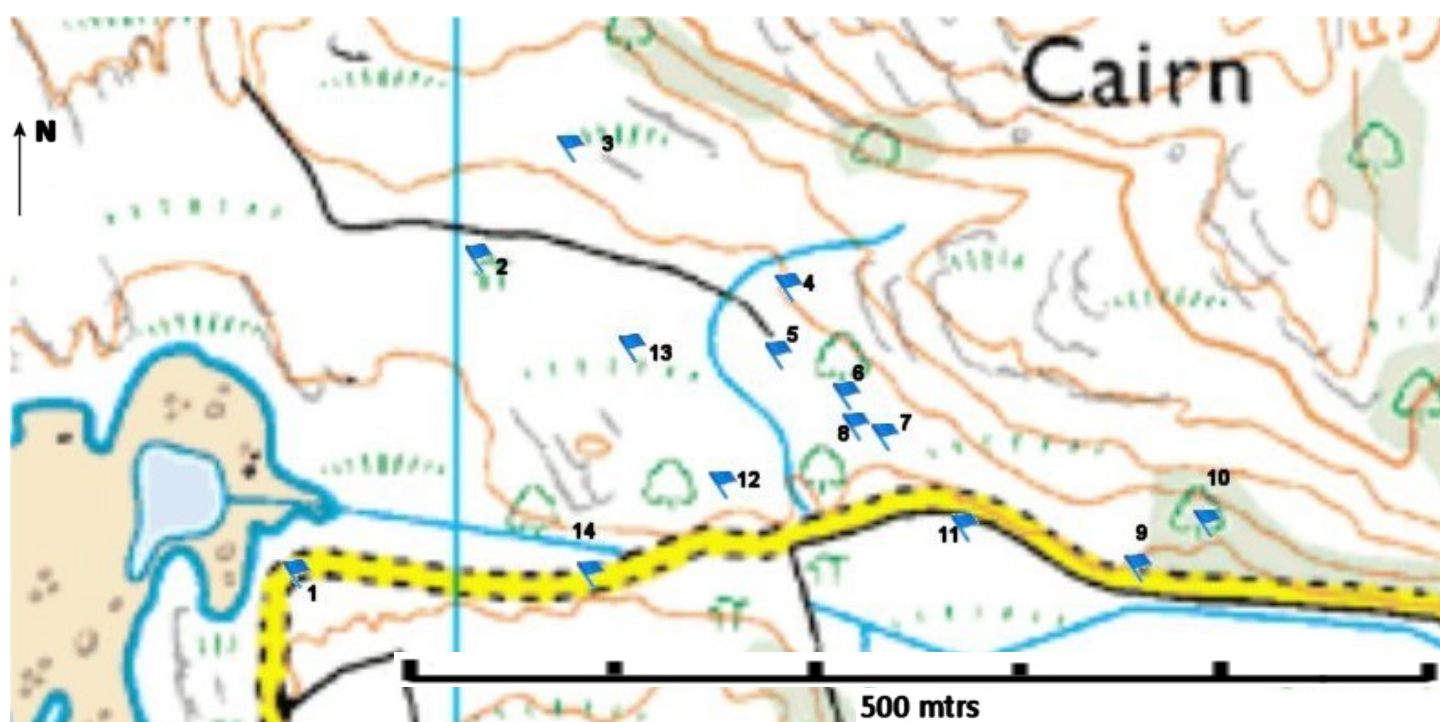
20. A survey of south-west Tòrr Mòr (Big hill) and East of Rhumach Field

Centred on NM 63158 85494 and an area east of Rhumach field– centred on NM 63972 85020

Both areas surveyed on 1st March 2014

This survey has two distinct areas of interest. The south-west corner of Tòrr Mòr has some large areas of old cultivation and peat diggings, but only one large ruin indicated at Wp 6. Another ruin at Wp 10 c. 4 metres in diameter was built on a level stance with a second circular structure just to the east in an otherwise steeply sloping, rocky, south facing area now covered in trees. This ruin was unusual being on such a steep slope; its function difficult to interpret. Wp 14 marks a point on a long stone lined drain running eastwards under the modern road to Rhumach field and westwards for over 150 metres to the sea, possibly built at the same time as the steadings at Rhumach in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century. The drain was well built but is now filling with scrub.

Waypoint map for the south-west area of Tòrr Mòr

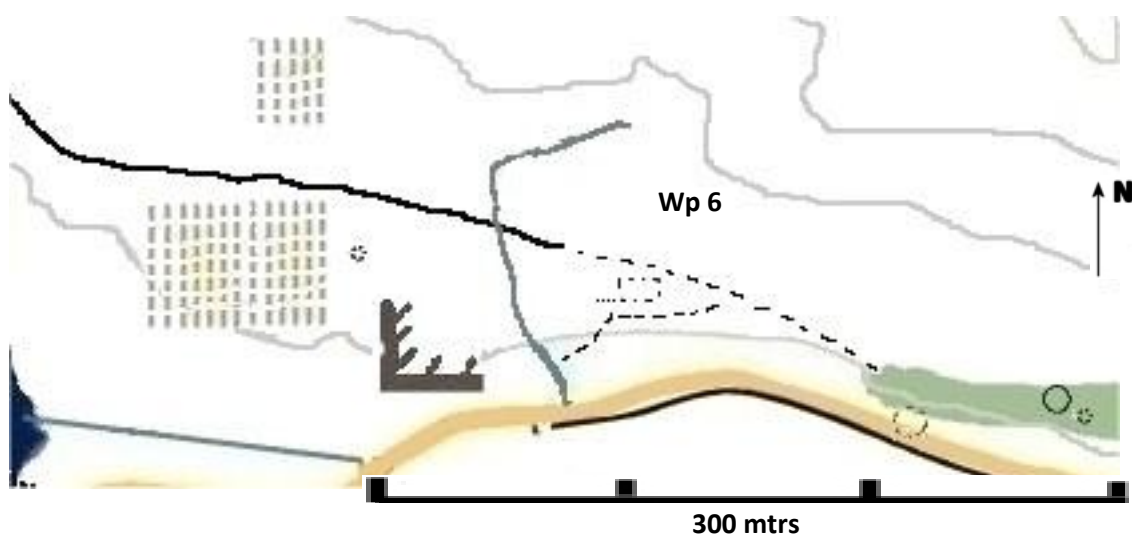


Waypoints OS reference Description of Feature

Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 62921 85387	Point on road where we parked the cars
Wp 2	NM 63011 85541	Point on long wall mostly well built running east and west – well marked on the OS 1:25000 map. Large area of old cultivation to south of wall.
Wp 3	NM 63056 85595	Level area of possible old cultivation c. 50 x 50 on north side of the wall.
Wp 4	NM 63163 85526	Point on the east side of rigs c. at least 30 x 50 on a gentle slope south facing down to the wall and E/W between low crags.
Wp 5	NM 63158 85494	Point at eastern end of the wall noted at Wp 2 where the build wall becomes indistinct but probably continues eastwards as a low turf wall.
Wp 6	NM 63192 85474	Footings of a building c. 8x4 mtrs– possible dwelling long side facing N/S but entrance unclear southern wall extends west towards a crag possibly indicating a kale yard. Building backed by low crag and the Hill of Tòrr Mòr protecting it from the north. Hills on the far side of the glen protecting it from the worst of the south-westerlies.
Wp 7	NM 63211 85454	Point on indistinct stone/turf wall running E/W – possibly continuance of wall at Wp 5.

Wp 8	NM 63197 85459	Corner of turf and stone dykes c. ½ metre high running SW to burn and SE towards Wp 7.
Wp 9	NM 63336 85390	Point on turf and stone dyke as it enters an oak copse – possibly marks the side of an old path/track into Rhu before the modern road was built.
Wp 10	NM 63370 85412	Built feature to over metre high and c. 4 mtrs in diameter in the middle of a steeply sloping area of oak copse. Feature uses natural tumble of very large rocks and small gathered stones. Western side less distinct but overall possibly 4 mtrs in diameter the whole built on a levelled area on slope with another small circular feature on its eastern side.
Wp 11	NM 63250 85409	Large borrow pit for modern road.
Wp 12	NM 63131 85431	Start of a long line of c. 77 mtrs of curving peat diggings to the NW where the line turns NNE to the burn for another 50 mtrs -the whole area 77 x 50 metres to north and east possibly used for peat digging.
Wp 13	NM 63086 85497	Level circular well drained area of c. 10 mtrs diameter a few metres above boggy terrain.
Wp 14	NM 63066 85386	Point on beautifully built culverted stone lined drain running westwards to sea and eastwards under road to Rhumach Field.

Illustrative map of south-west Tòrr Mòr survey



Wp 6 View of the footings of a building c. 8 x 4 metre looking south NM 63192 85494



Wp 10 Circular structure c. 4 metres diameter looking west NM 63370 85412

The area east and south of the steadings at Rhumach field were also surveyed on 1st March 2014. This survey was notable for large areas of old cultivation rigs, some more obvious than others, and is the western side of an area known locally as Claggan (Claignean probably meaning good or the best arable land on the farm). Most of the land slopes gently to the north but was on the whole relatively clear of rock and bog. A stone and turf dyke over a metre high in places was recorded at Wps 21, 23 and 24 running south to north and turning east for over 70 metres with large areas of old cultivation on both sides. It is probable the dyke once ran a further 30 metres or so east to a steep crag to enclose a large area. The short section of walling at Wp 22 may have closed off a gap giving access to the east making the whole enclosure once animal proof; either to keep cattle in or out.

Waypoint map for the area east of Rhumach steadings

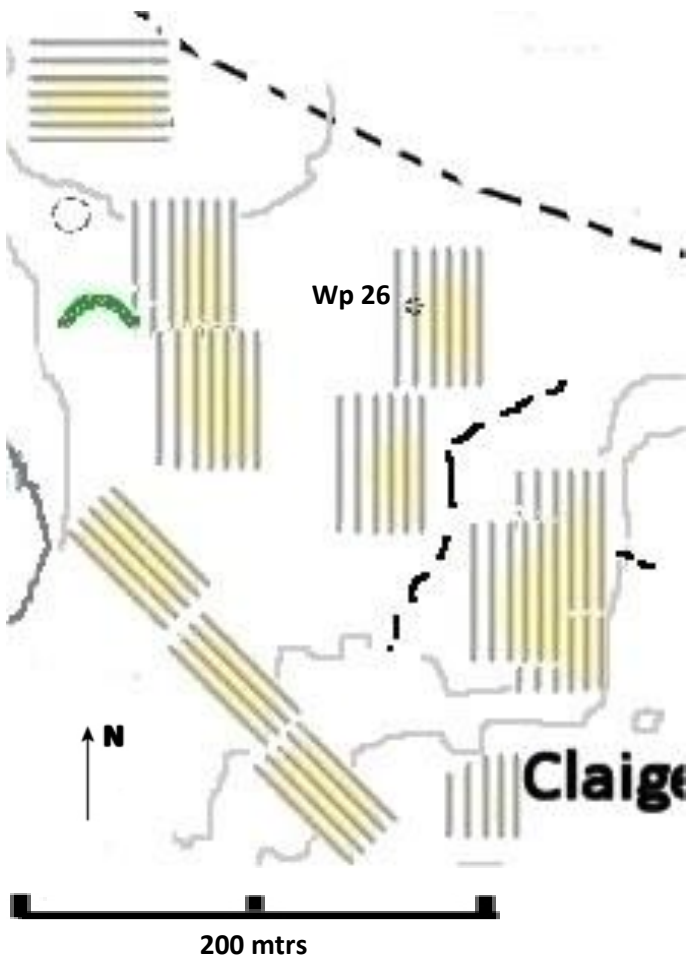


Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
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Waypoints	OS reference	Description of Feature
Wp 15	NM 63860 85243	Point on road by stile. There is rumoured to be the grave of a Spanish cabin boy near by who was murdered at sea c. 1900.
Wp 16	NM 63857 85148	NW end of a level area of rigs c. 50 x 50 mtrs running E/W.
Wp 17	NM 63860 85108	NW start of another area of rigs running N/S c. 50 metres to east and c. 100 N/S.
Wp 18 (CFA 161: 1.9) (HER:MHG27038)	NM 63835 85093	Huge area of old cultivation running north to large dyke noted on a previous walk over (Rhumach Hill North and Rhumach Field S wp 18).
Wp 19	NM 63860 85063	Possible circular built feature c. 1mtr diameter against an east facing ridge.
Wp 20	NM 63882 85004	Large apparently complete cairn to ½ meter high & c. 4 mtrs long against east facing crags.

Wp 21	NM 63978 84900	Southern end of a large stone and turf dyke running into hillside to the south and northwards on the east side of a bowl of land. Huge areas of rigs to east & west of the dyke.
Wp 22	NM 64048 84934	An enigmatic. stretch of stone walling to c. metre high and 4 metres long running roughly east from a very steep crag and to a lower crag but 20 metres above the large bowl of rigs bounded on the South by the hills and on the west by the stone and turf dyke noted at Wp 21
Wp 23	NM 64004 84952	Point on stone and turf dyke that started at Wp 21 and here dog legs round a crag with a level area on the crag which could be a possible stance for a shieling hut.
Wp 24	NM 64024 84968	Northern end of built dyke but it probably once ran well built to the cliff side on the east side of the bowl of land enclosing the whole area to the south. Area now very boggy at the northern end but was probably once well drained and all cultivated.
Wp 25	NM 64007 84994	SE corner of cultivation to north and west.
Wp 26	NM 63972 85020	Small built circular feature c. 2 x 1 ½ mtrs against a north facing slope in the midst of rigs.
Wp 27	NM 63967 85092	Marking one of a row of fence posts stretching away to the east – and one to the west - marks line of wall/fence on OS 1:25000 map. Posts old and no sign of wires or netting.
Wp 28	NM 63925 85127	Area of good rigs c. 20x10 running east/west but signs of the rigs continuing under the heather on the west facing slope.

Illustrative map of the area east of Rhumach field survey



Wp 17 North-west W corner of long area rigs looking South at NM 63860 85108



Wp 22 Walling on west facing cliff at NM 64048 84934



Wp 21 View of a dyke looking north at NM 63990 84924



Wp 21 A close up view of the dyke looking west at NM 63987 84916



Wp 26 Small circular feature at NM 63972 85020

21. Claggan (Claigean—a local name not on any map, but denoting the best land of the farm) and 'Cairn' Field, an enclosure west of Milburn

Centred on 64307 85064 Surveyed on 10th March 2014.

The Wps 1 to 9 surveyed the land east of the large areas of cultivation described under 20. *East and South of Rhumach Field* and more areas of rigs were noted on this survey right up to over 60 metres above sea level. Even on the poorer land to the north of the fence line noted at Wp 2, apart from the rocky knoll on the east side, there were more areas of old cultivation. A complex set of ruins were noted on a rocky outcrop at Wp 10, described in detail below and nine more sub rectangular ruins inside and just outside the enclosure on the east of the area surveyed. This enclosure described in detail below between Wps 11 to 30 is largely pasture sloping down northwards from around 50 metres to 25 metres above sea level and contains five large cairns, the largest being c. 10 x 6 metres and to 1.5m high. These cairns may just be clearance cairns against hidden ridges of protruding bed rock. But if there are no such ridges, the cairns may be much older. There are three circular stances noted on the west side of the enclosure at Wps 16, 17 and 18, all c. 5 metres in diameter. At Wp 25, in the middle of the enclosure where it starts to level out towards the north, is the southern end of a 3 metre wide row of small cairns or maybe one continuous cairn 110 metres long. At only half a metre high this feature may also have been for clearance and there were signs of old rigs in this area. Overall the 'cairn' field was an area full of features including small enclosures, ruins of possible dwellings or byres, indicating a dispersed but possibly a cohesive settlement (Allt a' Mhuilinn) predating the larger enclosure and Milburn, just to the east. The stances and cairns would be worth further archaeological investigation.

Waypoint map for
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'Cairn' Field Survey
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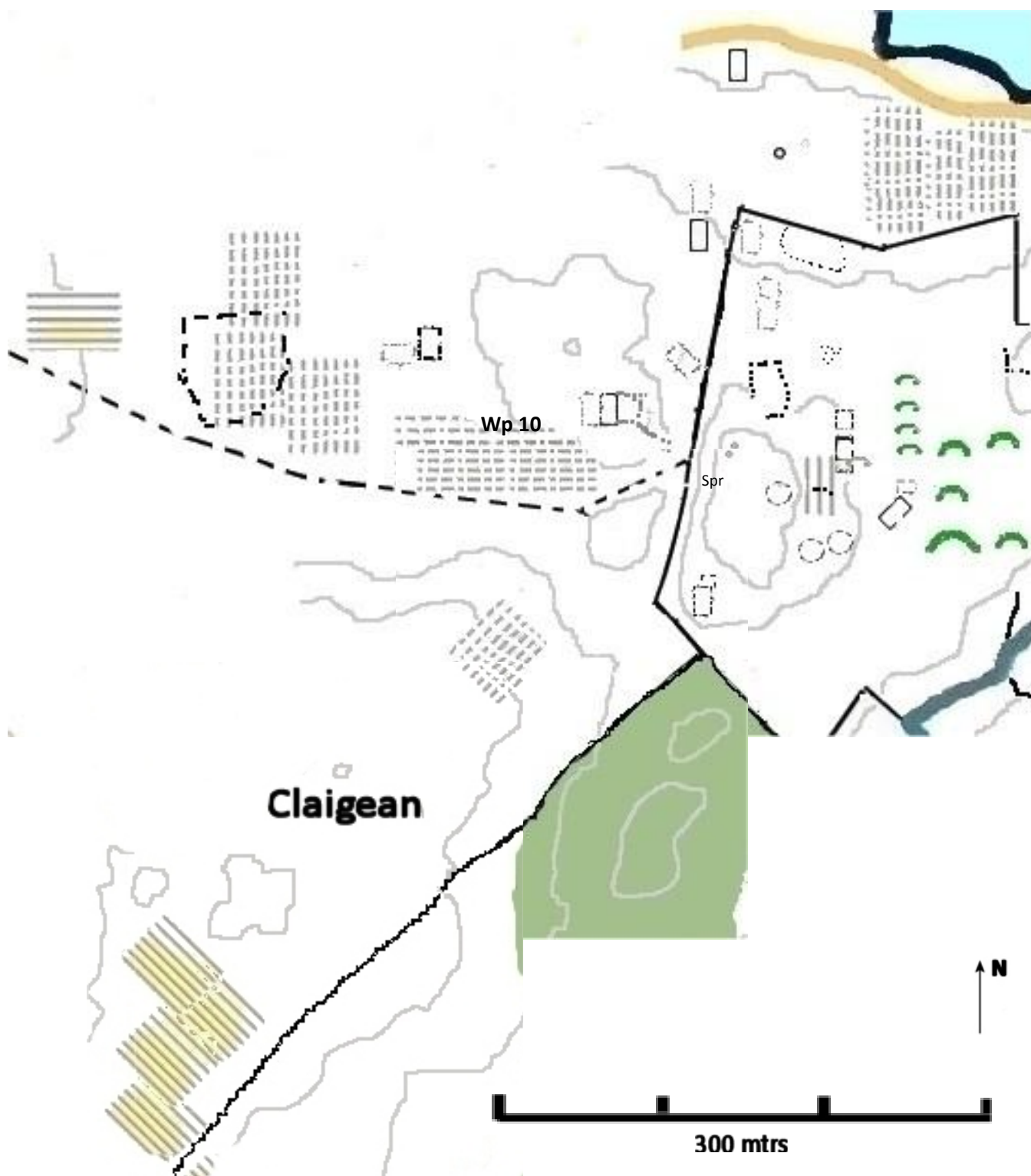


Waypoints	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 63860 85243	Point at stile by road.
Wp 2	NM 63967 85093	Post on line of posts indicated on 1:25000 OS map running west to east from Rhumach Steadings to the field boundaries west of Milburn.
Wp 3	NM 64113 85065	Waypoint on a ridge where looking down to the west the level land before the next ridge probably old cultivation now heather covered. Just north of the fence line indication of an irregular shaped enclosure – low turf dyke enclosing c. a quarter of the area of old cultivation.
Wp 4	NM 64163 85107	Footings of a structure c. 8x3 externally, long side facing E/W with a possible entrance to the east. While quite high, building would have been sheltered from the north by a rising ridge and more distant hills would have given some shelter from the prevailing south-westerlies. A second feature of low footings evident on west side of main structure also c. 8x3 long side N/S.
Wp 5	NM 64218 85132	Top of a ridge at 56 mtrs – looking south to the next ridge the glen running E/W probable areas of old cultivation now covered in heather.
Wp 6	NM 64216 84958	SW corner of an area of gently sloping land to the NE of possible old cultivation.
Wp 7 (CFA 161 :1.3) (HER: MHG28647)	NM 63999 84740	Good area of rigs sloping SE and south and east following line of wall (well marked on 1:25000 OS map) Waypoint is two-thirds up the slope of an area c. 40x20 and looks SE towards a second area on a NW facing slope with rigs reaching half way up this slope to just beyond a modern deer fence.
Wp 8	NM 63977 84800	Waypoint marks the top of another area of well defined rigs sloping down to the NW averaging 15 metres wide and c. 200 metres long with another area off to the south west 40 or so metres from the top.
Wp 9	NM 63983 84630	This point marks the southern top end of rigs by a modern deer fence described at waypoint 7.
Wp 10 (CFA 161:1.4) (HER:MHG45809)	NM 64307 85064	<p>A complex set of ruins built on a N/S ridge on the side of a fairly steeply sloping east facing hillside overlooking a wide grassy strath with views to north, east and west. The hillside to the west levels off. Ruins appear to be in four distinct sections all connected.</p> <p>Western mostly tumbled stone and only the footings evident c. 6X3 mtrs with a possible entrance to the north Long side facing W/E</p> <p>A more substantial ruin also c. 6X3 mtrs with some walls to c. one metre high some quite good stone work extant. Entrance to the west into building 1. Buildings attached on long axis.</p> <p>A level area attached to building 2. on the eastern wall side c. 6 mtrs. The area is revetted on the north, south & east sides to over a metre with rubble stone work. North and south revetement c. 11 mtrs</p> <p>Evidence of walling enclosing a steep approach to area 3. The walling on the north east corner of 3. running eastwards a short distance but the walling on the south east corner running east then south east for over 20 mtrs down the slope, across a small burn and ending at a small ridge running at 90⁰</p>
Wp 11	NM 64373 85063	Site of possible spring in a small bowl of land on a north facing slope of a small ridge.
Wp 12 (CFA 161: 1.5) (HER:MHG45810)	NM 64367 85110	Ruin backed by NE facing hillside c. 4x3 mtrs with walls to 75 cms, entrance on north-eastern long side.

Wp 13	NM 64401 85079	An enclosure with walling to ½ metre built against a NE facing hillside. Walls of uneven length north facing wall c. 16 m NE facing wall c. 12m SE facing wall c. 14 m with a short 6 m section running E/W into hillside.
Wp 14	NM 64429 85061	Row of 3 ruins to ½ metre high with long sides E/W : southern most ruin c. 5x3 mtrs; a narrow gap and the middle ruin is c. 8x3 mtrs and attached on its short northern side a third ruin c. 4x2 ½ metres.
Wp 15	NM 64430 85039	Evidence of a possible turf wall to the SW of wp 14 between the hill on the west and low ridge to the east, possible part of an enclosure for a kale yard. Evidence of possibly later rigs running down the slope south and north of the wall.
Wp 16	NM 64419 84992	Level circular feature c. 5 metres diameter possible stance on eastern facing hillside with good views to east north and south.
Wp 17	NM 64429 84996	Another circular possible stance of c. 5 metres diameter slightly down hill to the north east of waypoint 16 but less well defined.
Wp 18	NM 64402 85041	A third possible circular feature c. 5 metres diameter with same aspect as waypoints 16 & 17.
Wp 19	NM 64452 85005	Ruin c. 8x3 mtrs long side NW/SE with entrance possibly to SE . A second smaller ruin c. 5x2 ½ mtrs set at a slight angle on the northern side and evidence of a small enclosure linking NE corner of small ruin and NE corner of the bigger ruin.
Wp 20	NM 64473 84986	One of several enigmatic. cairns in a large grassy field gently sloping to the north. This cairn c. 7 metres diameter possibly robbed and placed at the top of the slope.
Wp 21	NM 64505 84993	Half a dozen placed stones in the turf in line with similar a few metres to east and north.
Wp 22	NM 64480 85024	A south to north spread of cairns placed near the top and middle of the sloping field: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Largest and southern most cairn c. 10x6 metres and to 1.5 metres high 2. 6 metres to the east a complete cairn c. 5x3 mtrs 3. 10 metres to north of 1. a possibly robbed cairn c. 5x5 mtrs 4. 12 metres to the north again another possibly robbed cairn c. 5x5 mtrs 5. 12 metres to east of 4. possibly another cairn but maybe natural outcrop
Wp 23	NM 64487 85079	A small cairn on the east side of the field c. 2 metres long.
Wp 24	NM 64497 85102	Corner of a very tumbled possible enclosure using natural features to north and evidence of rigs to the north.
Wp 25	NM 64459 85048	Southern end of a long row of cairns or one very long carin to 25 cms high c. 3 mtrs wide and c. 110 metres long in middle of rigs possible clearance.
Wp 26	NM 64445 85052	A large cairn of small stones set against a NE facing hillside on the west side of cultivation possible clearance.
Wp 27	NM 64429 85085	Scattering of small stones over several square metres in the middle of cultivation – area generally a raised beach.
Wp 28	NM 64390 85126	Large ruin c. 10x3 mtrs internally, long side E/W with entrance to the east and a second small ruin c. 4x2 mtrs int. just to north.
Wp 29	NM 64399 85184	Waypoint marks NW corner sub-circular enclosure walling near northern field boundary c. 18x14 mtrs minimum.
Wp 30	NM 64385 85182	Low small ruin c. 4x3 mtrs externally by NW corner of boundary wall.
Wp 31 (CFA 161: 1.6) (HER:MHG45811)	NM 64367 85198	Ruin to 75 cms high c. 5x3 mtrs built on outcrop with another possible structure just to the north.

Wp 32 (CFA 161: 1.7) (HER:MHG38831)	NM 64400 85238	Possible storage structure, very tumbled, built against a NE facing crag.
Wp 32a (CFA 161: 1.7) (HER:MHG45814)	NM 64408 85242	Circular structure c. 3 mtrs diameter maximum possible corn kiln.
Wp 33 (CFA 161: 1.7) (HER:MHG38831)	NM 64376 85283	Ruin building by the modern road, built on a crag c. 8x3 mtrs externally long side facing E/W with possible entrance to east and more walling close to west side possible kale yard.

Illustrative map of Claigean and Cairn Field survey





Wp 10 View east of the north side revetment of the feature at NM 63407 85064



Wp 10 View NW of structure at NM 63407 85064



Wp 18 Close view of possible stance at NM 64402



Wp 22 View of cairn c. 5 x 3 metres east of NM 64480 85024



Wp 22 Large cairn c. 10x6 at NM 64480 85024



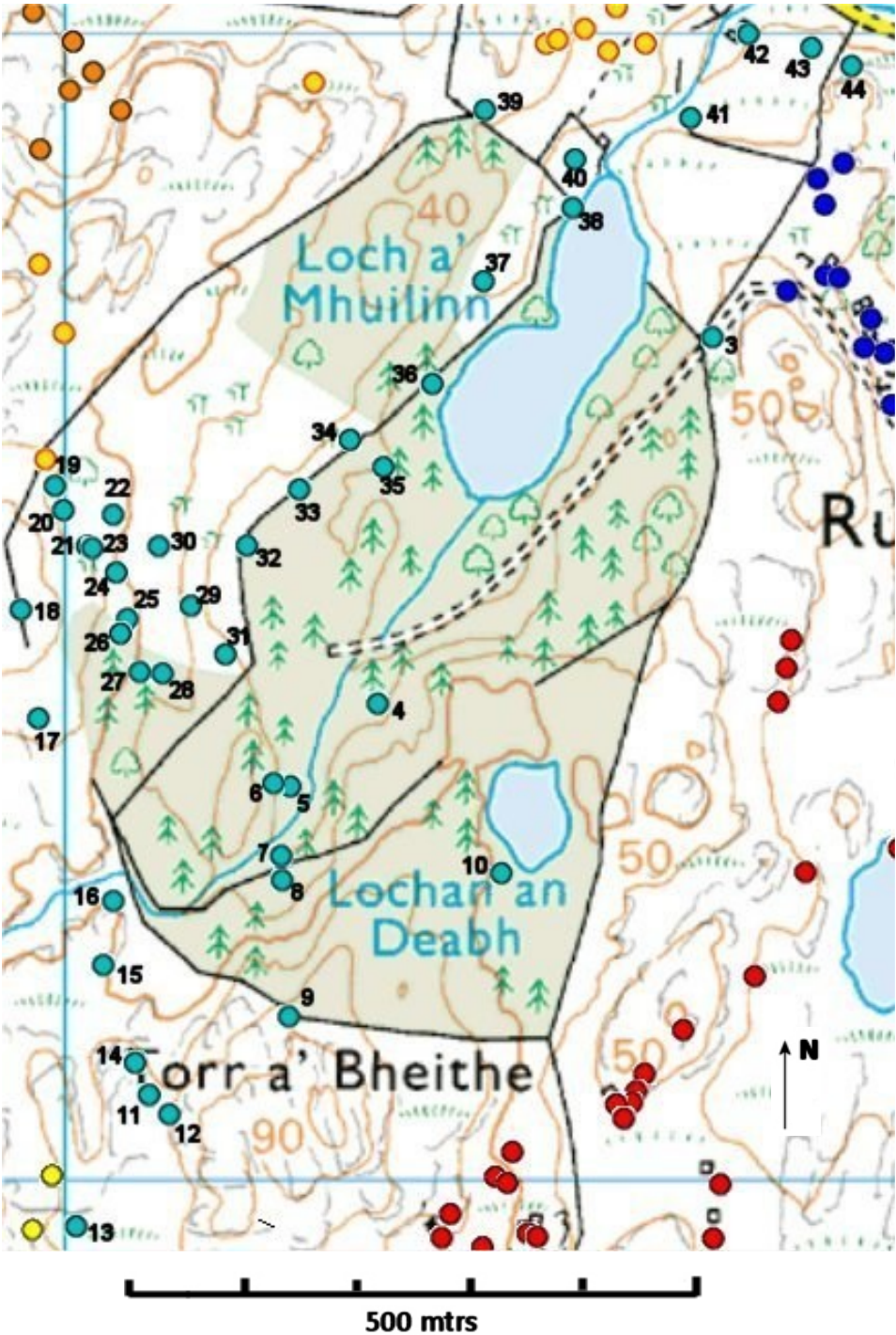
Wp 22 Possibly robbed cairn c. 5x5 metres 22 mtrs north of NM 64480 85024

22. Milburn and Woods

Centred on NM 64272 84417 Surveyed on 24th March 2014

The wood at Milburn, along with Baile ùr (see 4 Baile ùr) just to the east, were surveyed and reported by Jonathan Wordsworth in 1997. He noted six waypoints within the woods, three of which coincide with features we noted. However the tree fall, dense tree cover and very broken terrain meant that observing any remains of features was very difficult. Some woodland is noted on the first edition OS map but has no sign of the large ruin noted at Wp 35, but it did appear, albeit unroofed, on the 1900 second edition OS six inch map. Half a dozen degraded footings and areas of old cultivation were recorded in the area east of a substantial wall, but outside the main woodland to the south-west. The mill at Milburn was probably built in 1763 but certainly by the 1890s it had been closed, and corn had to be sent to Eigg to be ground.

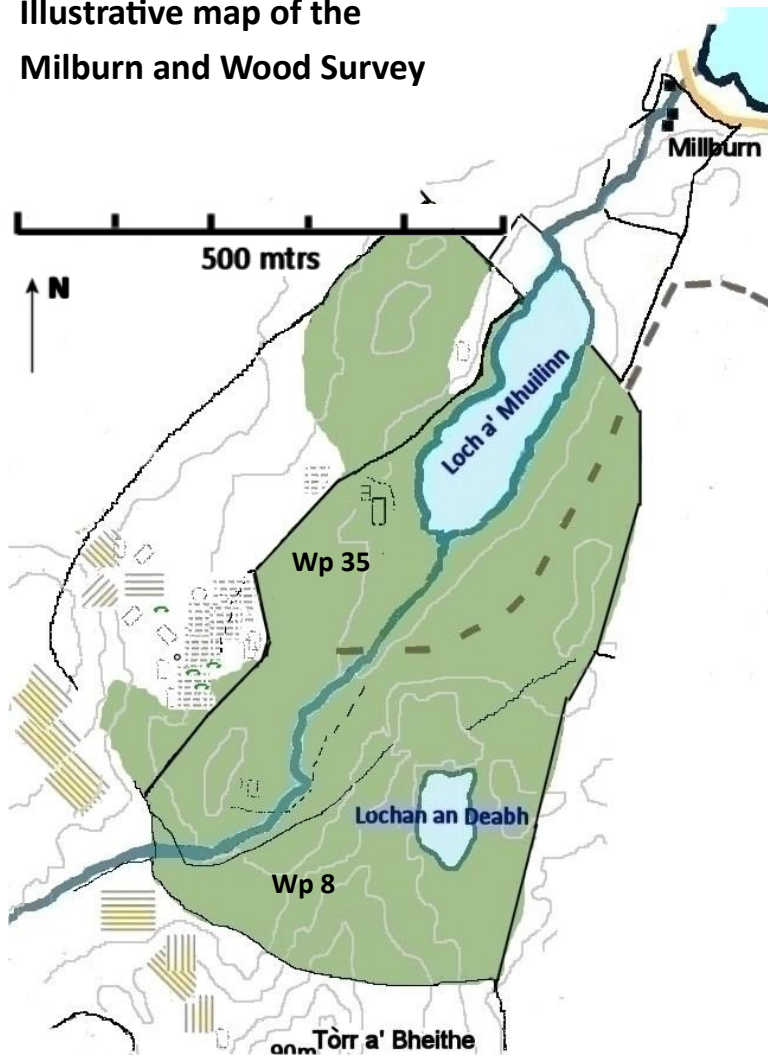
Waypoint map for Milburn and Woods (Mid Blue numbered dots. N.b. Wps 1 & 2 off the map on the forest track leading from the modern road to east)



Waypoints	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 64873 84635	Point on road where we parked the cars at gate for forestry track.
Wp 2	NM 64877 84637	Junction on forest track where a track leads off SE towards Torr a Beithe.
Wp 3	NM 64563 84736	Gate into woods through deer fence.
Wp 4	NM 64272 84417	Gate through deer fence at south end of track which follows through the wood on the east side of Loch a'Mhuilinn.
Wp 5	NM 64196 84345	Evidence of footings of a small sub-rectangular structure c. 2.5 x 1.5 mtrs long side E/W with entrance to the east. Feature on the west side of small glen now cleared of forestry . A small cleit or cairn was noted just east of the feature. Area probably once cultivated.
Wp 6	NM 64181 84347	N/S degraded walling to 75cms between outcrops running for about 10 metres up behind wp 5.
Wp 7 (MHG28442) JW/WAS NMRS MS 961/39 16)	NM 64188 84284	A point on an old enclosure wall where it runs west to the cliff and north to near Wp 4 following the burn for some of its length.
Wp 8 (MHG28442) JW/WAS NMRS MS 961/39 16)	NM 64189 84263	A point on a once well built wall clearly marked on 1:25000 OS map.
Wp 9	NM 64195 84144	Old fence line running E/W probably put in by the Forestry.
Wp 10	NM 64394 84285	Point on southern edge of Loch an Deabh land to east in the woods very boggy and virtually impassable.
Wp 11	NM 64073 84076	Area of wide rigs running N/S area c. 20 x 30 on slight east facing slope.
Wp 12	NM 64090 84059	Feature c. 5 x 3 mtrs using tumble and very degraded.
Wp 13	NM 64009 83961	Turf dyke up to 0.5 mtr running E/W Waypoint where the dyke disappears into the heather to the east and runs west down a small glen to an outcrop N.B. this waypoint noted on our <i>6. Ardgaserie</i> walk Wp 3.
Wp 14	NM 64061 84104	Wide rigs sloping NWN and N down a slope for some distance.
Wp 15	NM 64033 84189	More rigs to the east and west and sloping E in large pockets.
Wp 16	NM 64042 84245	Point on a stone and turf dyke running N/S following a burn and northwards would have met a substantial wall running E/W and marked on the 1:25000 OS map.
Wp 17	NM 63976 84404	SE end of open area of old cultivation averaging 25 metres wide.
Wp 18	NM 63961 84499	Top of old cultivation noted at Wp 17, whole area sloping SE by new deer fence to the NE – the cultivation may have continued beyond fence in the now forested area.
Wp 19	NM 63991 84607	Small area of large rigs – a continuance of area of feannagan on the west side of a wall marked on 1:25000 OS map at Wp 9 on the <i>21. Claggan and Cairn Field</i> walk, the rigs predate the wall. Just to the east a 5 x 3 very degraded signs of footings of structure, probably robbed for the wall.
Wp 20	NM 63998 84586	Another small area of rigs facing N/E.
Wp 21	NM 64015 84562	Area of scattered stones possibly from a structure running N/E S/W.
Wp 22	NM 64042 84581	Another feature similar to Wp 21 a possible structure very degraded, with signs of rigs running E/W between this waypoint and Wp 21.

Wp 23	NM 64023 84552	A very small neat cairn c. 1 mtr diameter (Associated with nearby large oak tree?)
Wp 24	NM 64044 84531	Very degraded feature possibly two buildings on NE facing hillside.
Wp 25	NM 64054 84491	Relatively well built circular structure against an east facing hillside c. 2 mtrs diameter and up to a metre in height.
Wp 26	NM 64048 84478	Indistinct possibly built feature – rigs evident on the slopes to east and NE.
Wp 27	NM 64063 84444	Another indistinct feature possibly circular.
Wp 28	NM 64085 84443	Minimum of three cairns observed scattered in the bracken covered large area of old cultivation.
Wp 29	NM 64109 84502	Line of degraded walling running along a low N/S ridge on east facing hillside.
Wp 30	NM 64081 84554	Circular feature c. 2 ½ mtrs diameter.
Wp 31	NM 64139 84460	Possible stances/footings x 2 a foot of slopes now with a stand of mature oaks and sycamores.
Wp 32	NM 64188 84555	Point in turf wall noted at Wp 29 where it turns east and runs down the hill towards thick forestry. This waypoint also marks the northern end of old cultivation that appears to cover this whole east facing hillside to the south.
Wp 33	NM 64204 84604	Possible continuance of turf wall noted at Wp 29.
Wp 34	NM 64248 84647	Western top end of another area of old cultivation on east facing slope.
Wp 35 (HER:MHG27368) (JW/WAS NMRS-961/39 -10)	NM 64277 84623	Two substantial ruins on the lower slopes of the hill just into forestry with a large number stumps of harvested trees. The ruins are not on the OS map. Smaller building c. 5x4 mtrs has walls to 1 ½ metres on north, east, and south sides. NE and NW corners rounded; SE corner squared off. West wall badly tumbled with a large fallen tree lying across the ruin. Entrance to building probably on this west side . No sign of windows. Lower tumbled walling on the south of this building c. 5x5 attached to the south side. A second larger building c. 10 x 5 with the longer side facing E/W and just to the S/E of the smaller structure. Evidence of an internal wall and the corners all rounded externally Walls quite tumbled and entrance possibly to south but window apertures not obvious.
Wp 36	NM 64319 84696	Point on wall now degraded but marked on 1:25000 OS map which runs S/N along side west side of Loch na Mhulluin Evidence of a track following wall maybe the way in and out from the buildings noted at Wp 35.
Wp 37	NM 64364 84785	Signs of footings of structure c. 8x3 mtrs long side facing E/W on an east facing hillside in another large area of rigsc. 50 x 200+ mtrs (long measurement N/S).
Wp 38	NM 64442 84849	Point on the old wall continuing from Wp 36.
Wp 39	NM 64365 84935	Footings of structure c. 5x3 mtrs with extra footings to north c. 2 ½ x 2 ½ mtrs
Wp 40	NM 64444 84891	Possible corner of old field boundary marked by two large stones set at right angles.
Wp 41	NM 64541 84936	Walling made of large stones running E/W on east side of the burn
Wp 42 (HER:MHG29809)	NM 64595 85001	The Mill at Millburn built c. 1763/64 The leat/laide is now covered over and the wheel gone. The top edge of the circular stone work where the wheel once sat is just evident above the covered leat.
Wp 43	NM 64650 84989	Substantial causeway between out crops to support a track that once led to the mill burn and also eastwards above modern road.
Wp 44	NM 64685 84973	Line of old walling running N/S down to shoreline at a point where the track noted at Wp 43 turns SE inland between narrow outcrops. Below the track and against the old wall a strange tumbled raised area of smallish stones over one metre high seeming to create a structure like a loading bay.

Illustrative map of the Milburn and Wood Survey



Wp 35 View of large ruins looking north at NM 64277 84623



Wp 8 Point on well built enclosure wall at NM 64189 84263



Wp 35 View of large ruins looking north-west at NM 64277 84623



Wp 42 Curved stone work on Mill by covered laid NM 64595 85001



Wp 43 Causeway of old track at NM 64650 84989

23. An area on the northern edge of Claggan and north & east of Milburn

Centred on NM 64260 85273 Surveyed on 2nd April 2014

From Wps 1 to 9 there are continuing areas of old cultivation to add to those already noted on previous surveys (21 *Claggan and Cairn Field and 17 North of Rhumach Hill*) with three footings of sub-rectangular buildings. The whole area was full of features including stances, walling, and old fence lines indicating use and reuse over the centuries. The roofed building, Milburn Cottage, is now a holiday home but was once lived in by the gamekeeper on the estate in the late 19th/ early 20th century. At Wp 15 a built well was discovered against a vertical cliff of basalt 30 metres above sea level and well above the cottage; one of only three wells noted throughout the peninsula. The Fort or dun at Wp 28 is already on the Highland HER and is only c. 10 metres in diameter.

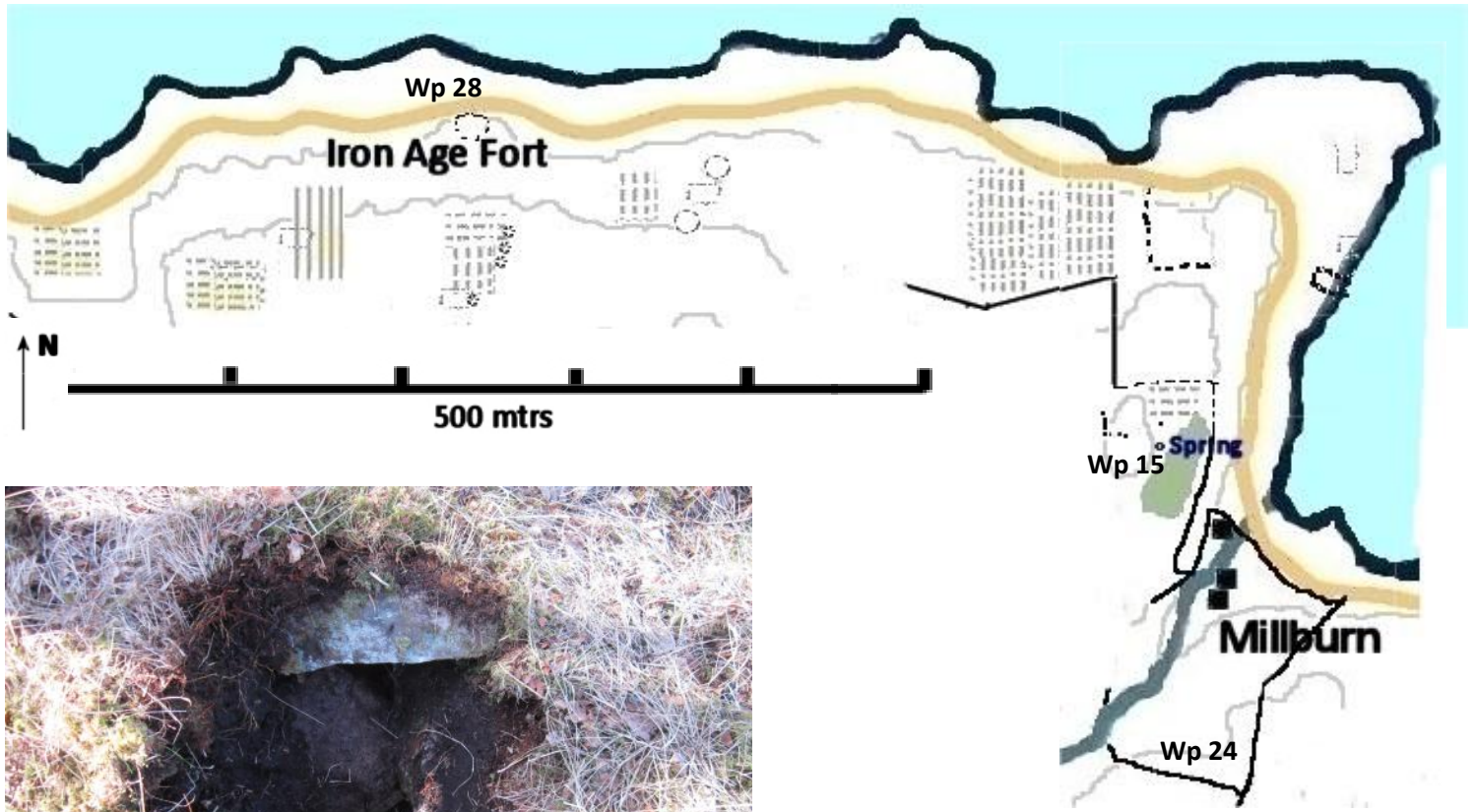
Waypoint map of North Claggan and the area north and east of Milburn
(Ochre numbered dots)



Waypoints	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 63464 85226	Stile at road – area just to south and east to the steep hillside now very boggy but may have been old cultivation.
Wp 2	NM 64006 85193	Very old rigs running E/W on a strath also noted on 21 <i>Claggan and Cairn field</i> survey.
Wp 3	NM 64053 85208	Waypoint marks southern end of an area of well draining rigs – individual rigs c. 2 mtrs wide. Area c. 50 mtrs long and up to 10 mtrs wide. On west side possible footings of a building c. 1x2 mtrs long side N/S.
Wp 4	NM 64149 85198	Area of old cultivation running E/W and southern section N/S - a possible stance near the top of the southern end of area very indistinct ,with a possible circular stance beside it to the east.
Wp 5	NM 64156 85204	Possible circular feature c. 3 mtrs diameter with another just to NE at the eastern edge of old cultivation logged at waypoint 4 and two more very small features also noted just a bit further north including a very neat but tiny circular stone one.
Wp 6	NM 64234 85266	Small area of old cultivation sloping gently north – at NW edge a cleft sloping down towards the shore a possible enclosed area for keeping animals safe over night.
Wp 7	NM 64255 85240	Circular feature c. 2 mtrs diameter using natural tumble on an east facing dyke – A narrow strip of old cultivation running up to the south from feature for c. 10 mtrs and down to north a wider area running north and east for c. 100 mtrs and up to 50 mtrs wide – whole area facing NE.
Wp 8	NM 64257 85257	Large tumble of possible building at the north end of a natural dyke.
Wp 9	NM 64260 85273	Possible round house stance.

Wp 10	NM 64436 85186	Centre of are of old cultivation sloping north from stone wall to road area c. 20 mtrs wide. A second area divided from the first by a natural low N/S dyke also c. 20 mtrs wide ending on east side by a low cliff running N/S A third area of old rigs running parallel with the first two down to the road and east to a natural dyke.
Wp 11	NM 64509 85197	Waypoint marks south- eastern corner of the old rigs described at Waypoint 10 and also marks north-eastern corner of walling clearly marked on the 1:25000 OS map
Wp 12	NM 65767 85209	Point on an old turf and stone wall not on map running E/W for c. 50 mtrs between natural dykes – South end of an old enclosure running down towards the road and shore but ground too rough and rocky for cultivation.
Wp 13	NM 64568 85130	Small area c. 15 x 15 mtrs of possible very old rigs on a small plateau.
Wp 14	NM 64548 85123	Substantial iron fence post with 2 stanchions well set in a rock and part of a now dismantled fence line – further posts noted c. 75 mtrs to west and east.
Wp 15	NM 64558 85103	Built well discovered against a high east facing basalt dyke with an area of boggy moss covered ground to east on level plateau covered in birch and lower down oak.
Wp 16	NM 64606 85114	Long N/S narrow strip of possible old cultivation on shelf of land above Millburn Cottage.
Wp 17	NM 64625 85133	Possible shelter built of tumble in an east facing natural cleft of cliff by road – area possibly also used as a borrow pit.
Wp 18	NM 64654 85190	Eighteenth or possible early nineteenth century carefully built boat naust built against the slope above high tide, c. 1.25 mtrs high, 2 mtrs wide and c. 3.5 mtrs long towards the shore.
Wp 19	NM 64660 85201	Footings of a small feature c. 2 x 3 mtrs max just above the east facing shoreline with possible old cultivation on low lying ground to west and north of this small peninsular
Wp 20	NM 64663 85273	Towards north end of the peninsula, a well built possible storage feature for kelp using the natural flat sides of dyke on the east and west side, stones placed on the sides to heighten the walls and the back southern side constructed of stones against the earth natural infill between the dykes . Entrance and north side more tumbled West side over 2 mtrs high, east and north sides to over 1 ½ metres. Structure 2 ½ mtrs wide and c. 3 mtrs long N/S
Wp 21	NM 64651 85257	Wooden Benches placed by Eoghan Donald (ED) MacMillan and his wife Elsbeth to their children Murdo died c. 1991 and Arlene died 2004 -Eoghan was once a shepherd then manager at Millburn.
Wp 22	NM 64631 85021	Millburn Cottage and Out buildings now a holiday home
Wp 23	NM 64552 84897	Corner of walling well marked on 1:25000 O.S. map
Wp 24	NM 64570 84823	A circular patch of c. 30 mtrs circumference of irises (seileastair) at the top of a hill of well draining pasture with bedrock near the surface all round
Wp 25	NM 64659 84870	Corner of walling marked on 1:25000 OS map and also noted on the 4. <i>Baile Ùr</i> walk
Wp 26	NM 64582 85252	Bottom NE corner of enclosure noted at Waypoint 12 – this eastern edge largely demarked by natural substantial dyke
Wp 27	NM 64537 85247	Bottom NW corner of enclosure noted at waypoint 12 – this western wall constructed of stone walling enhancing natural dyke. The Northern wall of this enclosure no longer apparent – perhaps destroyed when the modern road was made.
Wp 28 (CFA 161: 1.8) (HER:MHG27037)	NM 64168 85309	Old 'fort' or dun on low outcrop up to c. 10 mtrs above sea level and c. 10 mtrs in diameter on top and evidence of walling on the southern edge. Possibly Iron-Age.

Illustrative map of the northern edge of Claggan and the area north and east of Milburn survey



Wp 15 Built well against high east facing dyke NM 64558 85103



Wp 18 Well built possible boat naust NM 64654 85190



Wp 20 ii Possible storage building at NM 64663 85273



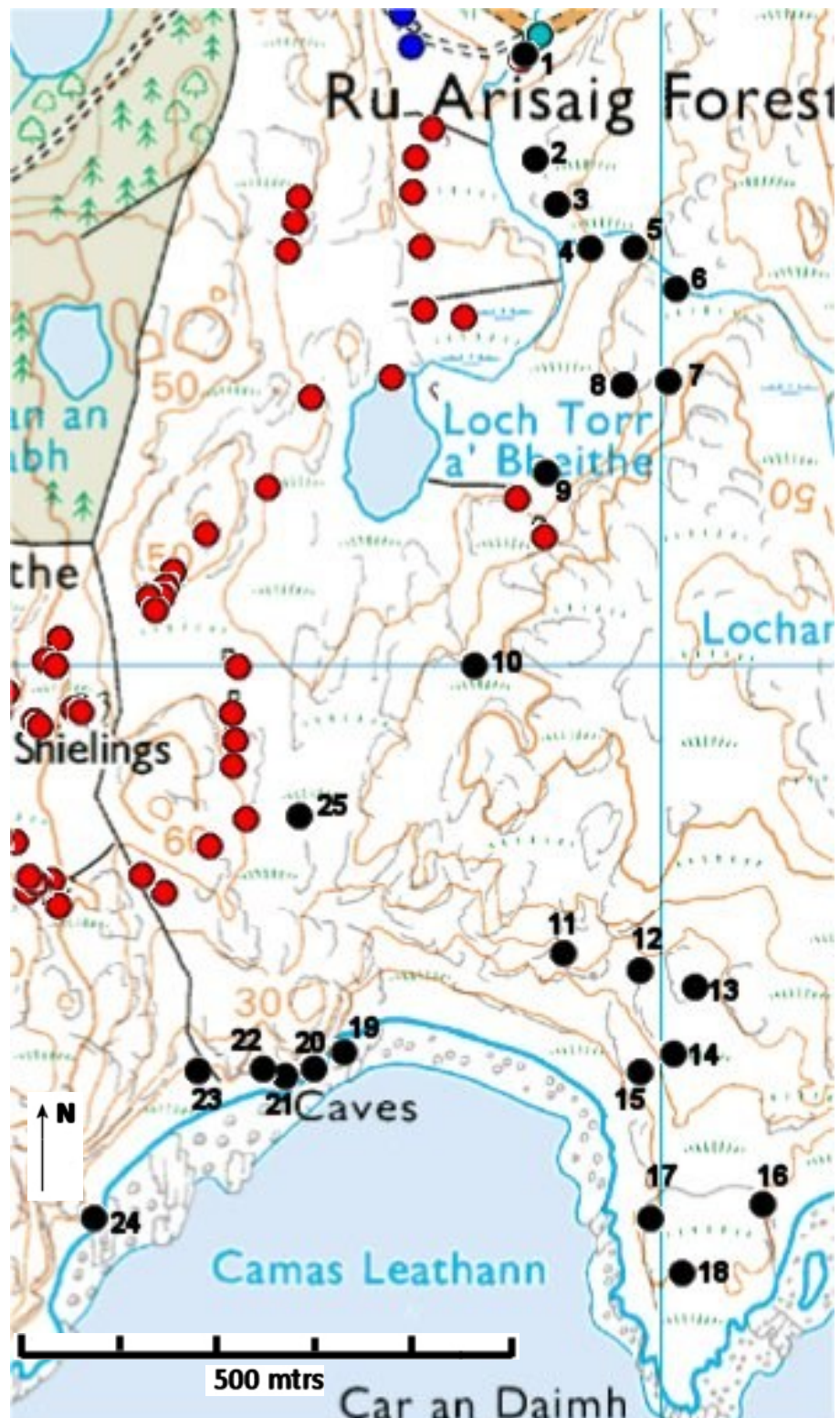
Wp 24 Natural circle of Irises in pasture at NM 64570 84823

24. An area east and south of Tòrr a'Bheithe (*Hill of the Birch*), Car an Daimh (*Turn of the Guest*) and Camas Leathann (*Broad or Wide Bay*)

Centred on NM 64810 83998 Surveyed 13th May 2014

The line of degraded walling noted at Wp 3 was noted by extant large stones using outcrops of rocks along the way. Running uphill to the north-east and south towards the burn, it was very similar to a wall recorded at Wp 6 on the 3. Tòrr a'Bheithe survey and later identified as probably Bronze Age (pers. comm. Martin Wildgoose 2014). There were large areas of old cultivation in the land facing west and south noted at Wp 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 and more rigs to the north-east of Camas Leathann. The caves noted on west side of the bay at Wps 19, 20 and 21 were large and dry and very likely to be used for occupation over time.

Waypoint map of the area east and south of Tòrr a'Bheithe (Black numbered dots - n.b red dots refer to previous survey 3 Tòrr a'Bheithe)



Waypoint	OS Reference	Description of Feature
Wp 1	NM 64861 84617	Gateway at road
Wp 2	NM 64872 84511	An area of possible old cultivation – waypoint marks eastern edge with the area going westwards to burn, north to the fence line and south to a burn bounded by a turf and stone wall.
Wp 3	NM 64894 84465	Point on ancient possibly Bronze age wall where it runs south to the burn and NE up a gentle slope. Another area of old rigs to the east of this wall for c. 65 metres to a burn.
Wp 4	NM 64928 84421	Point on burn bound by a turf and stone wall on the east side – more old rigs on the SE side of the burn.
Wp 5	NM 64973 84422	Point on wall by burn noted at waypoint 4 with yet another large area of very old rigs to the NW – to be verified.
Wp 6	NM 65011 84388	Length of wall running eastwards from outcrop following south side of burn noted at waypoints 4 & 5 possibly part of an enclosure to south and east – rough thin pasture giving way down slope to south to possible old cultivation area.
Wp 7	NM 65007 84286	Small circular footings of a built feature c. one metre diameter with entrance to SW and signs of walling running along hillside to the north – possibly part of an enclosure walling noted at waypoint 6.
Wp 7a	NM 651 844	Sign of possible small structure some 100 metres up the hill from Wp 7.
Wp 8	NM 64962 84283	Area of pasture/ possible old cultivation possibly associated with feature at waypoint 7.
Wp 9	NM 64883 84194	Point on old wall running NE and over small ridge turning south – whole area to east north and south possible very old cultivation in patches.
Wp 10	NM 64810 83998	Southern end of sloping land to NW with more possible very old cultivation down to the lochan.
Wp 11	NM 64901 83708	Possible stance sub-circular c. 2 x 3 metres indicated by just a few footing stones under the turf.
Wp 12	NM 64979 83690	Circular feature using natural dyke on NW side.
Wp 13	NM 65034 83673	A point on a turf and stone dyke running N/S with old rigs to east and west.
Wp 14	NM 65013 83006	Point on dyke noted at waypoint 13 where it zig-zags east and then SW over an outcrop and then SW down to rocky outcrops above the shore.
Wp 15	NM 64979 83588	End of dyke noted at waypoint 13 & 14 with areas of wide rigs on a small area of land below the crags to the NW and more less distinct on a similar spread of land to the SE.
Wp 16	NM 65103 83459	East end of turf dyke (revealed by a muir fire) where land falls away towards the shore.
Wp 17	NM 64989 85439	West end of turf dyke noted at waypoint 16 where the turf wall changes to stone walling against high outcrops over the shore.
Wp 18	NM 65021 83384	Small possible dwelling c. 3 x 4 using east facing natural vertical dyke and built stone side walls to 75 cms – feature on west side of reasonably smooth gently sloping land to south – possible old cultivation
Wp 19	NM 64678 83607	East facing rock shelter with small platform but some 4 -5 metres scramble above shore level.
Wp 20	NM 64647 85391	Very sheltered dry cave with flat floor- access easier from west but possible from south and east. Evidence of long term occupation – shell deposits to at least 20 cms observed.
Wp 21	NM 64618 83583	Very large mainly drive cave but open to the SW – no evidence of shell midden - obviously used a lot in more modern times.
Wp 22	NM 64596 83559	Waypoint marks centre of enclosure possibly for cattle between surrounding crags. Seaward wall substantial and very wide and up to 1 metre high. A small cave was noted deep into a cleft on the west facing side of the area.

Wp 23	NM 64424 83440	Small barrier wall between outcrops running N/S at towards west end of main bay.
Wp 24	NM 64532 83592	Barrier made of raised beach between hillsides running E/W.
Wp 25	NM 64632 83046	Very Large area of old peat diggings in low lying area south of Lochan Tòrr a’Bheithe.

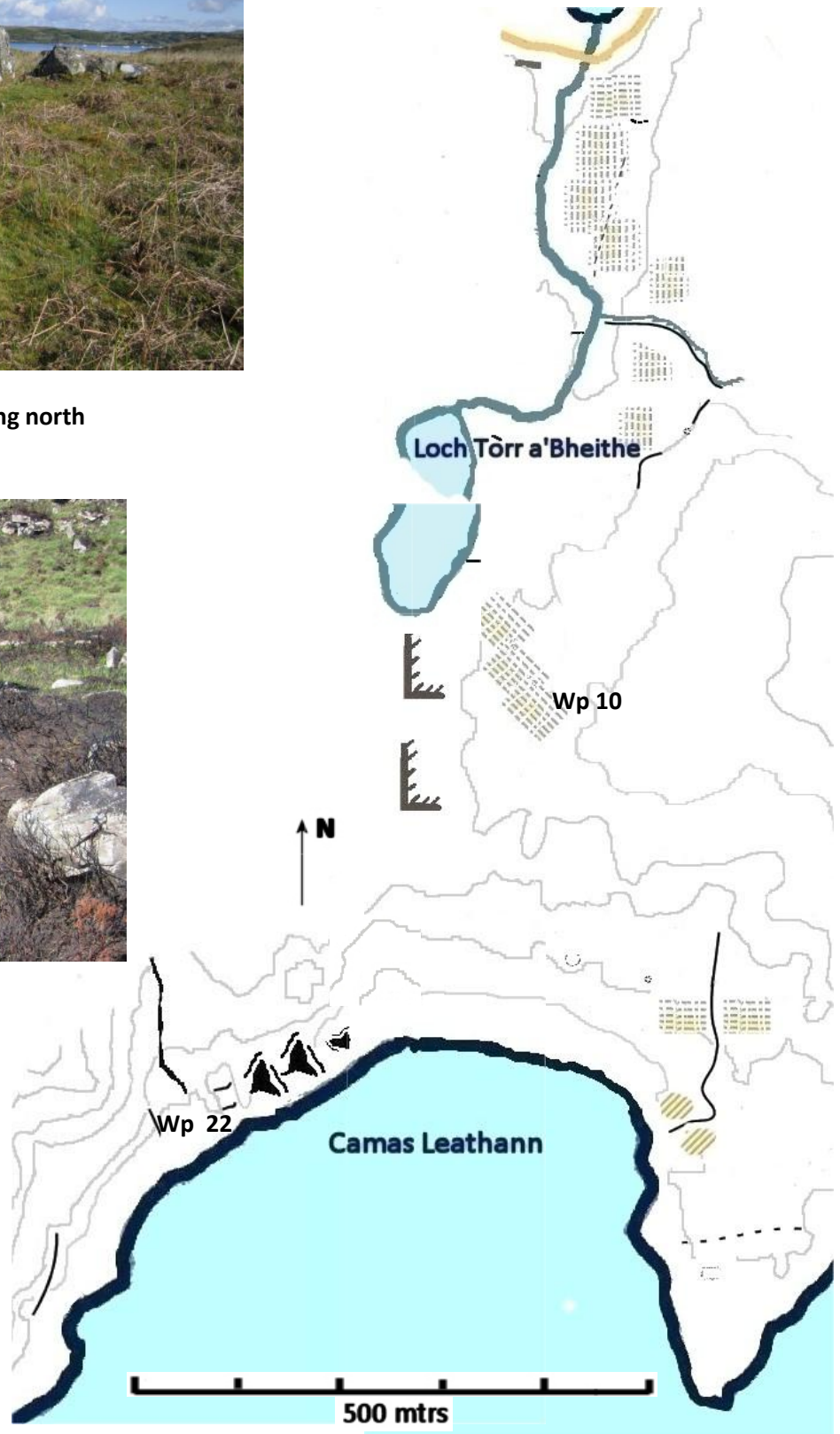


Wp 3 View of possible bronze age wall looking north at NM 64894 84465



Wp 12 Circular feature revealed by muir fire at NM 64979 83690

Illustrative map of the area east and south of Tòrr a’ Bheithe survey





Wp 13 & 14 View to the south of a stone dyke noted at NM 65034 83673

Wp 20 a very dry cave deep shell deposits at NM 64647 85391



Wp 22 View from the shore of large enclosure wall noted at NM 64596 83559

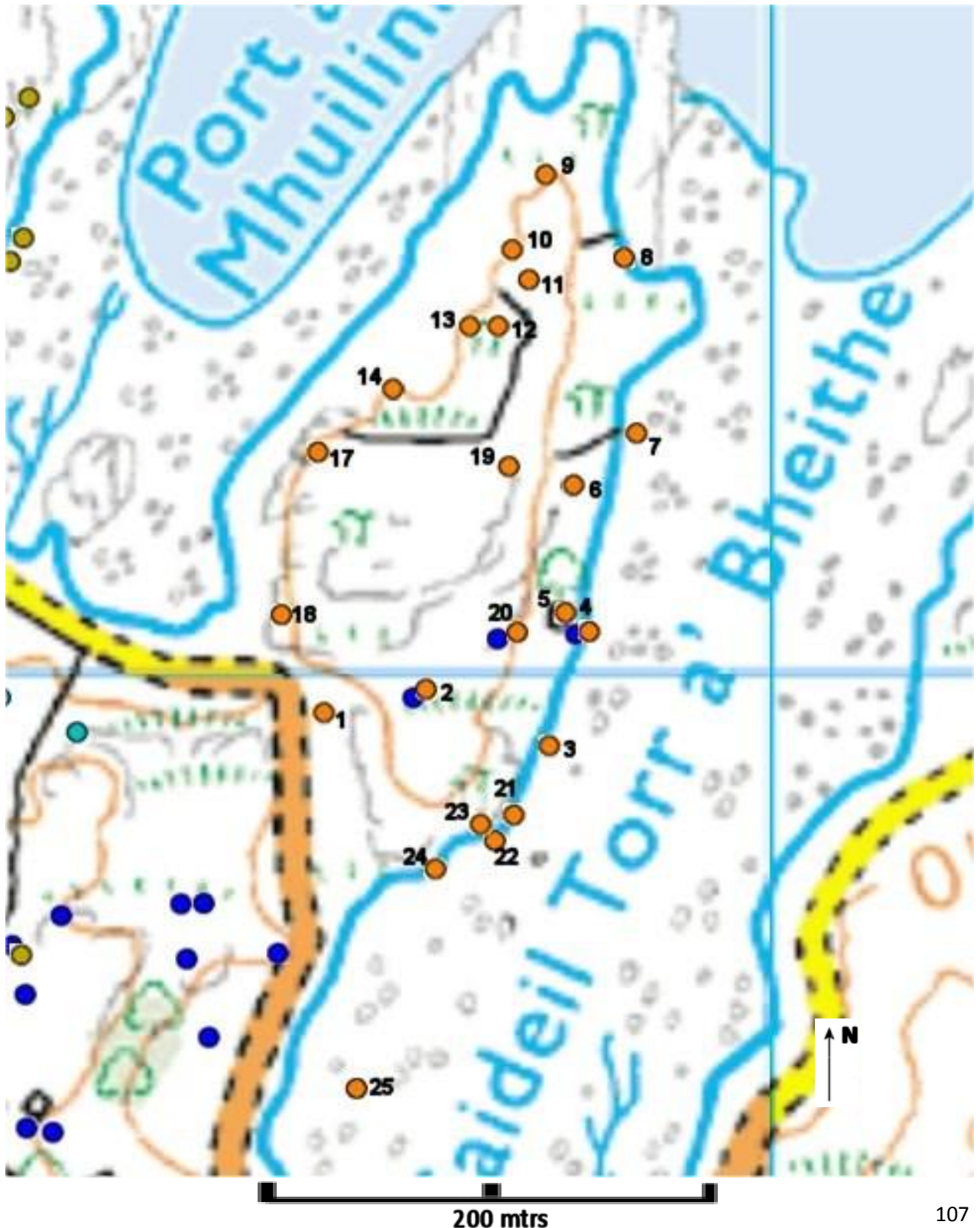
25. Survey of a point of land to the west of Saideil Torr a' Bheithe

(Ford of the hill of the birch)

Centred on NM 64885 85019 Surveyed on 18th November 2014

Several lengths of tumbled walling at Wps 3, and 6 to 9 and 22, some running parallel with the shore just above the high tide line, were recorded. These were possibly for kelp drying. A pit about metre deep and 2.5m diameter was only one of two noted in our surveys of the Rhu peninsula. This could have been for kelp burning, or possibly a potato clamp. Close to Milburn and with easy access to the shore on all sides, this small point of land was used to the maximum with areas of cultivation filling very available piece of ground.

Waypoint map of Saideil Torr a' Bheithe (Orange numbered dots)



Wp 1	NM 64797 84982	Point on public. road where we parked the cars.
Wp 2	NM 64843 84993	Large area c. 25 m x 200 m of wide (c. 2mtrs) rigs running N/S now closely cropped grass and to the east running E/W under bracken (also noted on Baile Ur walk wp 25).
Wp 3	NM 64899 84967	Rough built wall c. ½ m high running W/E from natural outcrop steeply for c. 10m down to shoreline where it turns north to follow shoreline for a further c. 15m.
Wp 4	NM 64917 85019	Small tumbled rough built building to only c. 0.5 m high c. 6 x 3 m marked on O.S. map 1:25000 (also noted on 4. Baile Ùr walk Wp 27), possibly for storing kelp.
Wp 5	NM 64907 85028	Cairn of quite large stones c. 2 .5 m diameter and just up the slope to west a short length of tumbled wall running N/S between outcrops.
Wp 6	NM 64910 85087	C. 50 m walling running W/E from N/S ridge of outcrops down to shoreline where it turns north.
Wp 7	NM 64939 85111	Point on wall (described at Wp 6) at shoreline where there is a gap possibly for launching boats – wall carries on to low outcrop then turns NE for a few more metres following the shoreline.
Wp 8	NM 64933 85192	Substantial walling to c. one metre high. Point marks corner where walling runs up west to low cliff and north along shoreline for c. 20 mtrs.
Wp 9	NM 64898 85230	Tumbled walling to c. 75 cms running S/N down from low cliff to natural dyke on shore.
Wp 10	NM 64882 85195	North east end of long stretch of old bracken covered rigs c. 20 to 30 mtrs wide with breaks running gently down a slope to the north west between low cliffs and the rocky shore.
Wp 11	NM 64890 85182	Short length of 1m high walling between outcrops.
Wp 12	NM 64876 85160	More quite substantial walling between outcrops separating the higher ground from the old rigs.
Wp 13	NM 64863 85160	Wall using natural basalt dyke running SE/NW at end of first length of rigs described at Wp 10/11 with deliberate gap in wall of 75 cms width
Wp 14 (Nb. 15 & 16 unused)	NM 64828 85131	Area of rough ground no obvious cultivation stretching back to Wp 13 but possible rigs to Wp 17.
Wp 17	NM 64794 85102	Point on large outcrop at end of area of possible rigs.
Wp 18	NM 64777 85027	Possible areas of cultivation between low outcrops and shoreline
Wp 19	NM 64881 85095	Corner of enclosure wall c. ½ m high running NNW for c. 100 m and west for 50 m with old cultivation possible to NW of the walling in centre of the peninsula at c. 14 mtres O.D. (wall marked on O.S. 1:25000).
Wp 20	NM 64885 85019	Pit c. 1m deep and 2 ½ m diameter (<i>also noted on 4 Baile Ur walk Wp 26</i>).
Wp 21	NM 64883 84935	Area of old rigs stretching back up hill to Wp 3.
Wp 22	NM 64874 84923	Bend in a wall running NE to shoreline and west to outcrops.
Wp 23	NM 64868 84931	Feature built against out crop at west end of wall described at Wp 22/21 For possible storage with well built wall on north side to 1 ½ metres back wall formed by the outcrop and south and east walls forming area c. 2 ½ m wide and c. 3 m deep.
Wp 24	NM 64847 84910	SE end of rigs noted at Wp 2.
Wp 25	NM 64812 84809	Circular cairn of small stones c. 2 metres diameter on foreshore.

**Illustrative map
of Saideil Tòrr a'Bheithe**



Wp 7 Wall on shoreline towards gap at NM 64939 85111



Wp 8 Walling c. 1m high at NM 64933 85192



Wp 20 Pit at NM 64885 85019

**Wp 23 Possible Storage feature
looking north at NM 64868 84931**

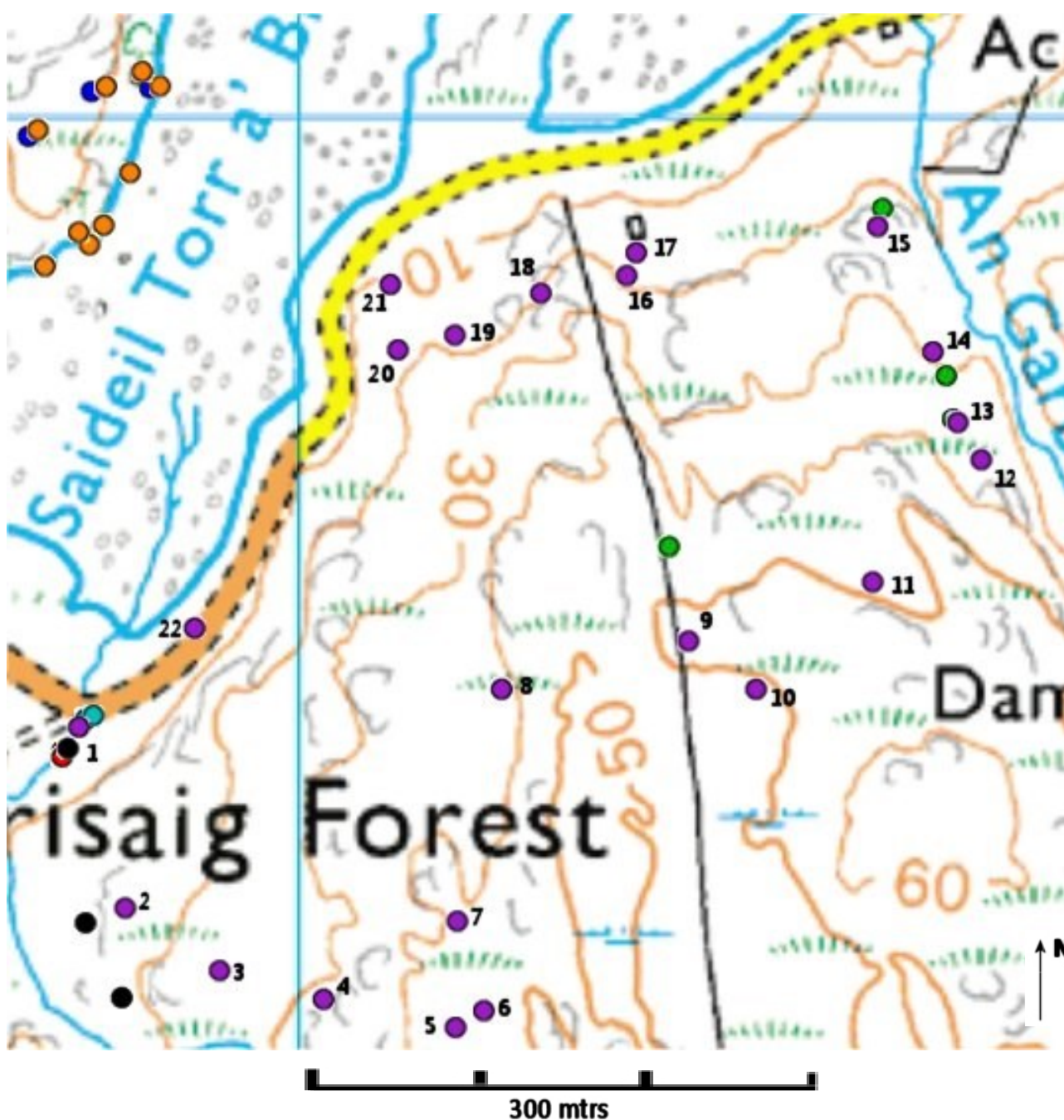


26. West An Garbh Uillt (*The Rough Burn*)

Centred on NM 6523 8465 Surveyed on 24th January 2015

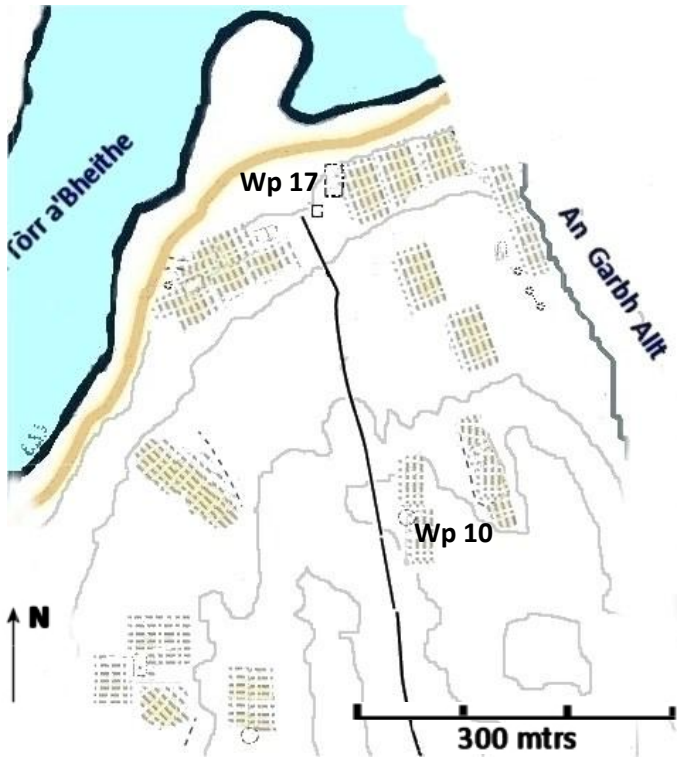
The areas of cultivation recorded on this survey were mostly covered in bracken or heather and often indistinct and so were probably abandoned over 150 years ago. There are three very tumbled ruins not far from the modern road. The ruin at Wp 17 was lived in right up to the 1920's and is known locally as the Trapper's House. It is thought that it was used as target practice during WWII and maybe that was also the fate of the building at Wp 18. At Wp 22 a number of low walls to half a metre high in a series of curved enclosures were noted on the shoreline just below normal high-tide levels, covering an area of around 20m by 6 m. In places the walls were tumbled but the bay is very sheltered and storm damage rare. It is thought they were built for fish traps and subsequently in October 2015, we returned to the site to do a plane table survey (Plane table drawing of Wp 22 included below following the selected photographs of this survey on Page 113).

Waypoint map of the west of An Garbh Uillt (Purple numbered dots)



Waypoint	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 64854 84624	Point where we parked the cars at the start of the walk.
Wp 2	NM 64896 84520	Row of medium size stones forming footings of a wall running c. E/W running west for c. 6 mtrs to low outcrop and east for a few metres before it disappears under heather.
Wp 3	NM 64953 84482	A low feature of stones c. 6 x 8 mtrs covered in moss surrounded by old cultivation now hidden under heather.
Wp 4	NM 65017 84464	NE end of walling formed of large stones backing on SE side 45° slope to ridge and on NW side a very large area of heather covered old rigs.
Wp 5	NM 65097 84447	Point marking SW edge of area bracken covered old cultivation rigs.
Wp 6	NM 65814 84453	Feature of scatter of medium size stones on south side of area of rigs noted at Wp 5.
Wp 7	NM 65098 84512	Northern end of flat area of rigs noted at Wp 5.
Wp 8	NM 65125 84653	Point of long c. 150 mtr walling running NNW/SSE with slope and outcrop to E and more extensive bracken covered old cultivation area to W running down to the road.
Wp 9	NM 65238 84682	Point on walling running more or less N/S probable march line between Tòrr a' Bheithe and Sandaig Wall length c. 700 mtrs and marked on OS 25000 map Possible old pasture to east and old cultivation on the west side.
Wp 10	NM 65279 84653	Possible feature—possibly small outcrop with clearance stones or remains of small building in centre of area of bracken covered old cultivation.
Wp 11	NM 65350 84718	Corner of stone and turf dyke to 0.5 mtr high running for c. 80 mtrs NW along side slope and low ridge on SW side and running c. 15 NE to centre of gully. Gully an area of old cultivation with steeper rocky slope on NE side of the gully. Beyond NW end of wall more patches of rigs down slope towards the road.
Wp 12	NM 65416 84792	2 x groups of large stones possibly deliberately placed linked by signs of a lower footings of a wall (one of the groups of stones noted on 2. <i>Sandaig</i> walk as 'large circular feature' Wp 20).
Wp 13	NM 65401 84815	Another group of large stones some possibly placed others natural tumble (marked on 2 <i>Sandaig</i> walk as 'cairn' at Wp 21).
Wp 14	NM 65386 84853	Feature down gully on same line as Wp 12 and 13 using large natural tumble and smaller stones possibly remains of a shelter. C. 3 x 4 mtrs.
Wp 15	NM 65353 84934	Point marking NE end of another large area of bracken covered rigs stretching to road and west to Wp 16 with low ridge on south side.
Wp 16	NM 65201 84901	Well built dry stone feature possibly for storage c. 1 mtr high and internal measurement of c. 1 x 1.5 mtrs with c. E facing doorway.
Wp 17	NM 65204 84921	Just to NE of Wp 16 the shattered remains of a building known as the Trappers House where a family called MacRail lived until the early 1920s. The building was c. 6 x 3 mtrs internally and was used as target practice in the WW2.
Wp 18	NM 65148 84893	Wrecked remains of another building (more target practice?) two compartments over all c. 5 x 3 mtrs externally possible house or byre.
Wp 19	NM 65096 84868	Vague feature in centre of old cultivation possibly predating rigs c. 6 x 4 mtrs revetted on north side because of slight slope
Wp 20	NM 65062 84859	Small sub-circular feature at footings level with possibly more footings under the turf on eastside. Feature by area of rigs which finish right up to the edge of low cliff. Whole promontory possible site for 'fort' but natural geology may account for various lumps and bumps. More areas of old cultivation on slopes down to the road to the NE side of the promontory.
Wp 21	NM 65057 84899	Circa 20 mtrs of more or less parallel walling marking sides of old track used before the new road.
Wp 22	NM 64938 84690	Series of possible fish traps (caraidh) low tumbled walls of small rocks to half a metre high in roughly circular patterns open ended on seaward side covering an area of c. 16 m x 6 mtrs just below high water mark.

Illustrative map of the area west of An Garbh Uillt Survey



Wp 5 South –west edge of cultivation rigs at NM 65097 84447



Wp 9 Point on probable March wall over 700 metres long marked on OS Map NM 65238 84682



Wp 16 Small storage building at NM 65201 84901



Wp 21 Walling by old track at NM 65057 84899



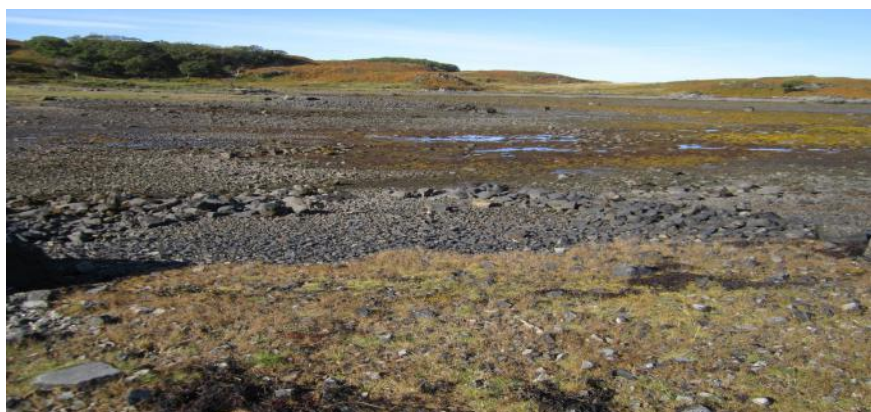
Wp 17 The Trappers house used for target practice in WWII at NM 65204 84921



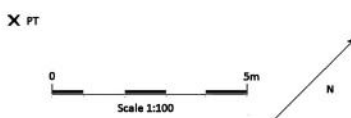
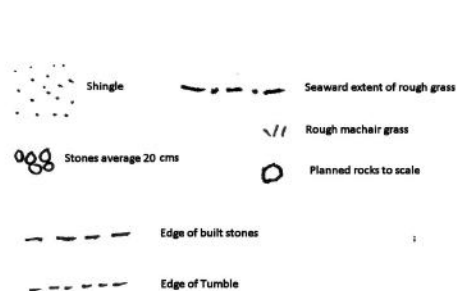
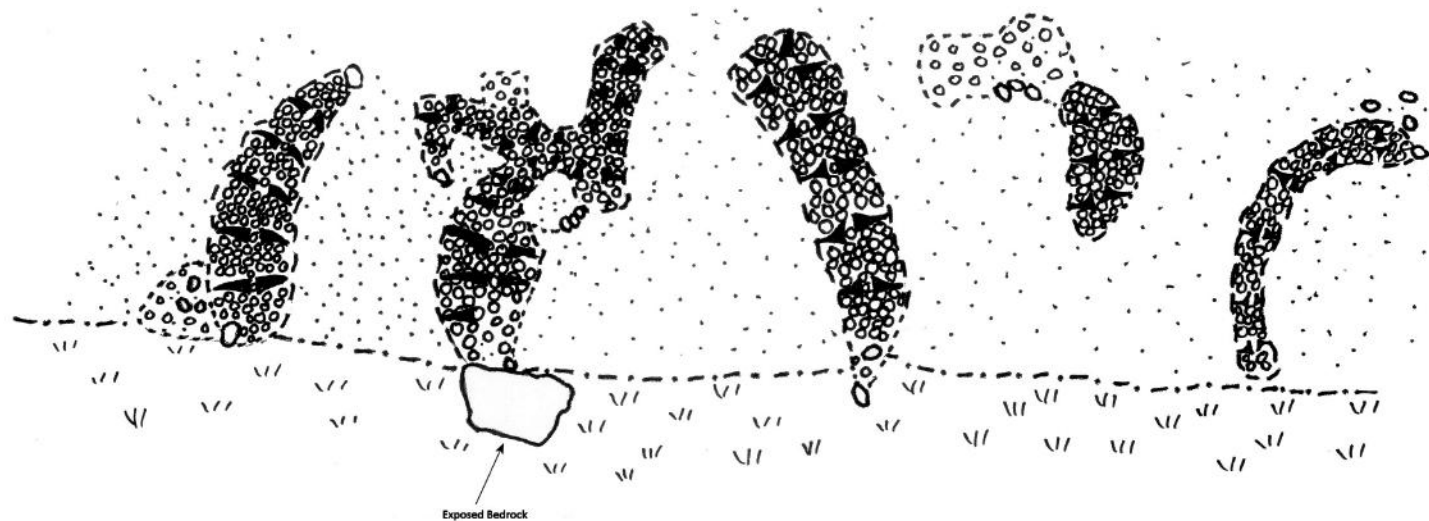
Wp 22 Shore Feature to WSW at NM 64938 84690



Shore Feature to West



Shore Feature to north –north-west



Plan of feature on the shore on East side of Saldell Torr a' Bheilthe
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 NM 64940 84688
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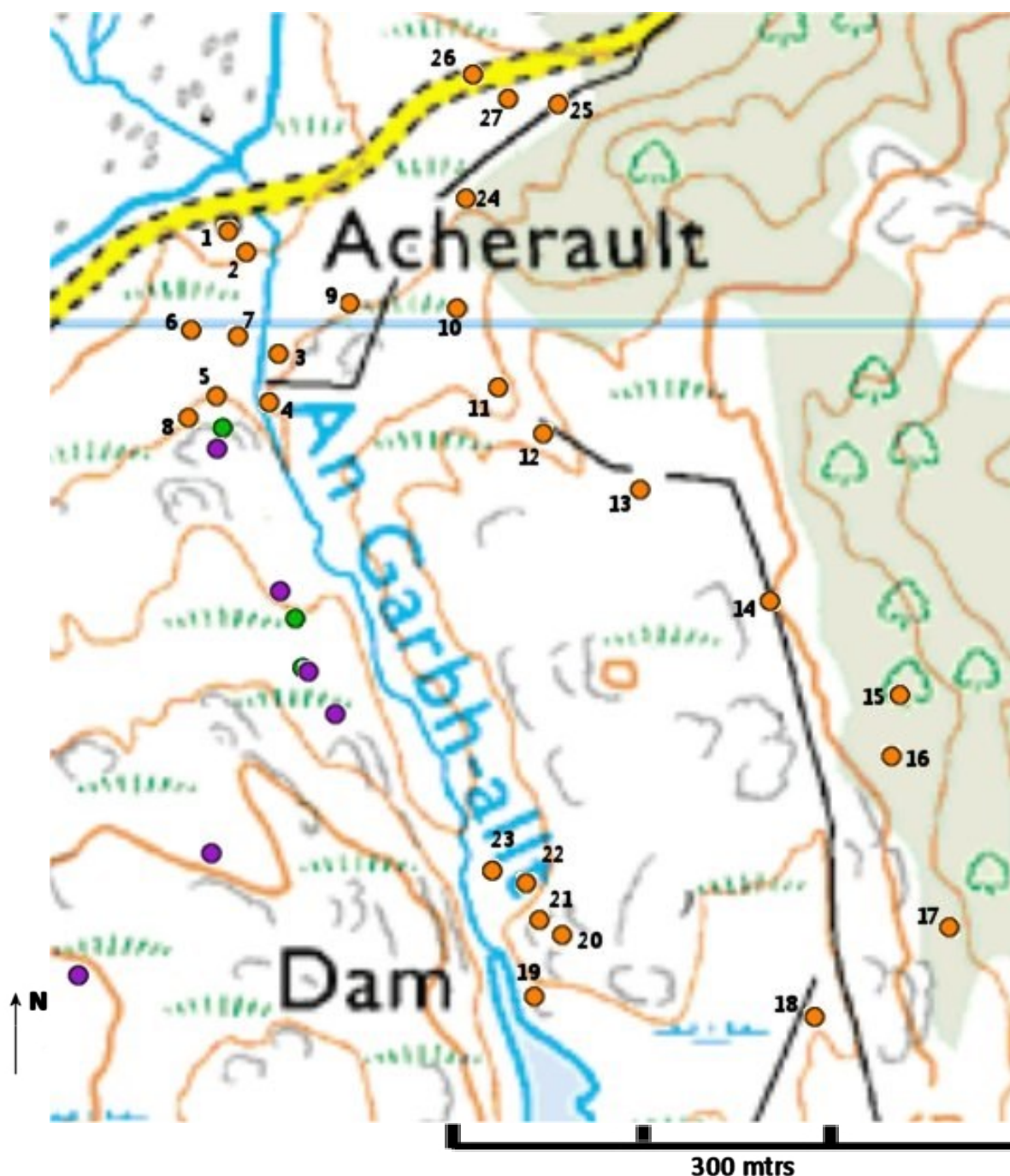
Wp 22 The strange feature of low walls , which were probably a fish trap, were surveyed and drawn using a plane table on 13th October 2015

27 East of An Garbh Uillt (*The Rough Burn*)

Centred on NM 6557 8491 Surveyed on 6th February 2015

Acherault on the OS map is a phonetic approximation of the pronunciation of the area name taken from the burn - An Garbh Uillt. This survey investigated a small area just west of the burn, but mainly covered land to the east of An Garbh Uillt. Walling, marked on the OS map 1:25000 from Wp 13 to Wp 18 and continuing southwards at the bottom of the steeply sloping woodland, was no longer evident on the ground. An area of flat land from Wp 13 over 100 metres to the west and by 300 metres to the south was covered in deep heather and very boggy, obscuring any previous use. The turf dyke running south-south-west from Wp 18 was more obvious from the hillside to the east, but a well built wall running up the gully suddenly stopped at Wp 13. Evidence of less well built walling runs north-west from Wp 12 curving north round the hill through Wps 11, and 10 to Wp 24—this section is not marked on the modern map. Only two possible dwellings were noted at Wp 2 and 10. As with ruins just further west (see 26 *West of An Garbh Uillt*) these were very degraded and tumbled. The dam at Wp 19 was probably built for a water supply for the Astley Nicolson house, Faire na Sgùrr, in Arisaig.

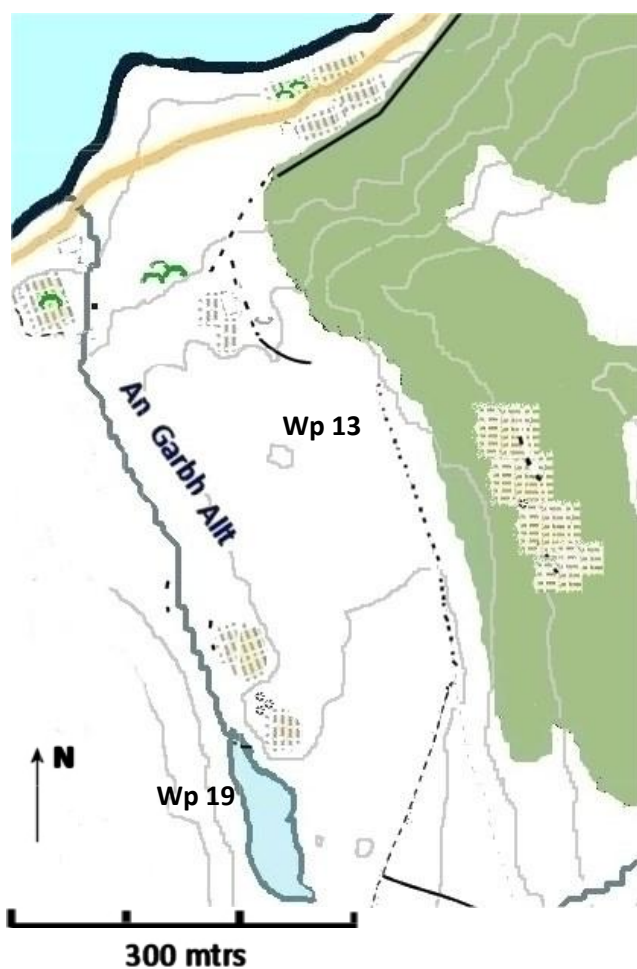
Waypoint map of the area east of An Garbh Uillt (Orange numbered dots)



Waypoint	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 65359 85052	Point where we parked by road.
Wp 2	NM 65368 85039	Vague outline of building c. 10 x 4 m marked on OS 1:25000 with a further possible small building just behind the main one near SE corner against natural dyke. An area of bracken c. 20x20 m behind and west of the features a possible kale yard bounded by natural dykes and a low cliff on south side. Rough walling on SE corner of area to enclose the area.
Wp 3	NM 65385 84984	Placed on steep bank above the water on east side of the An Garbh Uillt a concrete tank c. 1 x 1 x 1.3 mtrs high with an iron pipe set in the bottom corner. More broken piping seen in the burn.
Wp 4	NM 65381 84959	Crossing point on the An Garbh Uillt where the old road ran. For 10 metres down stream a canalised area based in concrete was observed ending at an iron intake attached to an iron pipe set on the west side of the burn. A metal grill was seen a little down stream that once covered the intake. This intake and the tank at Wp 3 possibly a water supply for the house at Wp 2.
Wp 5	NM 65353 84962	Waypoint marks corner of a large tumbled wall with old cultivation both sides. Wall runs east for 10 metres or so back towards the crossing at Wp 4 and north from Wp 5 for 70 + metres towards the road.
Wp 6	NM 65335 85005	Point on tumbled wall where it comes to a natural outcrop creating a possible enclosure using the natural outcrops and the cliff above Wp 2 on the north side.
Wp 7	NM 85364 84994	Cairn c. 3 m diameter c. 1.5 m high in the middle of old cultivation.
Wp 8	NM 65338 84950	Point on possible line of old road.
Wp 9	NM 65423 85011	Possible clearance cairn against natural outcrop but further 3 smaller cairns nearby in area of old cultivation.
Wp 10	NM 65480 85009	Rough old walling running c. 20 m NNW to outcrop and continuing SSE. Outline of possible building c. 7 x 3 m on SW side of the wall at this point. 10 m further along wall a possible pit on NE side of wall. Possible old cultivation on SW side.
Wp 11	NM 65502 84967	Point on wall as it enters a narrowing gully.
Wp 12	NM 65526 84942	Point on wall where it becomes suddenly very well built as it carries on SSE up the gully.
Wp 13	NM 65578 84912	Point where the wall described at Wps 10, 11, &12 abruptly ends at the top of the gully with a wide level area of very rough ground covered in heather to north, south and east to sloping woodland.
Wp 14	NM 65647 84853	Point on east side of level heather covered area where there might have been peat digging. N/S wall marked on OS map at this point not at all obvious. Heather and tussock grass with deep boggy areas now seem to hide this walling which was probably a turf dyke.
Wp 15	NM 65716 84802	Start of low wall covered in vegetation which runs irregularly southwards for c. 30 metres This area between a steep area of trees to west and more woodland to east probably old cultivation at c. 54 m above sea-level.
Wp 16	NM 65712 84770	Scatter of large stones – possible built feature trees to south and old cultivation to north and east described at Wp 15.
Wp 17	NM 65742 84678	Rough walling running a few metres to the north and south.
Wp 18	NM 65671 84631	A point on long turf dyke marked on OS 1:25000 map running NNE/SSW with deep boggy heather covered land on both sides. Dyke still easily seen especially from hillside to east unlike the similar wall at Wp 14.
Wp 19	NM 65522 84641	Dam on An Garbh Uillt Dam now only half way across burn. Intake pipe on east side still in place but pieces of broken dam wall and iron piping down stream. Possible that the dam was built for a water supply at a house, Faire na Sgùrr, built on the edge of Arisaig by the Astley Nicolsons.
Wp 20	NM 65536 84679	Possible remains of three shielings with about 20 x 5 metres of old cultivation down slope to south.
Wp 21	NM 65524 84632	Top end of possible old cultivation running NNW between natural dyke to east and edge of low cliff by burn to west.

Wp 22	NM 65517 84702	Possible built feature on east side of rigs – maybe walling across gully.
Wp 23	NM 65499 84709	Short length of walling a bottom end of cultivation noted at Wp 21 by burn another similar length noted on west side of burn a little further down. Possible protection of cultivation areas from spates.
Wp 24	NM 63485 85067	Line of walling of low stones – a continuance of wall noted at Wp 10 which curves by headland and onwards NNE towards the shore.
Wp 25	NM 65534 85118	Area of rigs either side of the road running south to a wall parallel with shore and north to a similar wall running now just inside a modern fence.
Wp 26 (CFA 161: 2.1) (HER:MHG29113)	NM 65489 85134	2 x c. 3 m diameter cairns to one metre high possible patches of old cultivation to west and north. Also noted by Derek Alexander as possible clearance cairns.
Wp 27	NM 65508 85121	Possible remains of built feature right by the road

Illustrative map of east of An Garbh Uillt survey



Wp 3 Concrete tank on the An Garbh Uillt at NM 65385 84984



Wp 19 Looking NNW to dam on the An Garbh Uillt at NM 65518 84649



Wp 12 Rough wall becomes well built at NM 65526 84942



Wp 18 Looking SSW along turf dyke at NM 65671 84631



A distant view looking SSW of the turf dyke recorded at Wp 18 NM 65671 84631

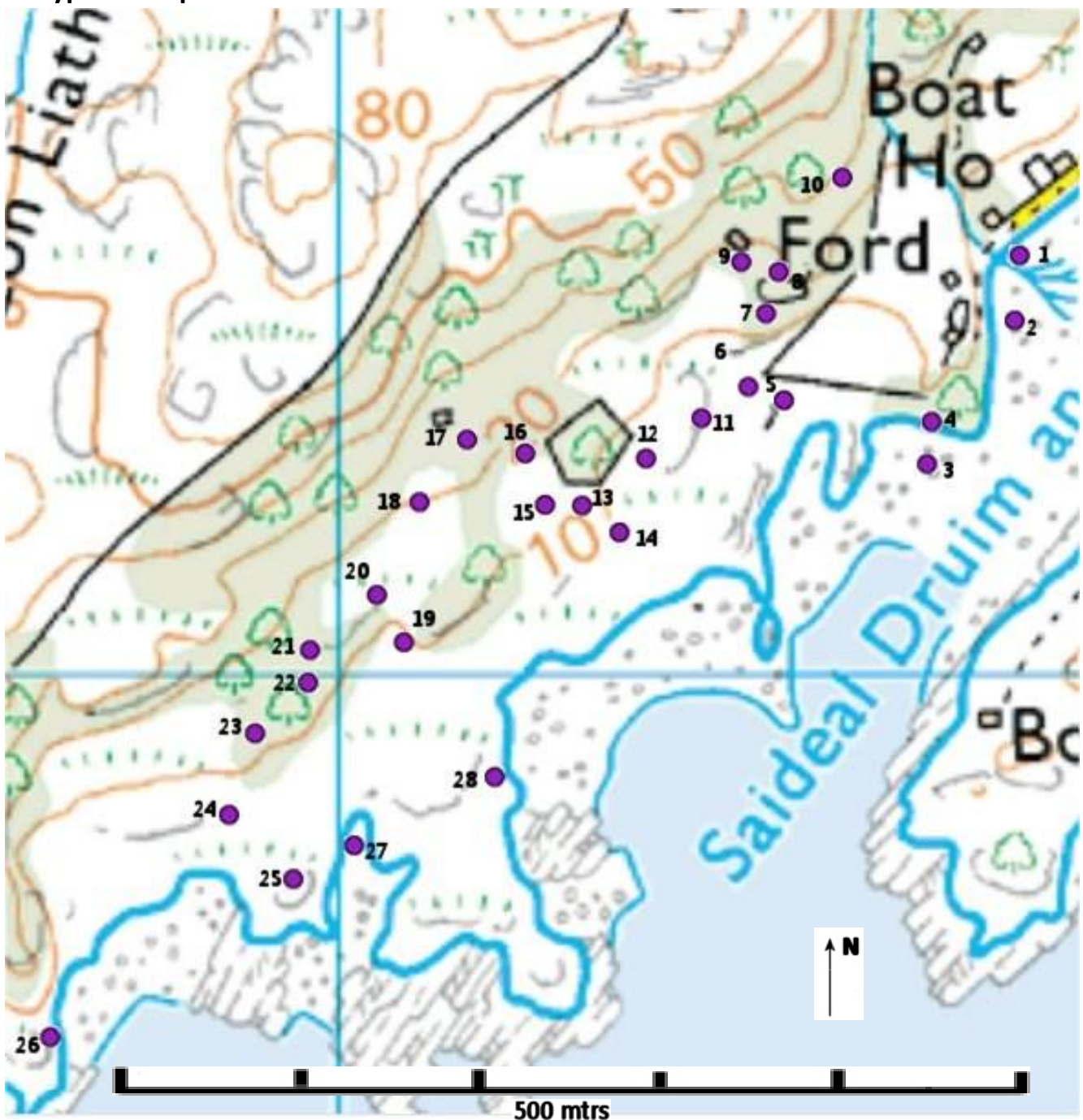
28. Druim an Daraich Westwards *(Ridge of the Oak)*

Centred on NM 6814 8410 Surveyed on 14th February 2015

This area of the coast running south-west from Saideil Druim an Daraich is one of the most interesting from the archaeological point of view of the whole Rhu Peninsula. The boulder atop the outcrop noted at Wp 14 is unusual and further research along with visits from other archaeologists seems to confirm that while it is probably a natural ice-age erratic, the boulder has been re-aligned on the outcrop as a marker stone. Just to the south-west of the outcrop, a large cairn almost hidden under vegetation, is a Bronze-age ring-ditch cairn worthy of further investigation, as are a further three cairns just to the north-west at Wp 15.* At Wp 12 and 13 is a large enclosure which is shown on the 1747 Roy map. Known locally as Clanranald's Orchard—there are very large and gnarled cherry trees in the centre of the area—the enclosure was probably originally built to contain cattle. Two slipways were recorded at Wp 3 and 27, the second being large with cross walling, possibly a landing stage or jetty. This large slipway was probably used in cattle droving times and a point of departure for people emigrating during the clearances.

* Wp 14 and the immediate area was surveyed using a plane table in May 2015, see below on Page 122. Further visits in May 2016 noted two more possible ring ditch cairns on either side of the Bronze-age cairn already described. The central cairn noted at Wp 15 is possibly a kerbed cairn.

Waypoint map of Druim an Daraich Westwards



Waypoints	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 68410 84252	Road end at Druim an Daraich and natural slipway onto shore.
Wp 2	NM 68407 84213	Remains of walling on foreshore following south along side the cliff with a track between cliff and wall. Track wide enough to take carts and gives easy access to land around the headland.
Wp 3	NM 68354 84127	SE facing slipway.
Wp 4	NM 68357 84152	Start of walling c. 75 cms high at running slightly north of west landward side a gently sloping paddock once probably cultivated. Wall clearly marked on OS 1:25000 map. A modern house at top of paddock built in fyfestone by Joan Becher; later bought by M. Nami and the house then clad in dark wood in the style of the Astley Memorial Hall in Arisaig. On the promontory to the south east of the house is an older roofed building still occupied and marked on the 1 st Edition 1876 OS map.
Wp 5	NM 68268 84165	Point of wall described at Wp 4 where walling turns NE and a good gate way to shore with iron posts set in the stones on either side of the gateway.
Wp 6	NM 68247 84173	Remains of c. 2 mtrs diameter cairn with two more scattered cairns a few metres to the NNW on edge of area of possible old cultivation.
Wp 7	NM 68257 84217	Two more small cairns close together on a NE alignment on the edge of a well drained area of possible old cultivation
Wp 8	NM 68265 84242	Very scattered and degraded remains of two buildings c. 9x4 metres with the long side facing east.
Wp 9	NM 68242 84248	Footings of two compartment degraded building possibly c. 10x6 metres marked on OS 1:2500 map and as unroofed on the 1 st edition
Wp 10	NM 68303 84299	Footings of vegetation covered building c. 9x4 mtrs facing east.
Wp 11	NM 68220 84153	30 + metres of dug embankment running to SE with boggy area on NE side with dug drains running down from sloping area of possible cultivation to the foreshore. On the south/ west side land level and dryer with area of old cultivation c. 40x40 metres.
Wp 12	NM 68185 84130	Corner of large area walled off as a possible cattle yard or stance well marked on OS 1:2500 map. Entrance on NE facing wall; walls varying in height from c. 75 cms to 1.25 metres. Land inside area sloping now with some large mature trees*. Enclosure irregular shape c. 0.16 of a hectare or just over a third of an acre. Fank or yard referred to as Clan-ranald's Orchard but was probably built for containing cattle. (*Some of these trees later identified as cherry)
Wp 13	NM 68147 84102	Waypoint marks SW corner of the enclosure described at Wp 12.
Wp 14	NM 68169 84086	Large boulder of pitted basalt c. 1 mtr high x 1.5 x 1.5 m set centrally on small stones on level schist outcrop with commanding views all round including the sea, islands and the mountains and inland NW to cairns observed at Wp 15. Out crop has vertical sides to east and north of c. 5 mtrs from level land above foreshore. Approach from south and west an irregular slope with the remains of a short stone wall on the south west side possibly marking a way up. A few metres SSW of the outcrop with the boulder is a robbed cairn c. 1 metre high and c. 5 metres in diameter (identified later as a Bronze Age ring ditch cairn). Another smaller cairn is c. 3 metres further on to the SW.
Wp 15	NM 68125 84102	C. 1 mtr high deliberately built neat cairn c. 2.5 mtrs diameter with another cairn c. 15 mtrs away to the SE. First cairn placed in the centre of a gentle slope of possible old cultivation with 10 mtrs to the north another cairn
Wp 16	NM 68113 84133	Corner of degraded wall possibly stone and turf running 10 mtrs NE and 4 mtrs to SSE. Well drained gently sloping land to north and south of wall of possible old cultivation.
Wp 17	NM 68078 84142	Building c. 5 x 12 with extant walls to more than 1.5 mtrs Long side facing SSE with entrance on the SSE side. Small curved stone wall inside building on the SW corner. Land to SSE wide and level with shallow feannagan. Large tumble of stones on SW front of house – possible cairn.

Wp 18	NM 68049 84104	Scatter of stones possible remains of building or clearance cairn with a similar scatter just north of this waypoint on the western side of the shallow rigs described at Wp 17. Two more degraded circular cairns were noted just down the slope from Wp 18.
Wp 19	NM 68040 84020	Wall of large stones to 75 cm high filling a 30 metre gap between natural dykes.
Wp 20	NM 68024 84048	Small level area c. 15 x 30 metres of wide rigs running SE.
Wp 21	NM 67983 84015	Short lengths of turf wall running SSE/NNW.
Wp 22	NM 67982 83996	Large slab c. 75 x 1.5 metres of schist lying at an angle by small tree on a ridge of tumbled stones and small trees and scrub.
Wp 23	NM 67950 83965	A natural dyke enhanced by walling running NNW/SSE with rigs on either side.
Wp 24	NM 67931 83916	SW end of very large area of rigs. Waypoint also marks start of a wall of large stones that runs slightly erratically roughly southwards to the foreshore.
Wp 25	NM 67973 83878	A good well built short length of walling to 75 cms running NE/SW with more degraded walling filling gaps on natural dyke running at right angles to main wall.
Wp 26	NM 67827 83783	C. 20 metres of walling between gaps in the headland. Rigs down the slope west side of the wall on the east side of a bowl of land above the foreshore.
Wp 27	NM 68010 83898	Large cleared slipway directly south down the slope from building marked at Wp 17. Slipway well sheltered by low outcrops on the west side with a short wall built at right angles onto low outcrops above low water for shelter for a boat, possible jetty or part of a fish trap.
Wp 28	NM 68094 83939	Very low vegetation covered straight wall running c. 15 mtrs to north and degrading to the south almost on foreshore.



Wp 2 Remains of wall track looking south at NM 68407 84213



Wp 12 View to NE from outcrop & Boulder towards cattle enclosure NM 68185 84130



Wp 11 Dug embankment looking south-east at NM 68220 84153

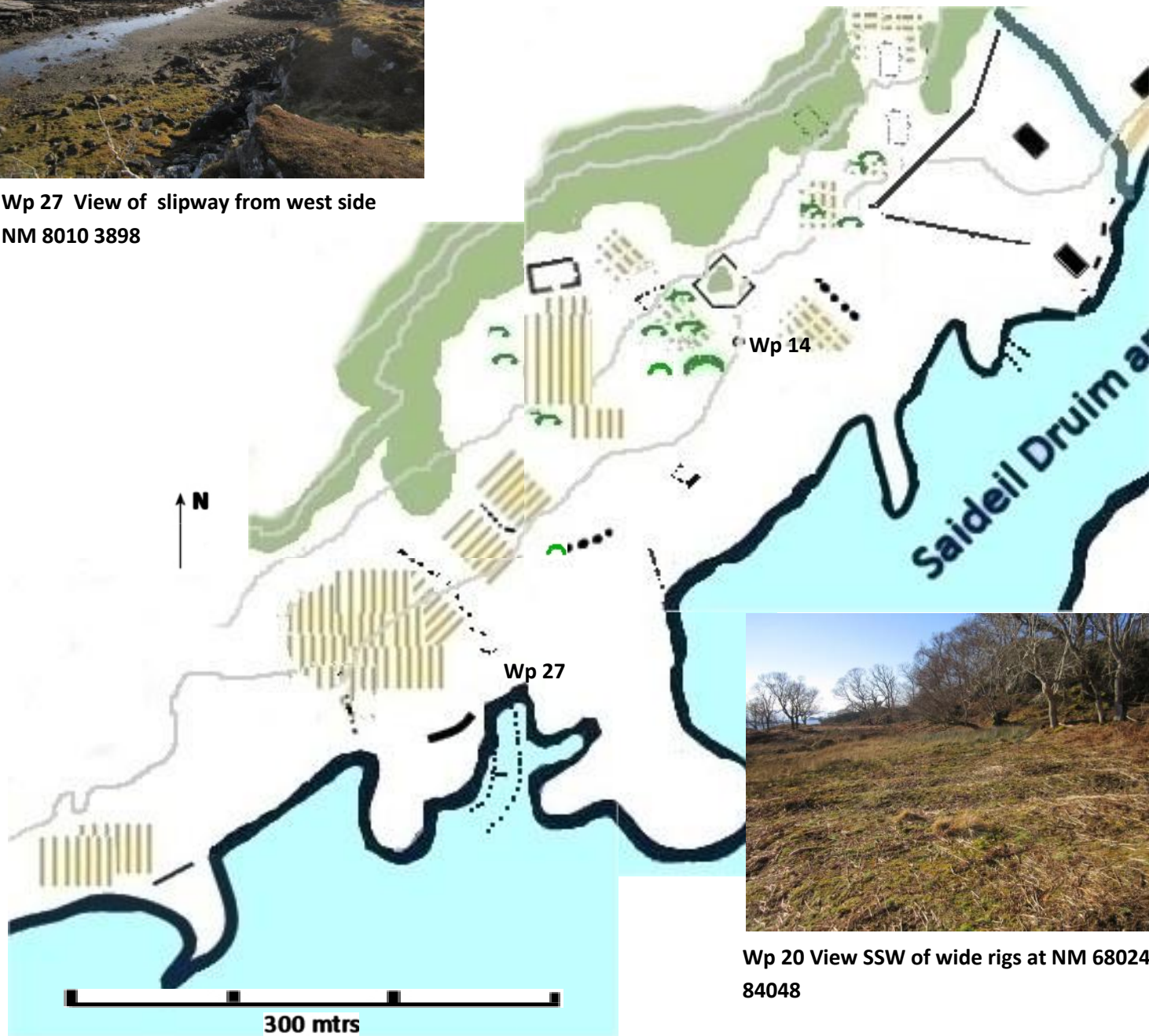


Wp 15 Cairn c. 2 1/2 metres diameter with view to Boulder to the south-east at NM 68125 84102

Illustrative map of the west of Druim an Daraich survey



Wp 27 View of slipway from west side
NM 8010 3898



Wp 20 View SSW of wide rigs at NM 68024
84048



Wp 17 View to the north-east of building at NM 68078
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Wp 17 b Detail of building at NM 68078 84142



Wp 14 View looking west of outcrop and Boulder at NM 68169 84086



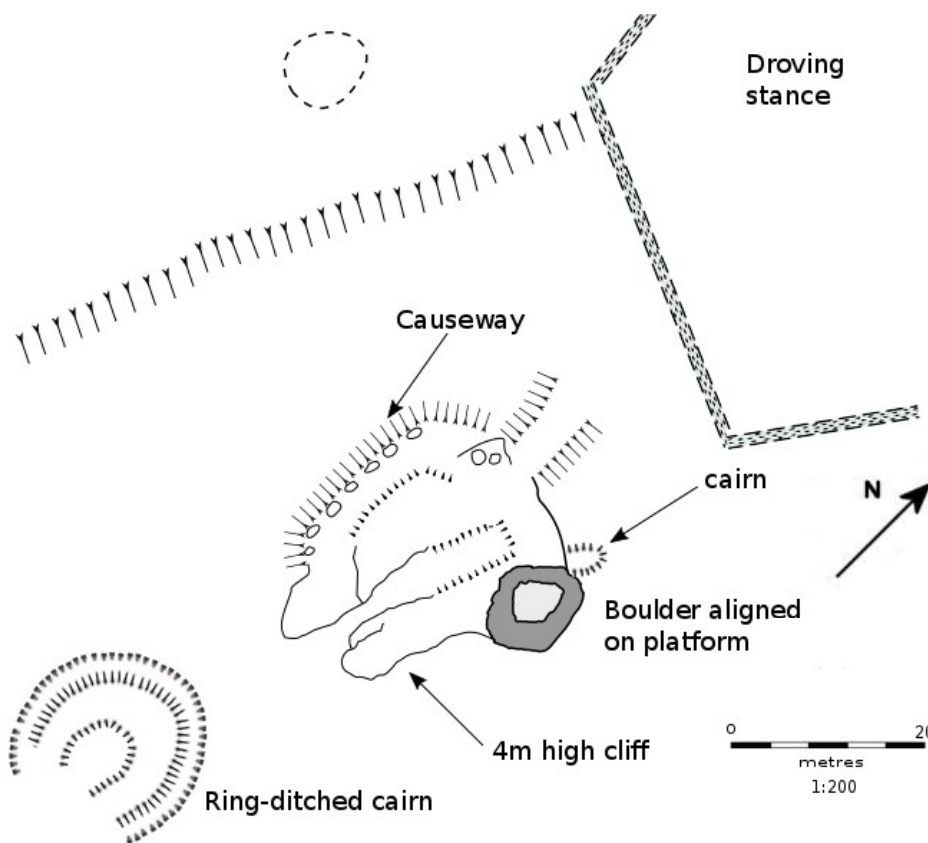
Wp 14 View looking east of outcrop and Boulder NM 68169 84086



Wp 14 Close up of boulder



Wp 14 Bronze age ring ditch cairn just to south west of the outcrop and boulder



Wp 14 : Plane table survey of the area around the outcrop May 2015

29. Druim Ban *(White Ridge)*

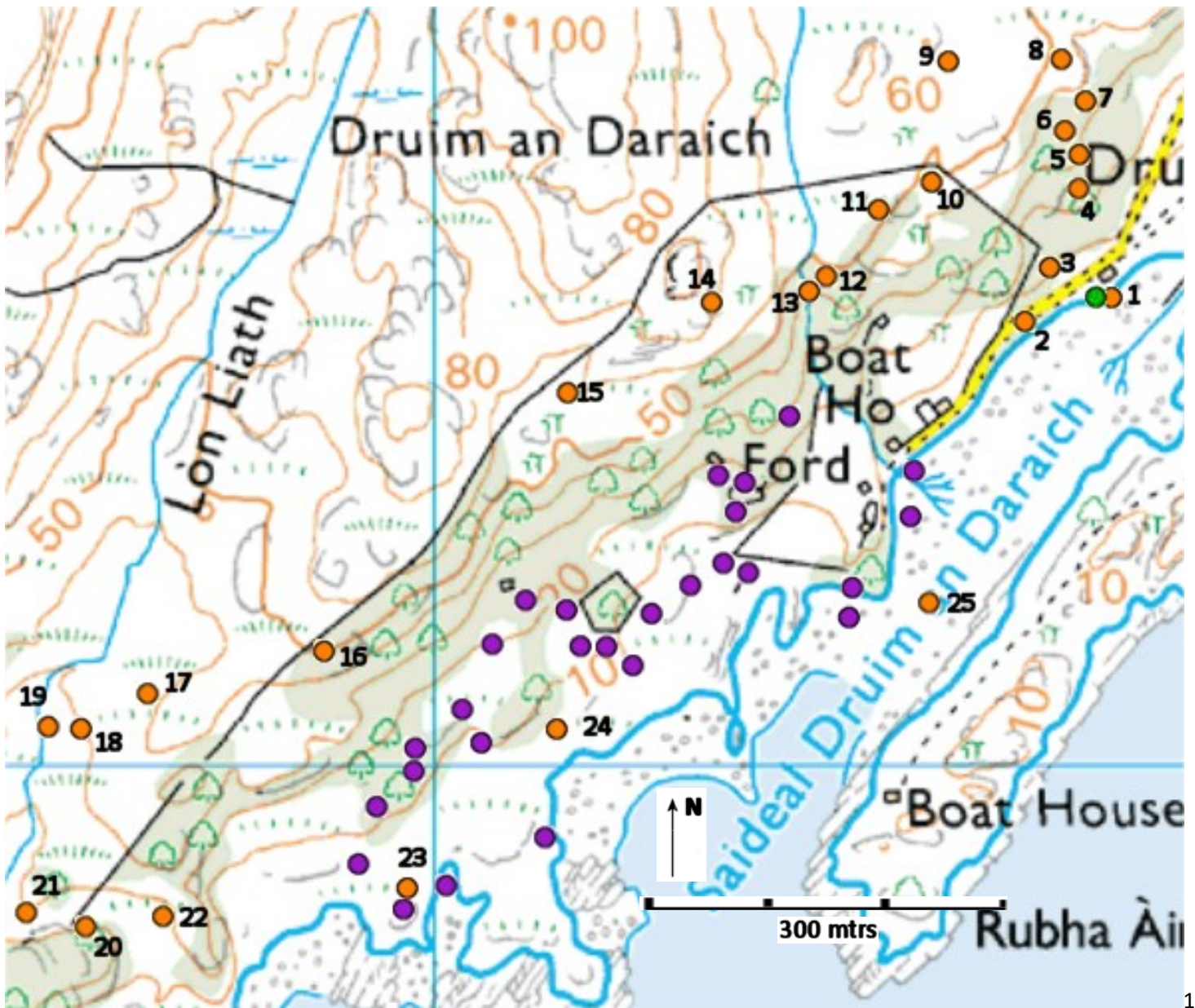
Centred on NM 6811 8431 Surveyed on 10th March 2015

Although not on the modern O.S. map, the ridge between Druim an Daraich and Lon Liath is known locally as Druim Ban. This survey covered the area to the north east of the bay at Saideil Druim an Daraich and then south-west above the tree line between 50 and 60 metres above sea level following the extant walling clearly marked on the map. Much of the land to the north and west of the boundary wall has been deer fenced and the uncontrolled regeneration has made any surveying in that area extremely difficult. The large quarry inside the deer fence at Wp 9 on a large rocky knoll was used to supply material for the nearby Arisaig House but the scrub and trees have hidden any other features. The long boundary wall marked at Wps 2, 10, 14, 15, & 20 is for the most part in good condition and runs for well over a kilometre ending in a large outcrop by the shore. Areas of old cultivation were noted on both sides of the boundary wall but were no longer visible beyond the deer fence which ran a few metres north and west of the boundary wall. At Wp 15 the old cultivation areas pre-dated the wall.

Wp 23 not shown on the icon map below, is a rough built wall also noted in the *28 Druim an Daraich Survey*, using natural dykes, and is one of several similar walls separating areas of land. Wp 24 was not noted in the 28 survey and was a wall parallel to the shore between two natural dykes, with the footings of a building behind it very sheltered from all directions. A possible degraded fish trap or ford crossing was recorded at Wp 25 on the Saideil Druim an Daraich.

Waypoint map of Druim Ban Survey

(Orange numbered dots *n.b.* purple dots are the waypoints for 28 Druim an Daraich survey)



Wp 1	NM 68573 84400	Boat House marked on O.S. 1:25000 map - Substantial stone building c. 5 x 11 m with intact slate roof with a wooden double door on the SSW end. Slipway to bay over single shore.
Wp 2	NM 68504 84380	Start of well built boundary wall height to 75 cms running NE from modern road – marked on O.S. 1:25000 map.
Wp 3	NM 68526 84426	Corner of boundary wall where it turns NW – wall once had iron fencing on top – occasional iron posts still extant. Gateway noted c. 4 m NW from corner small level area on SW of wall possible old cultivation.
Wp 4	NM 68550 84494	South end of level area c. 16 m wide between surrounding mature oaks of possible old cultivation – c. 4 m N into area footings of structure c. 3 X 5 m long side facing E/W.
Wp 5	NM 68551 84523	North end of area noted at Wp 4 with vague footings of possible structure.
Wp 6	NM 68529 84543	Point on line of possible track access to the hill from sea level running just west of south in gully.
Wp 7	NM 68556 84568	Level area to North and East with steep slope to the South. Footings of structure c. 5 x 3 long side NW/SE. More footings of 2 nd structure noted c. 14 m to North of the 1 st one. This one c. 9 x 4 m long side NNE with possible entrance on that side. More footings of walling noted possible outlining kale yards. Old cultivation to north for c. 20 m steep slope up and east c. 40 m to edge of steep slope down.
Wp 8	NM 68536 84604	Near to steep slope to west footings of small structure c. 2 x 3 short side NNW/ SSE with tumble of stones just to N/W between footings and upward steep slope
Wp 9 (CFA 161: 2.10)	NM 68439 84602	Large outcrop with two areas of quarrying one east facing the other south facing with very large scattering of broken stone at c. 62 m above sea level. Knoll now within a very large area of deer fencing. Young pine and birch well established with the tussock grass and heather obscuring any other features – no sign of the access route to the quarry except possibly down to the SSW down a gully and then through the boundary wall.
Wp 10	NM 68425 84499	Point on boundary wall where the wall turns WSW. Gap in wall here possible way through to get to the quarry noted at Wp 9
Wp 11	NM 68379 84476	Level area of rigs c. 25 m wide running SE/NW from boundary wall to steep slope in the west; individual rigs c. 3 m wide.
Wp 12 (CFA 161: 2.9)	NM 68335 84419	Earth dyke running at 90° from boundary wall down the east side of a burn within a small area of deer fencing, probably modern earth work to keep the burn clear with the fencing to exclude animals to help secure water supply.
Wp 13 (CFA 161: 2.9)	NM 68320 84406	Degraded stone wall running at 90° on west side of burn running up to steep sided cliff. Down the burn c. 150 m on the east side a modern roofed wooden building to do with the water supply.
Wp 14 (CFA 161: 2.9)	NM 68237 84396	Point on top of the ridge above Wp 13 with further sign of walling possibly turf dyke - a continuance of wall also noted at Wp 13. Old cultivation on natural terracing facing east – turf dyke and a further low stone wall to south dividing the level areas E/W. To SW land sloping irregularly between low outcrops with possible old cultivation.
Wp 15	NM 68114 84319	Point on the boundary wall at a burn. Strip of old cultivation mainly on SE seaward side of wall but occasionally on both sides and running to foot of natural outcrops and in pockets of level land to SW. Wall probably post dating cultivation. Mature oaks growing on the steeper slopes.
Wp 16	NM 67906 84098	Extensive area of old cultivation to south and west.
Wp 17	NM 67755 84062	Low, probably turf wall, crossing the area of old cultivation NNW towards fenced area of new forestry and SSE up and possibly over the ridge.
Wp 18	NM 67698 84032	Very low outcrop with possibly clearance stones with another similar nearby in a large bowl of south facing old cultivation.

Wp 19	NM 67676 84034	Low turf wall running NW from burn across boggy area of probable old cultivation on west side of burn. Along side the east of the burn c. metre high embankment protecting the wide area of cultivation noted at Wp 18.
Wp 20	NM 67702 83863	South western end of the boundary wall which finishes in a well built section of walling into the landward side of a steep sided outcrop.
Wp 21	NM 67651 84875	Start of irregular walling made of large stones running NW for a few metres.
Wp 22	NM 67768 83871	Bowl of old cultivation to the SE of the boundary wall.
Wp 23	NM 67977 83896	Degraded wall infilling natural dyke also noted on the <i>28 Druim an Daraich walk</i> Wp 23 a few metres to the NNW – possibly connecting up the hill with the dyke noted at Wp 17 on this walk.
Wp 24	NM 68104 84031	Well built short length of walling to c. 1 mtr high running c. 8 mtrs west from low outcrop but ending in rubble a few metres short of a 3 metre high outcrop to the west. Footings of an older structure running north for c. 7 mtrs and then east again, all enclosed by the stony gully formed by the outcrops –possibly used for kelp stacking.
Wp 25	NM 68423 84140	Possible degraded/ destroyed fish trap across the inlet at Saideil Druim an Daraich but more likely to be the line of a ford.



Wp 2 Boundary wall NM 67702 83863

Illustrative map of the Druim Ban Survey (does not include features for Wps 23, 24 & 25)



Wp 9 Quarry at NM 68439 84602



Wp 1 Boat House at NM 67673 84400



Wp 7 View SE over footings at NM 68556 84568



**Wp 10 View south –east along boundary wall
from NM 68425 84499**



**Wp 19 Banking by old cultivation looking south –
west at NM 67676 84034**



Wp 25 View south-east over possible ford or fish trap at NM 68423 84140

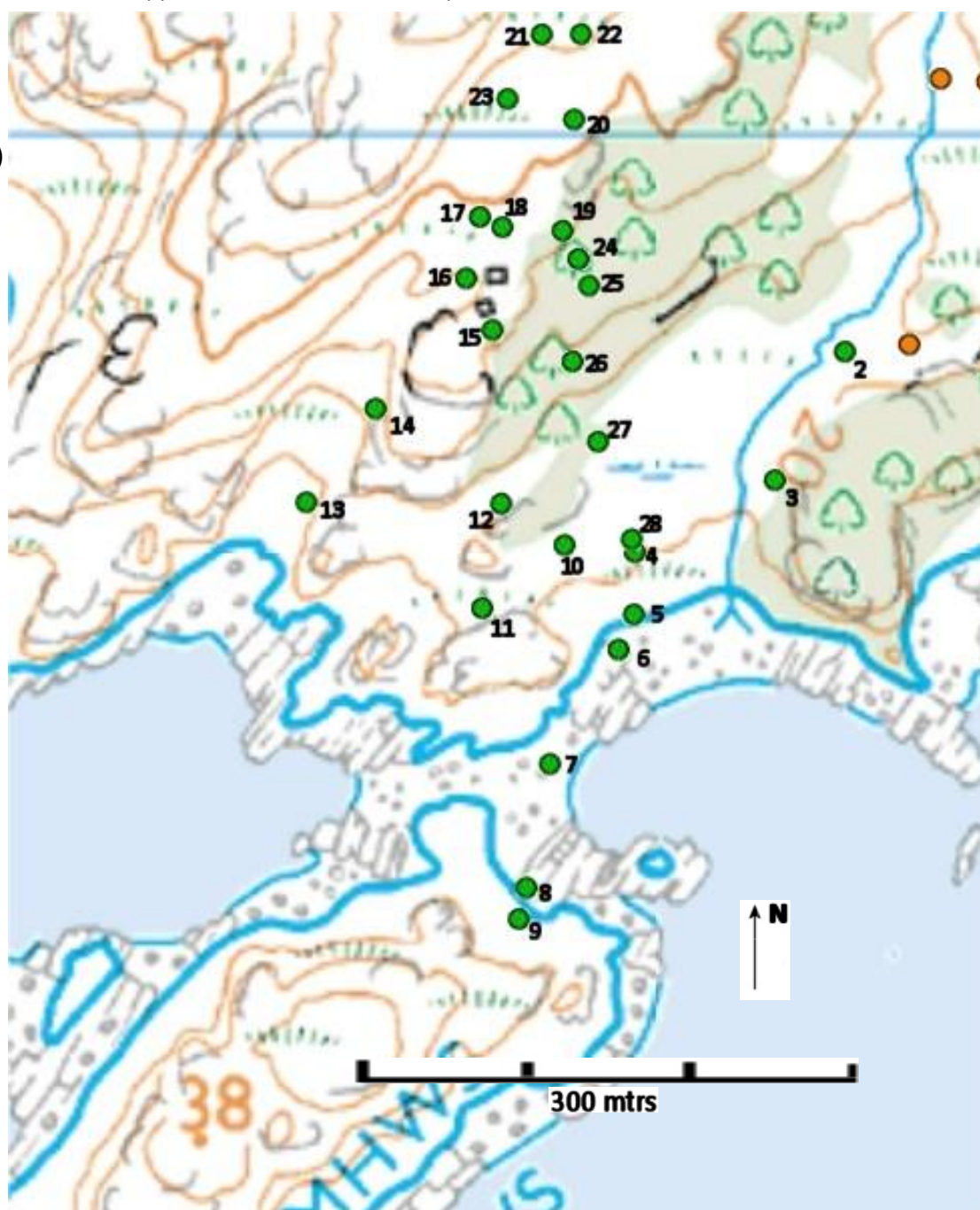
30. Lón Liath *(Small Burn with Grey Marshy Banks)*

Centred on NM 6740 8388 Surveyed on 18th March 2015

The grey marsh, from which the area we surveyed takes its name, was a large level open field of old feannagan or rigs running north-east south-west for over 300 metres and over 80 metres at its widest point between the Lón Liath burn and the woodland noted at Wp 2. Other more well-defined rigs were recorded at Wp 3 and 11. A large area of old cultivation was also noted running south west down a wide strath between protecting high ridges to the north-west and south-east, extending from Wp 14 to Wp 13. Several of the cairns we found during this survey were probably for clearance but the cairns noted at Wp 10, 12, 14 and then further inland at Wp 23 were questionable. The cairn at Wp 12 was at the top of a slope of land with no signs of cultivation but it was prominent and may have been a marker. The cairn at Wp 14 is of large stones with what looked like the footings of a wall running downhill for about 20 metres and there are three more similar cairns spaced unevenly near the top of the same slope overlooking the sea. The cairn at Wp 23 is around 5 metres long and 2 metres wide, pointing towards the sea. A substantial ruin with a smaller ruin nearby, which appears on the modern OS 1:25000 map, is built on an exposed piece of land well over half a kilometre from its nearest neighbour at Goath Dail, though footings and tumbles of other ruins were noted at Wp 18 and Wp 23. The slipways noted at Wp 8 and 9 indicate use of the very steep rough ground of Garbh Eilean. A long wall was recorded extending for over 350 metres starting at Wp 5 near the shore and ending at a steep east facing cliff at Wp 21. It is, in places, well built of stone but in others not much more than a turf dyke and does not appear on the modern OS map.

Waypoint map of Lón Liath

(Green numbered dots)



Waypoints	OS Reference	Description of Features
Wp 1	NM 68565 84401	Boat House where we parked
Wp 2	NM 67613 83870	Stepping stone over Lon Liath Burn with large area of old cultivation to south west and north east.
Wp 3	NM 67471 83793	South eastern side of wide area of old cultivation a small area of feannagan sloping down to the west – rigs c. 2 mtrs wide.
Wp 4	NM 67487 83750	Stone walling turning to turf running inland NNW across old cultivation.
Wp 5	NM 6748 83713	Tumbled stone walling running SE from high outcrop to shore – a continuance of walling noted at Wp 4.
Wp 6	NM 67477 83692	Cleared slipway well preserved average c. 2 mtrs wide.
Wp 7	NM 67436 83624	Seaweed covered walling possible caraidh or fish trap.
Wp 8	NM 67422 83550	Cleared slipway on to An Garbh Eilean narrower and less well preserved than the slipway noted at Wp 6.
Wp 9	NM 67417 83531	Top end of slightly higher slipway well built with large curbing stones linked by cleared path by outcrop down to the slipway at Wp 8.
Wp 10	NM 67445 83755	Cairn of medium to large stones c. 3 metres diameter and c. 1 metre high against a SE facing bank overlooking the sea.
Wp 11	NM 67396 83717	Waypoint notes north side of east/west running rigs c. 40 metres long.
Wp 12	NM 67407 83779	Cairn c. 2 metres diameter and 0.5 metre high possibly a marker cairn – placed centrally at the top of a slope of rough ground between two high ridges running SW down to the shore. Although the ground was stone free and sloping it was probably never cultivated – too wet. An area of old cultivation to the north of the cairn to the line of trees.
Wp 13	NM 67290 83780	South west end of rigs c. 30 metres wide sloping up hill between high ridges with three probable clearance cairns on lower western side of the rigs.
Wp 14	NM 67332 83836	Near the top of the rigs noted at Wp 13 , 4 cairns made of large stones. The cairn furthest to the east has a line of at least 5 large footing stones running down hill by a small burn. The others placed relatively evenly distanced from each other but not in line.
Wp 15	NM 67402 83883	On a level fairly exposed area 38 metres above sea level a large roofless building c. 11 x 6 metres the long side facing north/south. Doorway with windows on either side facing south – walls well built to 1.5 metres with rounded corners but back north wall tumbled. A second building c. 16 metres to south west more generally tumbled c. 9 x 5 metres with long side facing east/west and doorway on the short north side. A further 15 metres to south just as land starts to slope steeply a levelled area between the side ridges with a tumbled wall c. 4 metres across the gap on the north side – possible enclosure or holding pen for animals – no longer signs of south walling.
Wp 16	NM 67386 83914	South end of tumbled walling to 75 cms high built up a steep slope to north.
Wp 17	NM 63794 83451	North end of walling noted at Wp 16.
Wp 18	NM 67408 83943	Degraded footings of structure c. 10 x 4 at 45 metres above sea level in an area of old cultivation.
Wp 19	NM 67444 83943	Point on substantial walling to 75 cms high running SSE down hill towards a burn and NNW up hill.
Wp 20	NM 67451 84009	Point on wall up the hill from Wp 19 continuing uphill turning more NW.
Wp 21	NM 67431 84060	End of wall seen at Wp 19 and 20 where wall built into steep side of a high east facing ridge. Pocket of rigs further up the hill with walling crossing the skyline running approximately west to east from the high ridge.

Wp 22	NM 67455 84060	Exposed area of rigs running north/south with small cairns on the west side. Another area rigs to the north east of this waypoints running north east/south west.
Wp 23	NM 67411 84021	Very roughly built walling to 0.5 metre high c. 8 x 6 with the long sides running into east facing high cliff. 'Boat ' shaped heather covered cairn c. 5 x 2 (max) metres just to south of Wp 23 pointing south towards sea.
Wp 24	NM 67453 83926	Wall continuing south from Wp 19 with slight kink to east to allow for rough terrain and rocky outcrops before carrying on south.
Wp 25	NM 67459 83910	Footings of wall running west up towards buildings noted at Wp 15 and at right angles to wall noted at Wp 19, 24 etc.
Wp 26	NM 67450 83864	Wall noted at Wp 24 ending at a cliff but then continuing slightly to the east southwards on to rocky outcrop.
Wp 27	NM 67465 83816	Wall continues as a turf wall south at base of outcrop noted at Wp 26.
Wp 28	NM 67487 83750	Wall noted at Wp 4 above and Wp 5 continuing down to shore. Wall probably old boundary wall.

Illustrative map of the Lòn Liath Survey



Wp 6 Slipway at NM 67477 83692



Wp 9 Upper Slipway on Garbh Eilean at
NM 67417 83531



Wp 12 A cairn looking south NM 67407 83779



Wp 15 Building c. 11x6 metres looking north at NM 67402 83883



Wp 14 Cairn with wall footings looking southwest at NM 67332 83836



Wp 15 Building looking south –east at NM 67402 83883



Wp 23 Oval cairn c. 5 x 2 metres at NM 67411 84021



Wp 24 Boundary wall running south at NM 67453 83926

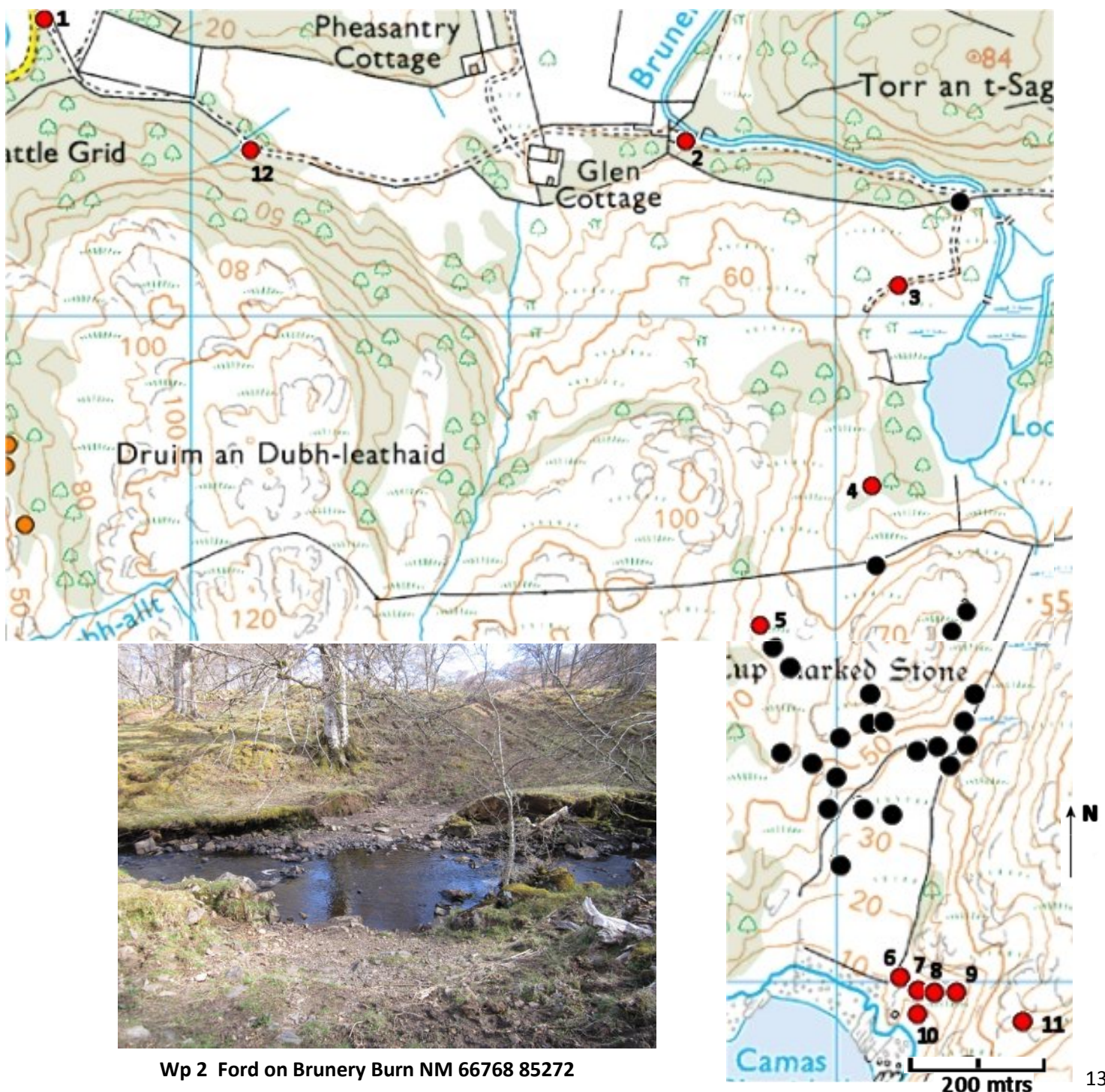
31. Torr Mòr Ghaoideil and Gaoth Dail (*The big hill of the windy dale*)

Centred on NM 6714 8398 Surveyed on 22nd April 2015

The main aim of this survey was to explore the area to the east of the large enclosure recorded in *1 Gaoth Dail*. On the way we found, with difficulty, a spring that a local resident, Mr MacQueen, remembered being somewhere near the cup-marked stone. Hidden by rushes it was found at Wp 5 at the foot of the hill on level ground only 40 metres north-west of the cup-marked stone. The areas at Wps 8–10 are two levels of old cultivation facing south-west each about 60 metres wide by 40 metres, one at not much above sea level the other at about 10 metres. Six cairns were recorded all at least 5 metres long and none of them to one side or another of the open relatively level ground. The cairns at Wp 8 were both ovoid 5 by 3 metres and 6 by 2.5 metres, one with its long side parallel with the shore, the other pointing to the sea, both towards the back of but still within the cultivable area of land. The three cairns at Wp 10 are in a row all around 5 by 3 metres well in from the western side of the lower area of old cultivation with a fourth centrally towards the southern side. All six cairns may be clearance but unless they are built on bedrock knolls their positioning is strange.

Waypoint map of Torr Mòr Ghaoideil and Gaoth Dail

(Red numbered dots Nb. black dots are the waypoints for *1 Gaoth Dail* survey)



Wp 1	NM 65772 85461	Start of walk by Faire na Sgùrr house east of Arisaig
Wp 2.	NM 66768 85272	Ford over the Brunery Burn with evidence of a footbridge 10 metres up stream
Wp 3	NM 67098 85049	Turf dyke running at right angles to the loch N/S part of series of dykes shown on O.S. 1:25000 map
Wp 4	NM 67057 84739	Area of wide shallow old rigs c. 20 m x 50 m some rigs running N/S some E/W
Wp 5	NM 66884 84523	Spring at foot of east facing slope to the north west of the large cup marked stone at NM 66920 84488. Spring some 75 cms deep with shallow drain running east for some metres.
Wp 6	NM 67093 84008	Gap in long wall running along east side of wide grazing ground.
Wp 7	NM 67119 83989	Wall running c. 15 m between outcrops N/E S/W. Just to south of wall footings c. 2 x 4 m against outcrop.
Wp 8	NM 67142 83986	2 x large cairns on a small level area of old cultivation – cairns placed away from the edges of the area one c. 5 x 3 m long side to sea the other c. 6 x 2.5 m short side to sea. If clearance the cairns would be on outcrops – otherwise possibly burial cairns c. 17 m above sea level.
Wp 9	NM 67174 83987	Rough walling running NW/SE from outcrop to hillside forming enclosure with wall noted at Wp 7 with old cultivation on seaward side as noted at Wp 8.
Wp 10	NM 67118 83955	Row of 3 substantial cairns of rounded stones on level area of raised beach of possible old cultivation. Cairns placed in from the western edge of area all c. 5 x 3 m – short edges to the sea. A similar cairn noted midway and near southern edge of area. A further cairn of larger stones noted at the northern edge of the area. The whole level area down a steep slope from Wps 7/8/9.
Wp 11	NM 67270 83944	Possible level stance at 62 m above sea level on Tòrr Mòr Ghaoideil facing south but with good views to west, south and east. Possible large set stones c. 4 x 3 with two more displaced down the slope.
Wp 12	NM 66093 85259	Large iron cauldron c. 75 cms diameter set in burn by track as a drinking trough for cattle.

Illustrative map of the survey by Tòrr Mòr Ghaoideil from Wp 6 to Wp 11



Wp 5 Two views of the Spring at NM 66884 84523



Wp 8 One of two cairns (this one c. 6 x 2.5 metres) at NM 671742 83986



Wp 10 View of row of 3 cairns looking north-west at NM 67118 83955



Wp 10 Distant View of row of 3 cairns looking west at NM 67118 83955



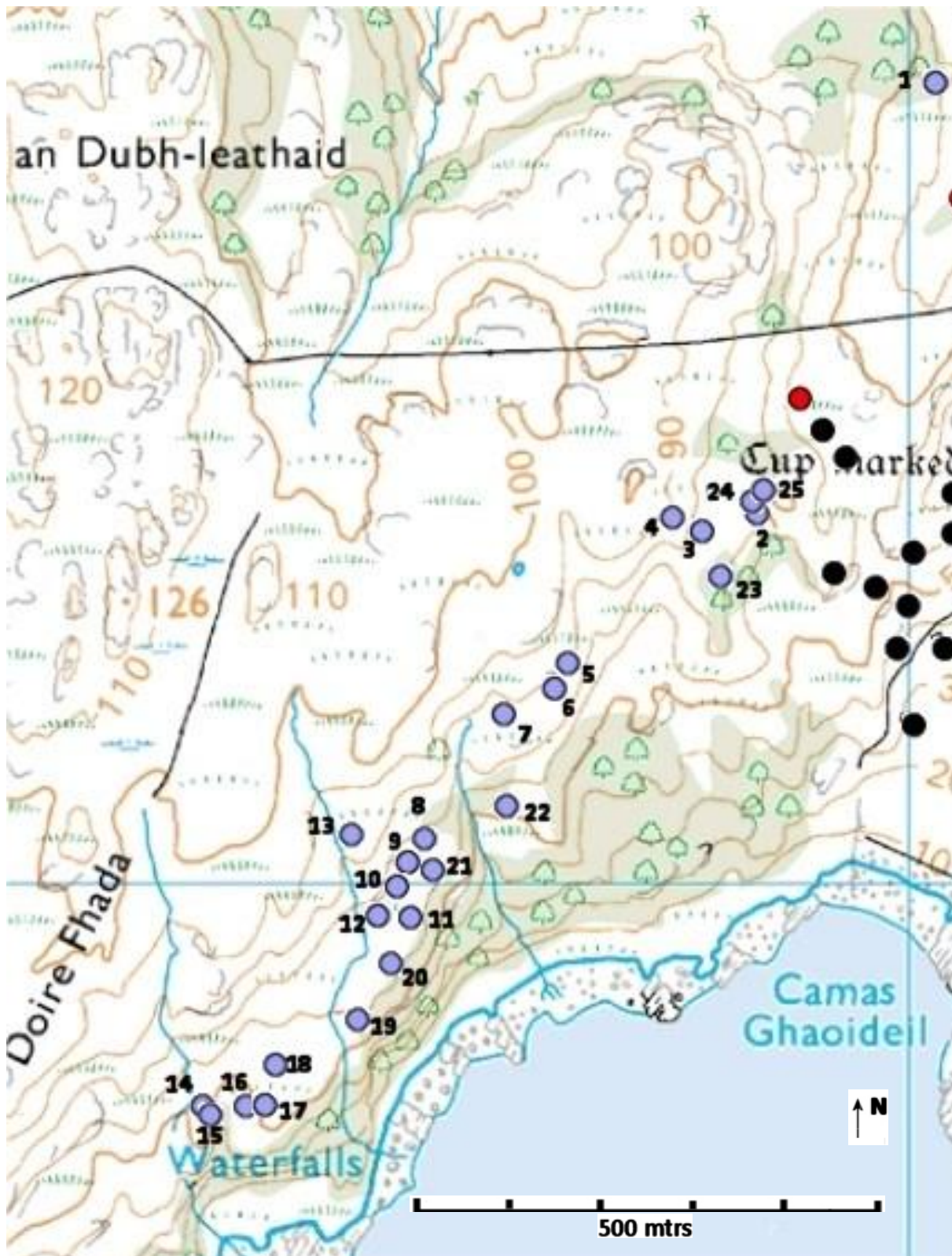
Wp 12 Iron Cauldron used as trough at NM 66093 85259

32. A survey towards Doire Fhada (*Long Thicket or Grove*)

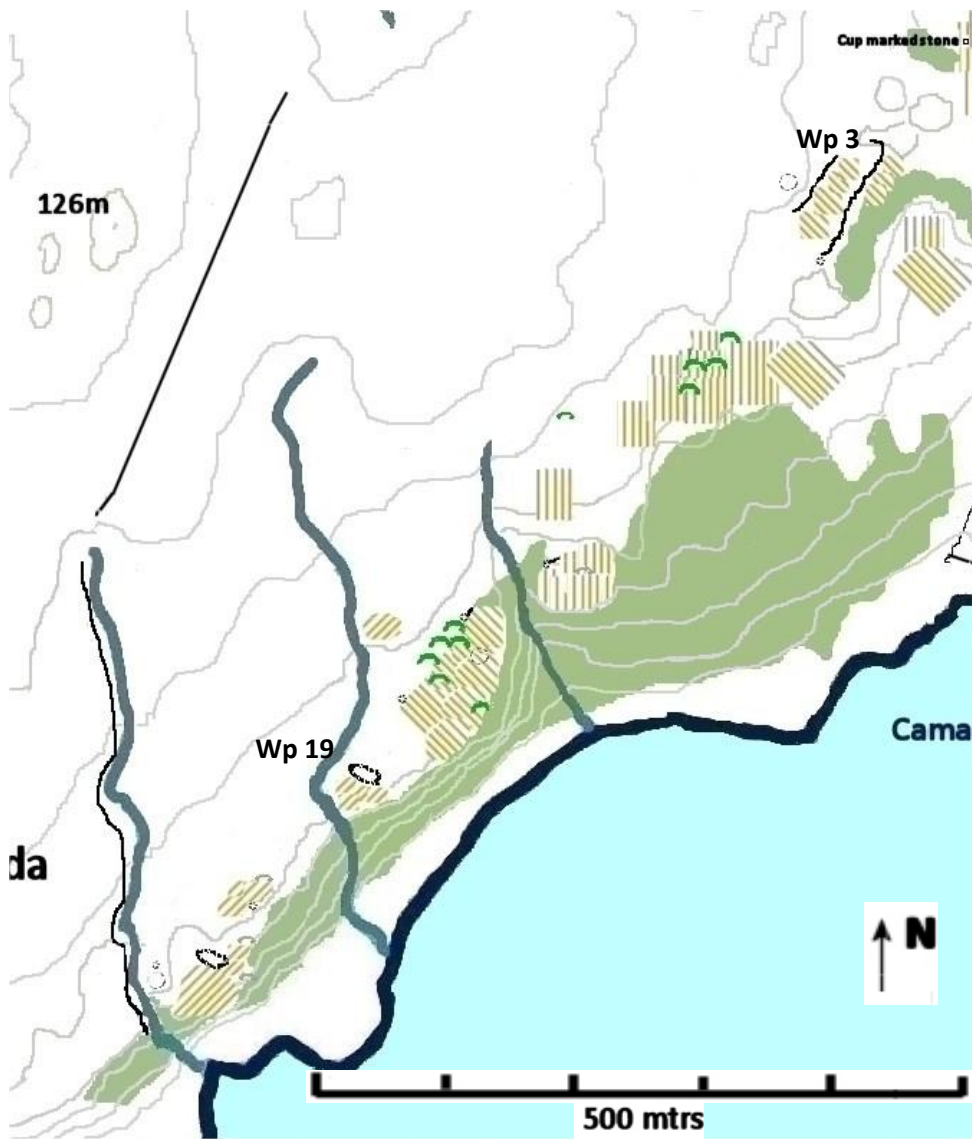
Centred on NM 6648 8408 Survey on 13th January 2016

This survey covered open ground above a steep slope of woodland averaging around 50 metres or more above sea level. Sloping gently to the south-east this terrace of land, averaging more than 70 metres wide, is covered with 3 metre cultivation rigs between Wp 8 and Wp 14, with more large areas noted at Wps 3, 23, 5, 6, and 7. No large footings or ruins were seen, but at least 14 cairns, probably clearance, were noted along with two oval shaped structures at Wps 16 and 19 and several circular features, possibly collapsed cleits or shielings. Overlooking the wide bay and pasture of Gaoth Dail to the east, this area was intensively cultivated in the past.

Waypoint map of survey towards Doire Fhada (Violet numbered dots)



Wp 1	NM 67030 84863	Possible stance on the side of the track. Level area both sides of the track with a large pile of small stones on the southern side of the area.
Wp 2	NM 66837 84399	Several rocky knolls largely grass covered – potential to have man made cairns on more or less any of them. Very large areas of rigs to the west and south.
Wp 3	NM 66778 84380	A ridge running minimum of 150 metres from NNE to SSW along side a hill with large area of rigs to the east. Possibly causewayed or a turf dyke that has been subsequently used as a path by people and animals.
Wp 4	NM 66746 84395	A scattering of medium to large stones possible tumbled shieling.
Wp 5	NM 66634 84238	Cairn c. 2x3 metres on the west side of another huge area of rigs with two more to the SW.
Wp 6	NM 66619 84210	Large cairn c. 4 x 2 in area of rigs
Wp 7	NM 66565 84183	Clearance cairn against a large outcrop
Wp 8	NM 66479 84048	Wall ½ metre high running c. 21 metres NE/SW with a collapsed cleit or cairn at the southern end with rigs to the SE of the wall
Wp 9	NM 66461 84023	Clearance cairn 1.5 metres high and 4 metres diameter with two more near by to the SW and S
Wp 10	NM 66449 83997	Cairn c. 3 x 2 metres against east facing hill with rigs to the east with another cairn 10 metres to the south c. 1 metre high also c. 3 x 2 mtrs.
Wp 11	NM 66464 83964	Clearance against the ridge on the east side of the rigs – land then falls away steeply covered in trees.
Wp 12	NM 66429 83966	2 x 2 ½ metre shelter/store/shieling by outcrop with built walls to ½ metre on the south and south-west sides. Feature near the south west end of this area of rigs.
Wp 13	NM 66400 84053	South west end of another area of rigs on a small plateau
Wp 14	NM 66240 83761	Point on walling/turf dyke which follows the burn up and down hill – possibly linked with wall marked to the NE on O.S. map
Wp 15	NM 66248 83751	Circular feature in centre of area of old cultivation c. 1 ½ metres in diameter with possible entrance to the south Just to south another similar feature c. 3 metres in diameter.
Wp 16	NM 66287 83760	Oval feature with walls to ½ metre long side to NE by another small area of rigs
Wp 17	NM 66307 83761	Clearance stones against bedrock at the north end of the area of rigs described at Wp 16 with another cairn to the south on the east side of the rigs.
Wp 18	NM 66319 83805	Possible collapsed cleit 1 metre diameter more rigs and a small cairn 10 metres to NE
Wp 19	NM 66407 83853	Oval shieling/ shelter c. 4 x 2 ½ metres built next to high SW facing outcrop – walls to ½ metre – feature had area of old cultivation on steep slope to SW
Wp 20	NM 66423 83914	Start of huge area of 3 metre wide rigs
Wp 21	NM 66488 84015	Shieling/shelter c. 4 x 3 metres built against an east facing outcrop in the middle of the huge area of rigs described starting at Wp 20
Wp 22	NM 66568 84084	Feature with very large stones and possibly clearance on NW side and a probable wall extending away on the east side at the west side of another large area of cultivation sloping away to east and south. A cairn was noted c. 20 metres to the SE surrounded by the rigs.
Wp 23	NM 66798 84331	Circular feature against large knoll at west end of the start of walling running NE with old cultivation running both sides.
Wp 24	NM 66832 84412	Possible corner turning NW of walling described at Wp 23
Wp 25	NM 66844 84424	Unnatural scatter and tumble of stones in an area of poorer wetter soils between areas of rigs.



Wp 2 Feature on knoll near NM 66837 84399



Wp 3 Ridged feature looking NNE at NM 66778 84380



Wp 6 Clearance Cairn in large area of rigs near NM 66619 84210



Wp 4 Possible tumbled shieling at NM 66746 84395



Distant view looking SSW of wall at Wp 8 at NM 66479 84048 running c. 21 metres with large rigs beyond.

Wp 16 Oval feature at NM 66287 83760



Wp 14 Walling on west side by burn looking north near NM 66240 83761



Wp 19 iii Oval structure looking south at NM 66407 83853