



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
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2 NGR		3 QUAL							
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6 SITE NAME									
A	N		D	U	N				
10 GENERIC TYPE									
BROCH									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
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18 SHAPE									
CIRCULAR									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
SUTHERLAND		ASSYNT	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED.		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
NC 02 NW 2	STANDING STRUCTURE	c 16.1m OVERALL DIAM	
6 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE	
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
4 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		KNOLL ON BACKSHORE	NW
		27 ALTITUDE	
		8m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
1. : :1971:ORDNANCE SURVEY:6 <sup>th</sup> MAP.	
2. : :1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY:RCAHMS:P2,3. No 7	
3. GRAHAM.A:1949:PROC.SOC.ANT.SCOT: :81:p95.	
4. FEACHAM.R.W:1963:PREHISTORIC SCOTLAND: :P174.	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
	87/05/01/23-25
32 SLIDES NO.	33 HR. AP. NO.
	87/05/1/023-025
34 NMR. AP. NO.	35 OTHER AP. NO. SOURCE
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION	
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	38 SAMPLES
39 PALYNOLOGY	40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.
41 SMALL FINDS	42 MUSEUM/LOCATION
STEATITE CUP	
43 OTHER	

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER		45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT		47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS			
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		50 RECORDER: DATE	51 CHECK: DATE
		NM:20.12.1984	SEM:20.12.1984

TEXT

"At Clachtoll, on the edge of the flat ledges of rock that fringe the shore, is a broch and outworks. The broch is in a fairly good state of preservation except towards the sea where it has for a short distance almost been demolished. The interior is full of debris and the greatest height of wall showing above it is 0.91m. On the outside the top of the wall is 1.83m - 2.13m high but the interior face is 8.91m above that. It is not possible to measure the thickness of the wall at the base but at it's highest level it is 3.67m thick. The interior diameter of the broch is 9.88m. The entrance, in the E, is 0.91m wide and now about 1.06m high with two guard chambers, one on either side of the entrance passage. In the interior, directly opposite the entrance, the top of the stairway is visible. A steatite cup was found

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5. :1967:A.M.S. SCOTT:DEPT.OF ENVIR.: :P45
6. HBM(SDD):1985:LIST OS SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.
7. CLOSE-BROOKS.J:1986:EXPLORING SCOTLANDS HERITAGE,THE HIGHLANDS:HMSO:p150

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many years ago in a recess of the wall of the right hand gard chamber by the Rev J M Joass of Golspie, in whose possession it still is. (See HNC 02 NW 004 for a steatite cup, found near the broch, possibly the same cup?) About 100yds (91.0m) from the broch are the much ruined remains of a massive outer wall crossing the uncultivated land to the E; the land to the S being all cultivated, the outworks in that direction have been demolished. 12.31m from the broch is another wall built of great stones, 0.6m-0.9m in height and some 1.83m thick, which leads from either side of the entrance and was evidently carried round to outflank the building. On the S the details are still evident. At the turning it enclosed a mound of stone and earth c2.44m across faced with building on the inner side. The distance between the stone uprights of the gateway through the wall is 1.83m

The broch is defended by an outwork built of very large blocks and boulders, but another ruined wall lying some 91.0m away is most probably a land boundary of later date.

This broch measures 16.1m in overall diameter. The internal diameter can only be measured above the rubble which fills the interior to above scarcement level. Here it is 9.7m, and the wall varies between 3.1m and 3.4m in width, but at ground level at the entrance the wall is 4.2m thick, suggesting an internal diameter of about 8.0m. The entrance passage is accessible and shows two upright slabs for door jambs 1.7m along it. Behind them are the bar holes and the entrance to two guard chambers each 3.7m long. There is an opening into the broch interior from the rear of the N guard chamber. There is what may be a later forework immediately in front of the broch entrance, and traces of a probably secondary building,

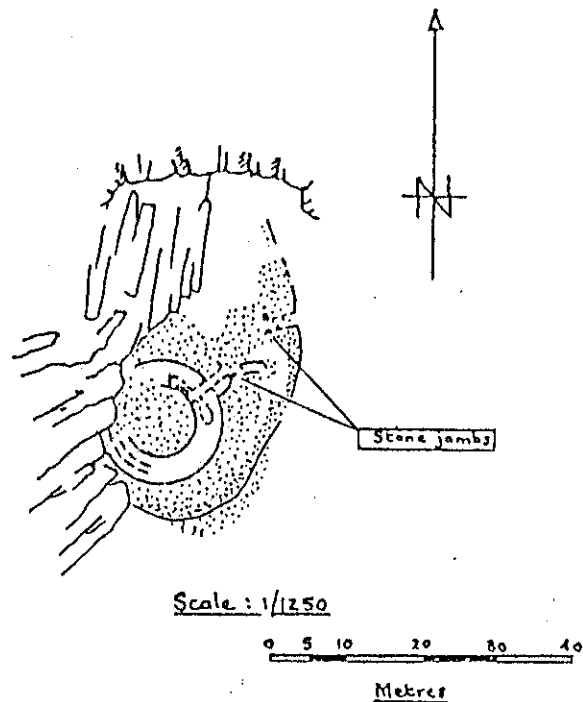
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both of which are mainly masked by debris. The entrance passage through the outwork shows two upright blocks, probably jambs, about 4.0m along it, and there are suggestions that a passage or corridor led on from them towards the broch entrance, but debris prevents a true assessment of this. The alleged outwork 91.0m distant is a combination of outcrop and clearance stones.

Published survey (1:10,000) revised. (OSFI:AA:5.8.1974)

"NC 037 278, An Dun, Broch, Clachtoll, stoer." (6)



A.A. 5.8.74

This broch stands on a low eminence bordered to the W. by the sea and to the E. by a broad expanse of turf on sand beyond which the sharp peaks of Quinag loom over 10 miles of low, broken bare hills and innumerable intricate lochs. The ruin is handsome, composed of large rectangular blocks and standing exteriorly in places to a height of over 6 ft. above the tumbled ruins and probably twice as much above true ground level. The diameter of the interior is 32 ft., the thickness of the wall about 14 ft. The outer end of the entrance passage, which is in the E., is covered with a triangular lintel 4 ft. 6 in. long, 3 ft. 10 in. high and 1 ft. thick. Several details of the usual chambers and staircases are discernible.

The broch is defended by an outwork built of very large blocks and boulders; but another ruined wall lying some 100 yds. away is most probably a land boundary of later date.

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entrance. The inner end of this path seems to have been a lined and roofed passage, as at Carn Liath (no. 83), but modern walls have been built in this area which confuse the ancient features.

The broch entrance has a massive triangular lintel diverting the weight of the wall above. The entrance passage is partly filled with rubble, but it is possible to crawl in and see first the door checks with a bar-hole beyond on the right, and then openings to small chambers on either side. Opposite the entrance, on the other side of the broch, the remains of a gallery can be traced in the wall.

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80 Clachtoll, Broch, Sutherland  
Late 1st millennium BC/early 1st  
millennium AD.



NC 036278. B 869 from Lochinver to Clachtoll.  
Stop near cemetery just N of Clachtoll, walk to  
beach, then 400 m SW along shore to broch.

The broch is built on a rocky knoll right on the edge of the sea and still looks impressive, though part of the wall has now fallen over the low cliff. The broch has not been cleared out and the interior is full of stones which hide most of the inner wall-face, but much of the outer wall can be seen.

On the east side there is an outwork, a stone wall running obliquely some 5 m-18 m from the broch, with an entrance passage through it. Much of this outer wall goes round the south side of the broch and runs out to the cliff at each end. Between the outer wall and the broch there is now a confused mass of rubble, but originally there would have been stone huts with a path between them leading to the broch