Historic Assynt

Archaeological Sites Record

Recorder name Dave Mc Bain, Gordon Sleight, Bill Badger

Date record made 9 June 2015

General location / township name Cnoc Bad na Cleithe, Ledbeg

GPS NG 24051 14496 Elevation 212m

Any previous record known (Homes survey, OS, HER, NRMS etc)

Type of site, description, dimensions, associated features etc

Possible small chambered cairn

A roughly circular mound of stones built high on a south facing ridge with a greater accumulation of stone on the downslope and signs of some terracing into the hillside on the upslope. The mound is approx 7.3m north-south and 8m east - west and predominantly built of quartzite stones with some limestone. There is what appears to be a chamber approx 3m long east - west and 2.1m wide and a number of larger, longer stones within a more jumbled mass of stone to the south east could be the corbel stones of an entrance passage . The chamber fill vaguely suggests an internal division which might indicate a main chamber to the west and a very small ante-chamber to the east, but this apparent feature may well be just the result of the way the fill has been moved around in the past.

Context - surrounding terrain, proximity to water source, views from site etc

The cairn overlooks an extensive area of rough pasture with wide views over Lyne, Ledbeg, Ledmore and further afield and the view encompasses at least seven other cairns of Neolithic and Bronze Age date. On the north side of the same hill is a long recognised much larger cairn (MHG 13040 NMRS NC21SW1).

Additional information

Adds sketches, plans with orientation and note of any photographs taken overleaf