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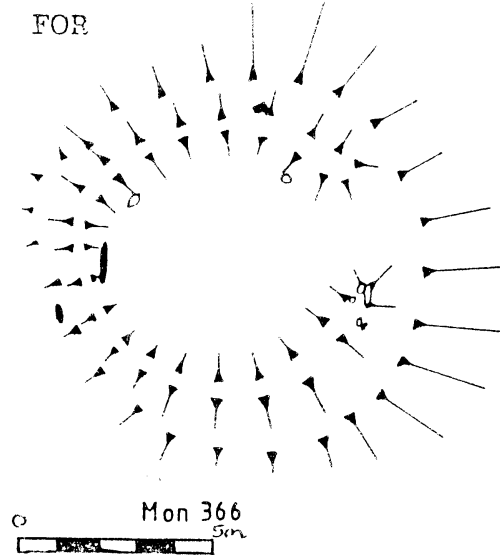
4 DISTRICT CAIRNESS		5 PARISH HALKIRK		1 SITE CODE HND06SE014	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS STANDING STRUCTURES		2 NGR ND05856040	
11 CONCORDANCE OS ND 06 SE *		12 FORM		3 QUAL	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS 10 HUT CIRCLES + 1 HUT CIRCLE (ALLEGED)		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		6 SITE NAME GREEN POINT	
20 LAND USE URBAN		21 GEOLOGY		10 GENERIC TYPE CIRCULAR	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		14 PERIOD/DATE BA = IA	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF MODERATE TO GENTLE HILLSLOPE TO LOCH		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT NE		18 SHAPE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		27 ALTITUDE 65 = 90m OD		19 THREAT AND DATE	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.		32 SLIDES NO.	
33 SLIDES NO.		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		43 OTHER		44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER	
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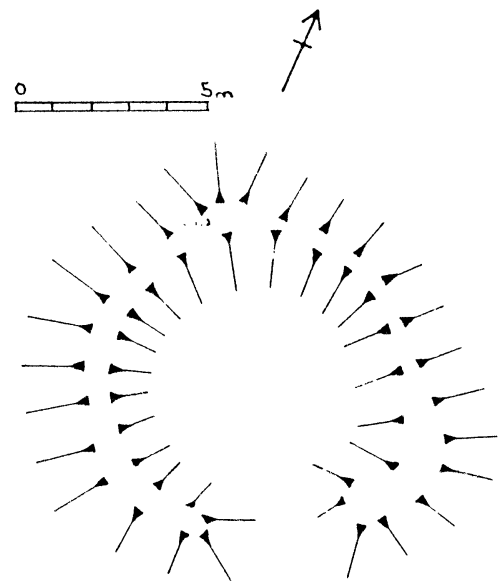
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BOX 11:*- "ND 06 SE 14, 17, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30."

366. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 9m x 9m external, 6m x 5m internal.
 Height: 0.25m. Circular grass-covered banks 2m wide. Entrance 1m wide is on the E of the 'hut-circle'. Several facing-slabs are visible. The 'hut-circle' is placed on a mound 12m in diameter. Orientation: E-W. On an E-facing slope. Elevation: 275' OD. ND 056603.
 O.S. Card ND 06 SE 17.
 (Fig. 39)



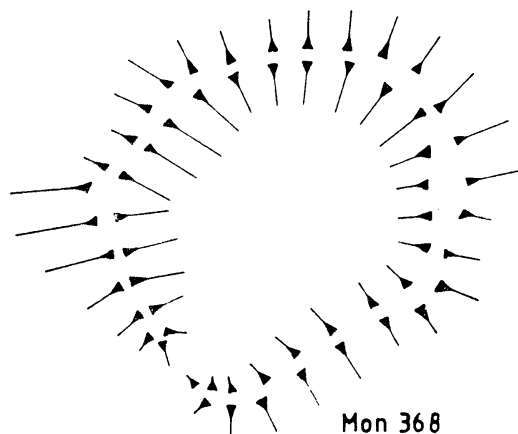
365. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 13m x 12.50m external, 5m x 5m internal.
 Subcircular heather-covered banks, 3m wide, with an entrance in the SE 2m wide. No stones visible. Orientation: NE-SW. E-facing slope. Elevation: 250' OD. ND 058606.
 O.S. Card ND 06 SE 27.
 (Fig. 38)



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368. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 12m x 11m external, 7m x 5m internal.
 'C' Height: 0.50m. Subcircular heather- and grass-covered structure.
 Entrance to the SW. No stone visible. Orientation: NW-SE. On an
 E-facing slope. Elevation: 225' OD.
 ND 060603.

O.S. Card ND 06 SE 28.
 (Fig. 39)



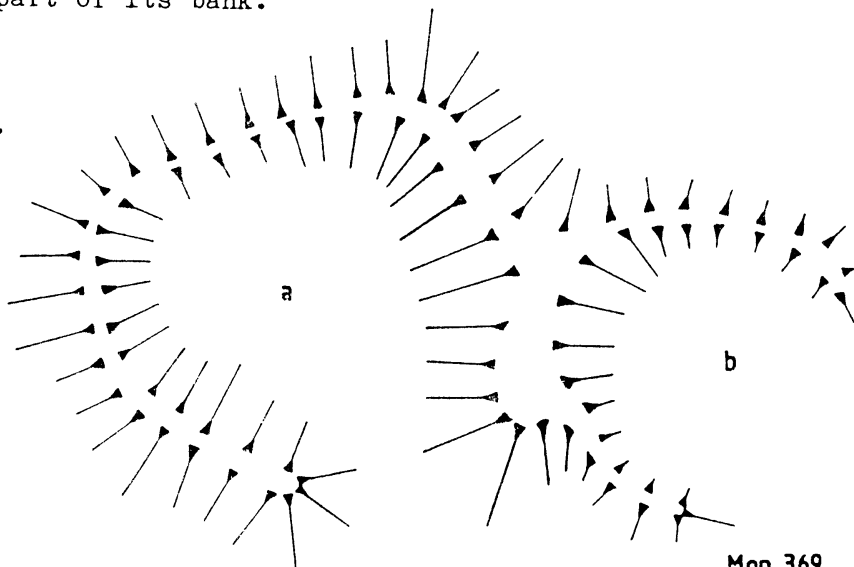
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369a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 16m x 15m external, 7m x 6.50m.
 'B' Height: 0.25m. Subcircular heather- and moss-covered bank. Entrance
 to the SE is 1.50m wide. Bank is 3m wide. Orientation: E-W.

b. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 10m x 10m external, 6.50m x 5m internal.
 Gap of 6m at its E end. Wall spread of 2m. This 'hut-circle' shares
 the E side of (a) as part of its bank.

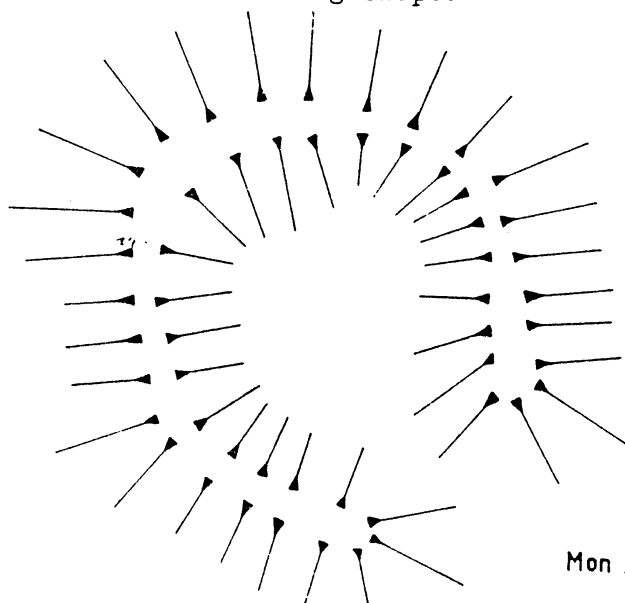
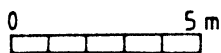
Elevation: 225' OD.
 ND 060604.
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 (Fig. 39)



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370. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 17m x 15m external, 6m x 5m internal.
 'A' Height: 0.50m. Subcircular heather- and grass-covered bank 5m wide.
 Entrance to the SE. Orientation: NW-SE. On an E-facing slope.
 Elevation: 250' OD.
 ND 060603.

O.S. Card ND 06 SE 28.
 (Fig. 39)



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OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 28.

Centred ND 0597 6035 is a group of three stone-walled huts 'A', 'B' and 'C'. The measurements of each are given between wall centres, the walls being covered with peat and heather.

HND 06 SE 014

- 'A' Hut 'A', at ND 0594 6032, measures 12.0 m NW-SE by 10.5 m transversely. Its entrance is in the SE.
- 'B' Hut 'B', at ND 0598 6035, is circular, 8.5 m in diameter; its entrance is in the SE.
- 'C' Hut 'C', at ND 0598 6036, is oval, measuring 10.5 m NW-SE by 9.0 m transversely. Its entrance is in the SE. The NW arc is clipped by peat diggings.

(OSFI: ISS: 23.3.1972.)

(ND 059 603) Settlement (HR) (Three hut circles of eight shown.)

(1)

A settlement of three hut circles as described by ISS.

The heather cover is smooth and uniform suggesting former cultivation associated with the huts.

(OSFI: NKB: 24.9.1981.)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 29.

- 'D' At ND 0608 6070 is a circular stone-walled hut measuring about 8.5 m in diameter between the centres of a peat-covered wall spread to an indeterminate width. The ill-defined entrance is in the ENE.

(OSFI: AA: 23.3.1972.)

(ND 0608 6070) Settlement (HR) (One of eight hut circles shown.)

(1)

A hut circle as described by AA. The heather cover is smooth and uniform suggesting cultivation associated with the hut (HND 06 SE 014 e)

(OSFI: NKB: 24.9.1981.)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 27.

- 'E' At ND 0582 6058 is a circular, stone-walled hut measuring 9.0 m in diameter between the centres of a wall almost obliterated by peat. The ill-defined entrance is in the SE.

(OSFI: ISS: 16.3.1972.)

(ND 0582 6058) Settlement (HR) (One of eight hut circles shown.)

(1)

The hut circle is as described by ISS.

There is no evidence of field clearance in the form of heaps or banks of stone, and no lynchets can be identified in the vicinity of the hut. The adjoining area is dry, S-facing and undoubtedly cultivable. The heather cover is smooth and uniform throughout, and is typical of the cover found in field plots within the field systems of Sutherland; this contrasts with the uneven heather and peat growth in the surrounding moorland. It appears that there was cultivation associated with this and many other hut circles in NW Caithness, and the absence of clearance merely indicated an absence of stones which needed to be cleared.

(OSFI: NKB: 24.9.1981.)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 25.

- 'F' At ND 0573 6064 and obscured by heavy peat growth is an ill-defined rectangular building with rounded corners measuring 13.0 m NE-SW by 7.5 m transversely between the centres of a wall of indeterminate width in which the stones can be felt by probing. In the S wall are two ill-defined gaps, possibly doorways, about 3.0 m from each end. Of uncertain purpose, this building is in the same state of preservation as the hut circles to the SE, and is undoubtedly much older than the depopulated houses in the area.

(OSFI: ISS: 16.3.1972.)

(ND 0573 6064) Unannotated rectangular structure shown.

(1)

This feature is obscured by a heavy growth of peat, but it appears to be a smaller version of the hut circle with annexe ('key-hole' type) found in the Strath of Kildonan (HND 06 NW 006). The hut circle, set into a slope on a low dry rise, is about 5.0m in diameter within a heather-covered wall, 0.4m high and spread to 2.0m wide. The entrance, of simple form, is in the SE arc. There is no wall between hut and annexe; the latter is very vague, about 4.5m NW-SE by 5.0m within a wall similar to the hut. A gap in the SE may be a mutilation.

The heather cover in the vicinity is smooth and uniform, suggesting former cultivation (HND 06 SE 014 e)

(OSFI: NKB: 18.9.1981.)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 24.

'G' At ND 0559 6046 is a circular, stone-walled hut, visible as a hollow set into the SE side of a slight rise, and measuring about 11.0 m in diameter between the centres of a heavily peat-covered wall, spread to an indeterminate width. The denuded entrance is indicated by a gap of about 3.0 m in the SE arc.

(OSFI: ISS: 16.3.1978)

(ND 0559 6046) Settlement (NR) (One of eight hut circles shown.)

(1)

A hut circle as described. The heather cover in the vicinity is smooth and uniform suggesting former cultivation (HND 06 SE 014 e)

(OSFI: NKB: 18.9.1981)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 17.

'H' There is a heather-covered hut circle at ND 0556 6030 measuring 5.0 m to 6.0 m internally and 0.3 m high. The entrance, 1.0 m wide, is in the NE.

(OSFI: RD: 3.11.1964.)

This hut, situated on a shelf on an E-facing slope, is ill-defined with a peat-covered wall spread to an indeterminate width. Two or three slabs on edge, of the inner wall-face, are visible in the W. The simple entrance is in the ENE.

(OSFI: ISS: 16.3.1978)

(ND 0556 6030) Settlement (NR) (One of eight hut circles in the area)

(1)

A hut circle as described by the previous authorities. The heather cover in the vicinity is smooth and uniform, suggesting former cultivation. (HND 06 SE 014 e)

(OSFI: NKB: 18.9.1981)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 14.

There is a hut circle about halfway down the W side of Loch Calder, SW of the Big Island and some 200 yds from the shore. It is formed of two circular enclosures, the one opening out of the other in the line of the main entrance, which is from the SE. The back circle measures internally 25 ft by 27 ft. The floor, which has been dug out to some extent, is some 4 ft below the top of the enclosing bank, which may have been about 8 ft wide; this floor is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft above the floor level of the front enclosure which measures internally 23 ft by 25 ft. The whole feature is covered by heather.

(2)

'K' ND 0605 6020. Levelled into the E side of a rise is a hut circle 'K', 11.0m in diameter between the centres of a peat-covered wall spread to about 3.0m. Attached to the hut outside the entrance in the S arc, and about 0.7m below the hut floor, are suggestions of a forecourt measuring about 9.0m in diameter, but it is too overgrown with peat and heather to give a more precise assessment.

'J' At ND 0607 6009 is a further hut circle 'J', surviving as a platform, 8.0m in diameter. It is obscured by peat and no stones are exposed. The entrance is in the ESE arc. Close by the latter hut are one or two stone clearance heaps and some evidence of smooth, stone-free ground suggesting former cultivation.

(OSFI: ISS: 23.3.1978)

(OSFI: RD: 3.11.1964.)

As described.

(OSFI: NKB: 18.9.1981)

OS CONCORDANCE:-
ND 06 SE 30.

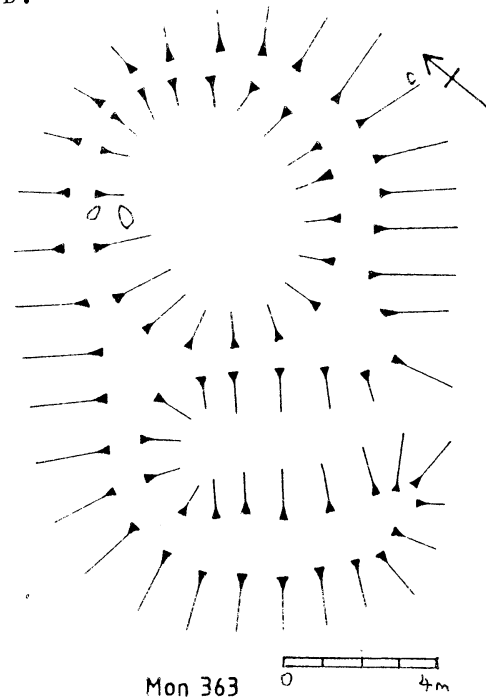
LO There is a heather-grown hut circle somewhat less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N of another (HND 06 SE 014 a-c). It measures internally 20 ft by 25 ft and is entered from the SE. The thickness of the bank appears to be from 8 to 9 ft.

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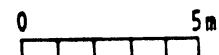
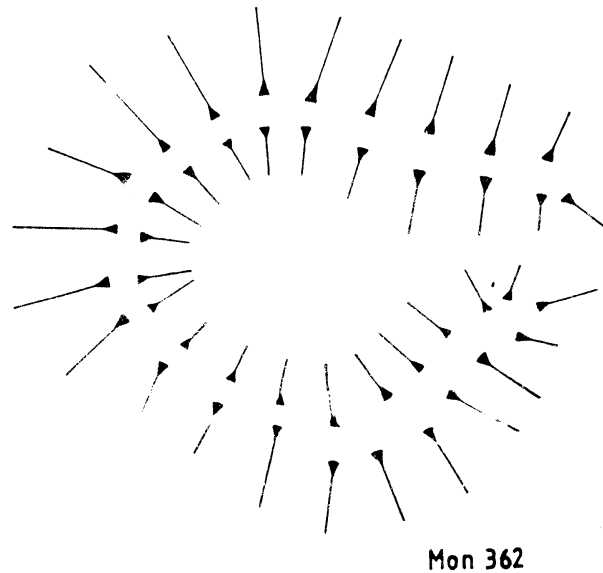
This hut circle cannot be identified specifically, but there are a number of huts to the N and NW, to which HND 06 SE 014 e may refer.

(OSFI: NKB: 24.9.1981)

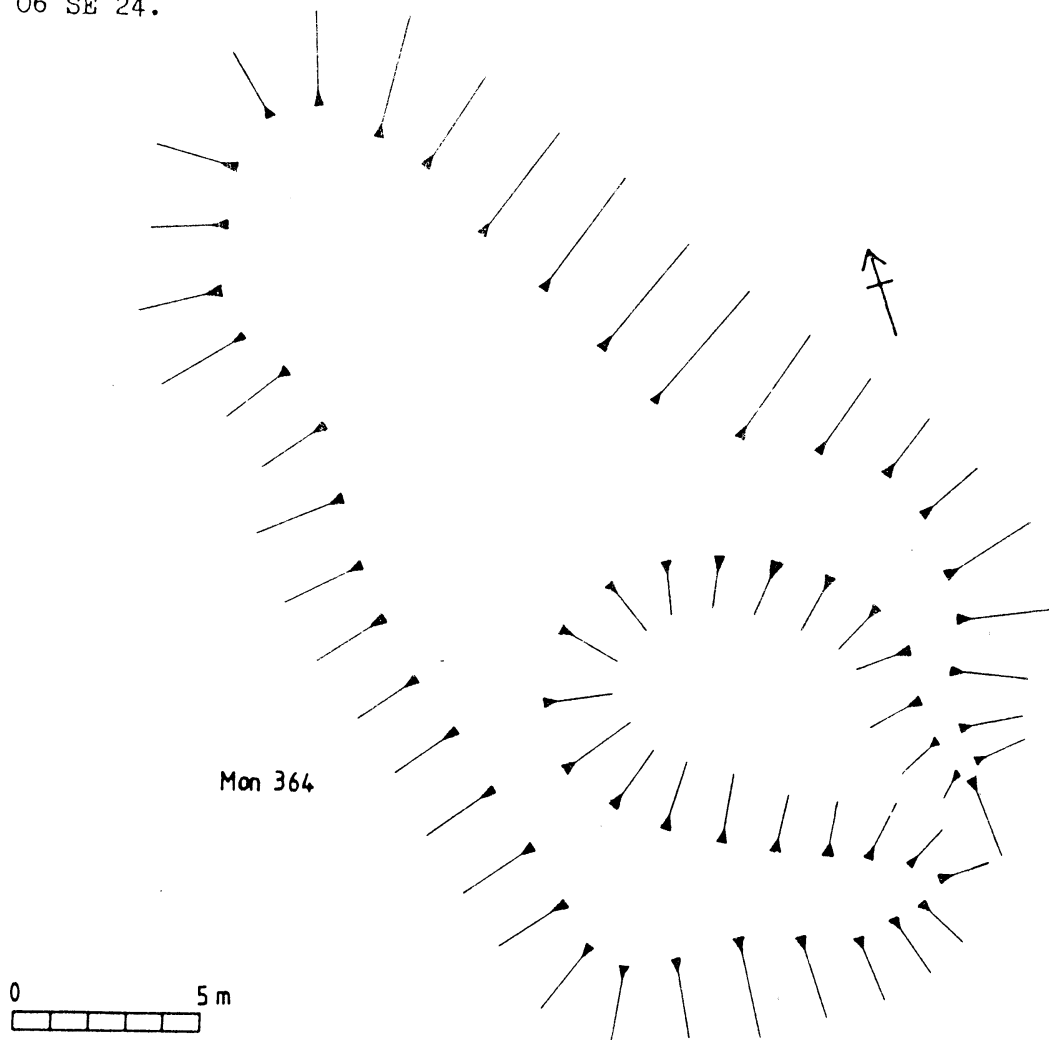
363. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 17m x 12m external. Subrectangular grass- and heather-covered 'hut-circle'. Subdivided by a bank 3m wide 9m from its NNE end. The southmost part has a possible entrance 1.50m wide in its E side. Outer bank is 4m wide. Orientation: NNE-SSW. On an E-facing slope. Elevation: 250' OD. ND 057606. O.S. Card ND 06 SE 25. (Fig. 38)



362. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 16m x 14.50m external, 6m x 5.50m internal. Subcircular heather-covered banks with a spread of 4m. Entrance 1m wide to the E is 5m long. Orientation: E-W. On the shore of Loch Calder. E-facing. Elevation: 225' OD. ND 061607. O.S. Card ND 06 SE 29. (Fig. 37)

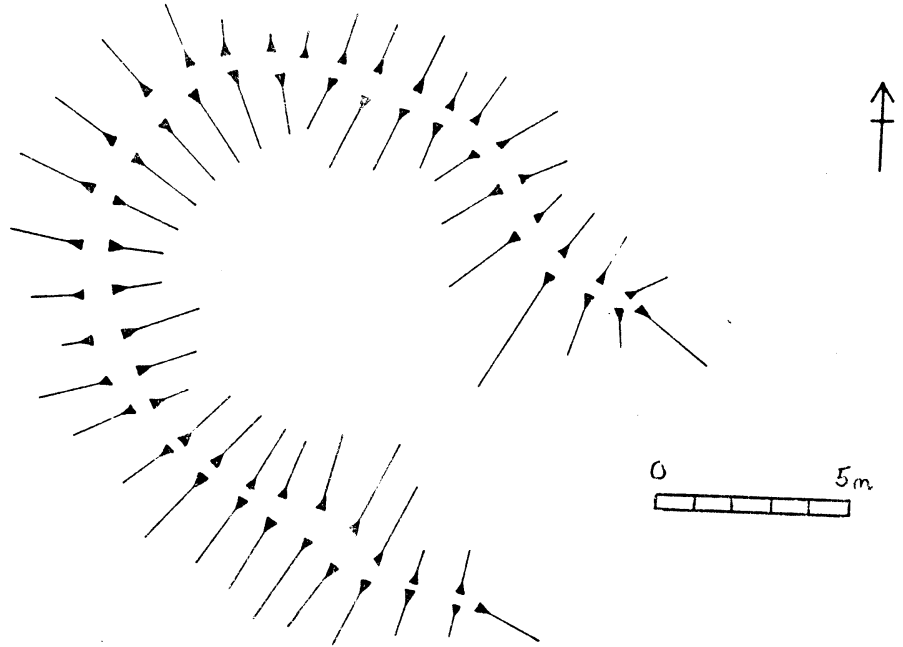


364. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 31m x 18m. Height: 2m. Subrectangular
heather-covered structure. Depression 8m in diameter at its SE end.
Possible entrance 1m wide to the SE. Cut into a small knoll.
Elevation: 275' OD.
ND 056605.
O.S. Card ND 06 SE 24.
(Fig. 38)



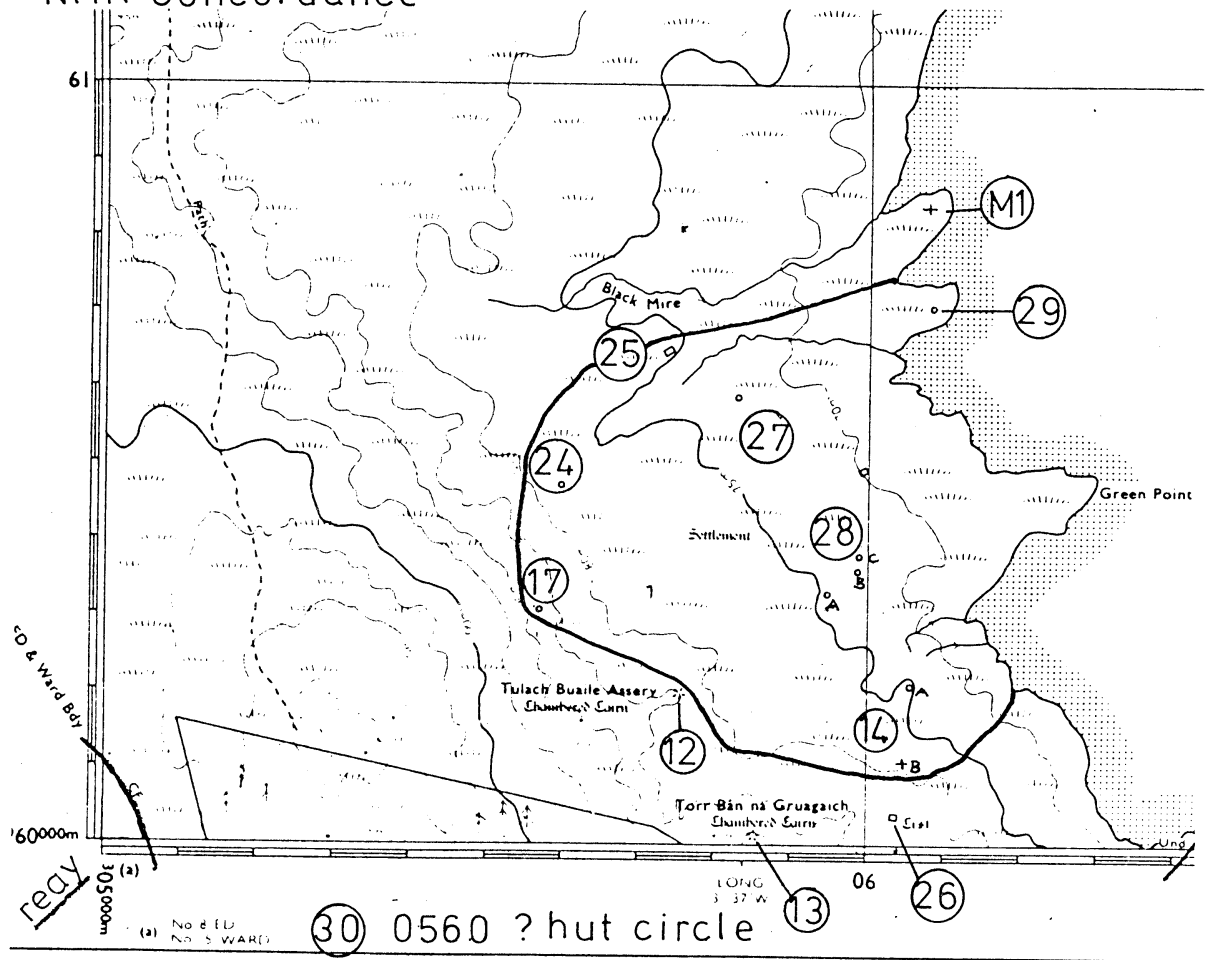
372. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 20m x 16m external, 9m x 8m internal.
'K' Horseshoe-shaped heather- and grass-covered mounds with a spread of 4m.
Entrance to the SE 4m wide. Appears to be cut into the top of a small
knoll. Orientation: NW-SE. E-facing slope. Elevation: 250' OD.
ND 061602.
O.S. Card ND 06 SE 14.
(Fig. 40)

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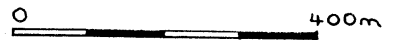


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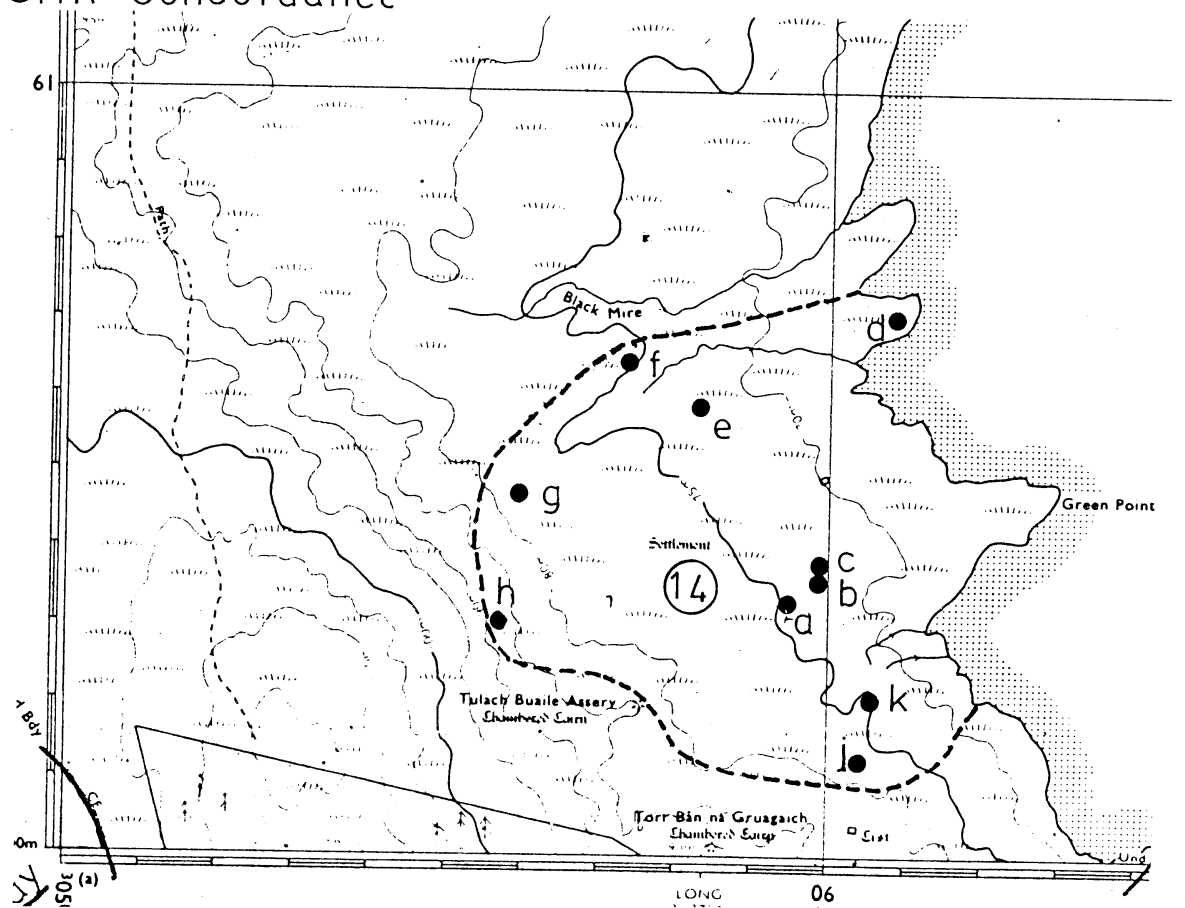
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SMR Concordance



NMR		SMR		NGR	GENERIC TYPE	DIMENSIONS
CONCORDANCE		CONCORDANCE				
ND 06 SE 14	'A'	HND 06 SE 014	'K'	ND 0605 6020	HUT CIRCLE	11.0m INT. DIAM.
" " " "	'B'	" " " "	'J'	ND 0607 6009	HUT CIRCLE	8.0m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 17		" " " "	'H'	ND 0556 6030	HUT CIRCLE	5.0m-6.0m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 24		" " " "	'G'	ND 0559 6046	HUT CIRCLE	11.0m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 25		" " " "	'F'	ND 0573 6064	HUT CIRCLE('KEYHOLE' TYPE)	5.0m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 27		" " " "	'E'	ND 0582 6058	HUT CIRCLE	8.0m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 28	'A'	" " " "	'A'	ND 0594 6032	HUT CIRCLE	12.0m x 10.5m
" " " "	'B'	" " " "	'B'	ND 0598 6035	HUT CIRCLE	8.5m INT. DIAM.
" " " "	'C'	" " " "	'C'	ND 0598 6036	HUT CIRCLE	10.5m x 9.0m
ND 06 SE 29		" " " "	'D'	ND 0608 6070	HUT CIRCLE	8.5m INT. DIAM.
ND 06 SE 30		" " " "	-	ND 05 60	HUT CIRCLE	-