

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

FIELD MONUMENTS



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H N D 2 5 S E 0 0 3
2 NGR	N D 2 5 8 5 0 9 C E
3 QUAL	
6 SITE NAME	F L E X H I L L
10 GENERIC TYPE	SETTLEMENT
14 PERIOD/DATE	BA = IA
15 DATING METHOD	TYP
18 SHAPE	
19 THREAT AND DATE	

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS	5 PARISH	WATTEN
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	SCHEDULED
9 REGIONAL STATUS		12 FORM	STANDING STRUCTURES
11 CONCORDANCE	os ND 25 SE 3	13 DIMENSIONS	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	10 HUT CIRCLES + 2 MOUNDS	17 CONDITION	INCOMPLETE

20 LAND USE	ENCLOSED PASTURE	21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	MODERATE HILLSLOPE
		26 ASPECT	WNW
		27 ALTITUDE	60=80m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1877: 25" MAP. 2. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: : pp131-32 No 476. 3. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1975: 1:10,000 MAP. 4. HMB(S.D.D.): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	
31 GROUND PHOTO NO.	
32 SLIDES NO.	
33 HR. AP. 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		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
	AM: 15.8.1985	GS: 15.10.1985

52 TEXT
"See attached photo copies for text."

8. "The hut circles A-K are the scheduled monuments of this site." (4).

52. 'J': ND 2583 5104. (3).
'A': ND 2569 5091.
'B': ND 2570 5089.
'C': ND 2574 5088.
'D': ND 2578 5093.
'E': ND 2581 5091.
'F': ND 2583 5084.
'G': ND 2595 5095.
'H': ND 2597 5094.
'K': ND 2593 5105. (A-K : HUT CIRCLES) (I).
'L': ND 2589 5091. MOUND
'M': ND 2601 5103. MOUND (3).

52. "ND 258 509. Strath, Hut Circles 1070m S of." (4)

Hut Circles, Flex Hill. Some $\frac{3}{4}$ mile South of Strath² farm-house, close to the wire fence which runs westward across the moor from the Camster Road, is a group of hut-circles.

- 1st The furthest up the slope of the hill, about 100 yds distant from the road, is circular and some 20 ft in internal diameter. The bank is now quite low and too indefinite to measure; the floor is dug out and 3 ft below the natural level on the upper side, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 ft below on the tower side. The position of the entrance is not evident.
- 2nd Some 80 ft west of 1st, 18 - 20 ft internal diameter entrance seemingly on SW, bank 8 - 10 ft thick is not accurately measureable, interior not so deep as 1st.
- 3rd Some 20 ft NW of 2nd, internal diameter about 21 ft entrance in SW bank 11 ft across and still a foot or two high on the lower side. Interior dug out and is $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 ft below that of the hill slope on the upper side.
- 4th 30 yds north of the 3rd is one partly destroyed by a sheep drain across its lower end. Internal diameter 9 ft across but 11 ft towards the entrance which has been from SW and appears to have been rather wide and the section exposed by the drain cutting shows that the bank is composed of earth or peat and small stones.
- 5th Some yds to the north of those near the wire fence, and some 50 yds NNE of Carn Liath (HND 25 SE 001) Internal diameter 24 ft, entrance WSW of indefinite width. Bank overgrown, much spread and 12 ft in breadth at base.

(2).

Centred at ND 258 509 on a W-facing slope is a settlement of 10 circular stone walled huts (A-K), a probable cairn, and a mound of uncertain classification.

Hut 'A' (the RCAHM's 3rd) measures 10.5m in diameter between the centres of a peat-covered wall spread to 4.0m. The ill-defined entrance is in the SW.

'B' (the RCAHM's 2nd) measures 8.5m in diameter between the centres of a peat-covered wall spread to 3.0m. Stones of the wall are visible in a mutilation in the NW. The ill-defined entrance is in the SW.

'C' (the RCAHM's 1st) measures 9.5m in diameter between the centres of a wall spread to 4.0m, stones of which are visible in the E. The N arc is mutilated. The ill-defined entrance is in the SSW.

'D' is almost obliterated by peat and measures about 8.0m in diameter. The ill-defined entrance is in the SW.

'E' measures about 9.0m in diameter between the centres of a wall spread to an indeterminate width. The ill-defined entrance is in the SW.

'F' measures 11.0m between the centres of an ill-defined wall. There are traces of a possible entrance in the SW.

'G' is scarcely visible and measures about 8.0m in diameter.

'H' measures about 10.0m in diameter between the centres of an ill-defined wall. The E arc is mutilated and the entrance is not visible.

'J' (the RCAHEM's 5th) measures 10.0m in diameter between the centres of a wall spread to 4.0m. The stone content is exposed in several mutilations. The ill-defined entrance is in the SW.

'K' is identical to H.

There is no trace of contemporary cultivation.

RCAHEM's 4th "hut" at ND 2570 5096, appears to have been a peat-covered stony mound about 9.0m in diameter, quarried into from the SW, of uncertain purpose. It is not a hut.

At ND 2589 5091: 'L' is a grass-covered stony mound about 6.0m in diameter and 0.3m high, dug into in the centre. Its prominent position on a false crest when viewed from the SW suggests it may be a cairn.

At ND 2601 5103: 'M' beside a wet hollow is a grass-covered stony mound measuring about 10.0m NE-SW by 8.0m transversely and 0.7m high, with a deep depression running from its E side into the centre. Its situation and shape is reminiscent of a burnt mound, but no burnt material is visible and its true nature is uncertain.

Divorced Survey at 1:10,000 of huts A - H and the possible cairn.

1:2500 resurvey of J and K.

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(ND 258 509) Settlement (NR)
(Nine hut circles and a mound shown)

(3).

The ten hut circles are as described by F1; the two mounds noted by the same authority cannot be classified from the visible remains.

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