

Daryl Brown (19 Years Old), Delny Muir House, Invergordon, IV18 0NP

Site: Ardoch Croft Cottage, Boath, Ross-shire NH 610 725

35mm Monochrome printed onto Ilford Cooltone Resin Coated Paper

The building in the photograph is one of four at a site off of a single track road 5 miles North West of Alness (as the crow flies NH610 725). The buildings belong to a group of four cottages/farm houses in various stages of dereliction that form the settlements of Baddans and Ardoch. The four buildings are various distances apart, with the one featured in the photograph in the extreme west of the grid square, two others close together in the centre of the grid square and other across a stream in the east of the grid square. The houses are particularly isolated with the surrounding land made up of rough grass, reeds, woodland and scrub/gorse.

The house in the photograph is one of the most ruinous, with one other house still roofed but crumbling, another partially roofed with some substantial collapse at one end, and the last house being only rubble and foundations. The house in the photograph in the area of Ardoch, is dangerous to enter as the roof has collapsed inside the walls; however through the windows an attractive cast metal fireplace can be seen. The most intact building contains a fireplace/range in one room, a second fire surround in the other reception room and an assortment of domestic items. The house still has two floors however it was unsafe to venture from the staircase onto the 2nd floor due to the unstable condition of the house.