

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT SKYE & LOCHALSH		5 PARISH BRACADALE		1 SITE CODE H N G 3 1 N E 0 0 2 B															
6 CONCORDANCE OS NG 31 NE 2 NMR		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) RMS, QUEEN STREET		10 ACCESSION NO. EO 380 - 384		2 NGR N G 3 9 3 4 1 6 3 6						3 QUAL CE							
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES EXCAVATION				14 CONDITION				6 SITE NAME R U B H A N D U N A I N											
17 LAND USE ROUGH PASTURE				18 GEOLOGY				7 GENERIC TYPE BEAKER+POTTERY, SHERDS+FLINT SCRAPERS											
19 SOILS				20 VEGETATION				11 PERIOD/DATE BA						12 DATING METHOD TYP					
21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE				22 RELIEF SPUR ON MODERATE HILLSLOPE				23 ASPECT SE = S = SW						24 ALTITUDE 8 = 15m OD					
25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION/DIMENSIONS BEAKER - RESTORED																			
26 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1965: 6" MAP 2. HENSHELL, A.S.: 1972: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: Vol. 2: pp485-8, plan 3. SCOTT, W.L.: 1932: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: :66: pp183-213, plans, illus. 4. SCOTT, W.L.: 1934: " " " " :68: pp194-9, plan, illus. 5. CLARKE, D.L.: 1970: BEAKER POTTERY OF G.B. & I.: CAMBRIDGE U.P.: 2: p518 6. CRICHTON-MITCHELL: 1934: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: Vol. 68, p184																			
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31 NMR. AP. NO.				32 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE				33 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION				34 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY							
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BEAKER STRATUM.

The only pottery found in the beaker stratum was the beaker at fig. 11. The greater part of this vessel lay scattered in the north-west corner of the chamber at a height of about 1 foot 6 inches above the floor; the remaining fragments were not discovered in any part of the area excavated. It has been restored at the British Museum. It is a large vessel, 7.8 inches in height, with a distinct foot, a round body, a somewhat high waist, and a straight



Fig. 11. Beaker as restored.

slightly expanding neck. The paste is buff in colour, coarse, and mixed with a large quantity of grits of some dark grey stone. The waist and foot are plain; two similar bands of decoration cover the neck and the body. These bands are defined by three parallel lines above and below—four lines at the lower edge of the upper band—and divided into a series of panels by sets of four to six vertical lines. Each panel is decorated by a series of short diagonal lines extending inwards and downwards from its right and left side. A series of similar diagonal lines hangs from the lower edge of the lower band of decoration. The rim is flattened but not thickened, and is decorated with parallel diagonal lines on its edge. All the diagonal lines except those in the upper

band of panels are impressed with a comb; the remainder of the decoration is incised.

All the bones found in the beaker stratum were human. Their condition was extremely bad, and the majority of the traces of bone found consisted of no more than white slime mixed with the soil. A detailed report by Miss M. L. Tildesley of the Royal College of Surgeons' Museum on such fragments as it was possible to recover is in Appendix I. These include fragments of three skulls, and twenty-one teeth of a fourth individual; the remaining bones identifiable were consistent with belonging to these four persons. These were (1) a young man; (2) a broad-headed person aged about thirty to thirty-five, probably male; (3) a young adult; and (4) a young adult aged about eighteen to twenty. The leg bones probably associated with the broad-headed skull, showed the flattened shafts which are frequent in skeletons of this period.

The only other objects found in the beaker stratum were white quartz pebbles; four rounded pieces of pumice, which occurred both in the chamber and the antechamber; traces of charcoal; and a roughly shaped point of dark green chert 1.2 inch long.