



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H N D 2 5 S E 0 1 0
2 NGR	N D 2 6 9 5 5 4 7 2 C E
3 QUAL	
6 SITE NAME	B Y L B S T E R B R I D G E
10 GENERIC TYPE	BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED (OCH)
14 PERIOD/DATE	NE
15 DATING METHOD	TYP
18 SHAPE	OVAL
19 THREAT AND DATE	

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS	5 PARISH	WICK
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	SCHEDULED
9 REGIONAL STATUS		12 FORM	STANDING STRUCTURE
11 CONCORDANCE	OSND 25 SE 10	13 DIMENSIONS	c 20.0m x c 16.0m
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	INCOMPLETE

20 LAND USE	ENCLOSED = ROUGH PASTURE	21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	LOW RIDGE ABOVE VALLEY FLOOR
26 ASPECT	NW	27 ALTITUDE	15=20m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1975: 1:10,000 MAP.
2. HENSHALL A.S.: 1962: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL I: p258 No 5.
3. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: pp170-71 No 541.
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 HAR: 15.8.1985

51 CHECK: DATE GS: 15.10.1985

52 TEXT

"(ND 2695 5472) Chambered Cairn." (1).

"An oval, Orkney-Cromarty type chambered cairn with a Camster-type chamber. It is now grass-grown with an indefinite edge, but appears to have measured about 70' (21.44m) N-S by 55' (16.88m) transversely. There appear to have been two chambers. The chamber to the N of the mound is represented by four upright stones and one prostrate stone, with entrance from the ESE. A group of upright stones marks the position of the second chamber at the S side of the cairn, with entrance from the SSE." (2) (3).

"This chambered cairn appears as a mutilated, oval, turf-covered mound, 1.7m high. It is as described and planned by Miss Henshall."

(OSFI:WDJ:25.4.1963)

"A chambered cairn as described and planned above."

(OSFI:NKB:29.4.1982).

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(See cont.card for text of (2) ).

52.  
"ND 269 547. Bylbster Bridge, Chambered Cairn 1000m NE of, Watten." (4)

## 5 BILBSTER

(O.-C., Camster-type, oval)

In the parish of

WICK

Location on the S bank of the

RIVER WICK

6½ m. upstream

Map reference

ND/269547

Sheet XIX; ND 25 SE

Inventory number 541

Reference R.C.A.M. *Inv.* 170

Plan by A.S.B. and J.C.W.

(fig. 37)

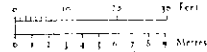
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*Description.* The remains of the cairn are situated on a slight ridge in flat agricultural land beside the river at 50ft. OD. The cairn has been greatly robbed and is now grass-grown. Its edge is indefinite but appears to have measured about 70ft. N-S by 55ft. E-W. There are various large stones about the mound, some of which are set on end and apparently *in situ*. There appear to have been two chambers.

(2).

The chamber to the N of the mound is represented by four upright stones and one prostrate stone. The long axis of the chamber has been WNW-ESE with the entrance from the latter end. Fifteen feet within the apparent edge of the cairn there are two slabs, not quite in line, which are probably transverse portal stones at the entrance to the chamber. A pair of taller divisional stones have stood 4ft. behind them; one remains upright and the other has fallen backwards. A slab 10ft. further W probably marks the end of the chamber, its total length being about 14ft.

Another group of upright stones marks the position of the second chamber at the S side of the cairn, with its entrance from the SSE. About 18ft. from the cairn edge on this side is a pair of slabs set 1ft. 10in. apart, which probably represent the portal stones at the entry to the chamber. Two parallel stones, 4ft. behind the W portal stone and 4ft. further N, suggest divisional stones on the W side of a chamber, the back-slab and E side of which are missing.



Bilbster

