Historic Assynt

Archaeological Sites Record

Recorder name Gordon Sleight, Dave McBain, Scottie Sutherland & others

Date record made 12 Feb 2015

GPS NC 25137 21514 Elevation 82m

Any previous record known (Homes survey, OS, HER, NRMS etc)
HER - MHG9359 (incorrectly stating feature is in a field north of the hotel) NMRS NC22SE11

Type of site, description, dimensions, associated features etc

Cree's Notebook of 1928 and the HER grid ref are to a field south of the hotel and a possible cairn can be found there. His description matches a feature on the highest point of small natural ridge east of marshy ground around the head of Loch Assynt. A roughly circular, low mound, densely covered by clump s of rough grass, suggests a possible cairn of about 14 or 15m in diameter. On the western side the ridge falls away and here there may be a robbed or collapsed area of cairn material with loose quartzite stones tumbling down the slope.

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

Limestone cliffs to the south east with springs issuing from below them and flowing into the marshy ground along the River Traligill and Loch Assynt to the north west the cairn could have been a very noticeable feature when first built and is sited to exploit the views across to the Loch and Quinag beyond.

Additional information

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