

HIGHLAND KIRKYARDS: Ross and Cromarty Pilot Project



1. Name of Kirkyard Cille Bhrea (Leamlair Parish Church)
(From HER)

2. National Grid Reference NH 5764 6148

3. Civil Parish Kiltearn

4. Description:

Extremely overgrown remains of chapel are situated on a difficult to reach cliff edge on the north shore of the Cromarty Firth. Erosion of the site means that dressed stone and human bones have been found on the shore below. This site was visited in the summer when the vegetation made it difficult to view what was there. Another visit in the winter months may shed more light on the extent of the remains.

5. Setting: Rural, difficult to reach site. The site itself is difficult to find due to the thick vegetation which covers it and the surrounding area. Perched on an eroding cliff edge on the north shore of the Cromarty Firth. Bushes and trees grow all around.

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6. Designations and Significance: This site was difficult to examine closely due to the heavy vegetation which covered it. It is designated a scheduled ancient monument signifying its importance.

Scheduled Ancient Monument

Listed Building

8. Ownership of Kirkyard:

Highland Council

Private

Other

9. Risk: This site is extremely vulnerable. Masonry has already been lost due to cliff erosion and burials are also being destroyed. The thick vegetation is not only weakening the stonework but also prohibits a thorough investigation of the site. The surrounding area is also covered with vegetation, making the wider extent of the site unclear. The fact that the site is difficult to locate, reach and interpret contributes to the fact that it seems to be ignored.

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10. Ancillary Issues: Access is via the pebble beach and then a scramble up a small cliff as the area is too overgrown for overland access. A small, very short track between the road and the shore provides a place for one or two cars to park. The site is not signposted and is difficult to locate.
INTERPRETATION: There is no interpretation.