

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

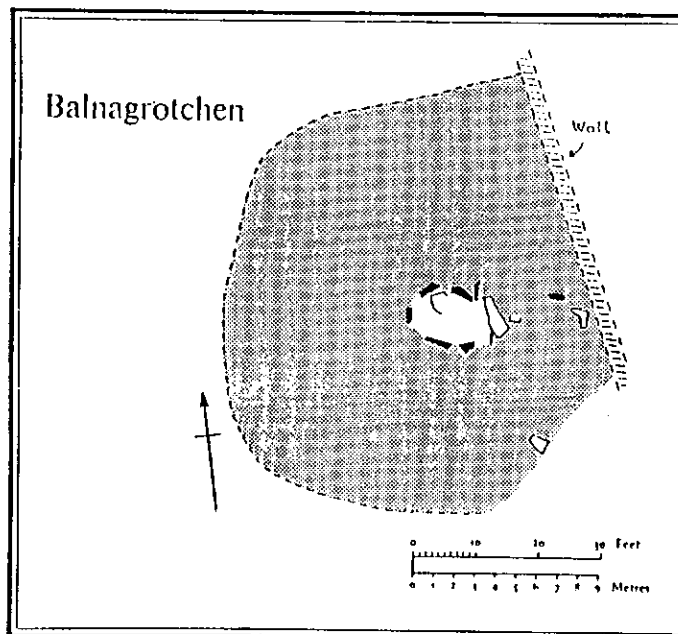
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE H N H 5 7 S E 0 0 1		2 NGR N H 5 8 1 3 7 3 5 7		3 QUAL CE	
4 DISTRICT ROSS AND CROMARTY			5 PARISH ALNESS		
6 SITE NAME B A L N A G R O T C H E N		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CARRN, SHORT, HORNED, CHAMBERED			
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 57 SE 1		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS c. 18.4m Diam.	
14 PERIOD/DATE NE		15 DATING METHOD TYP			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS			17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		
18 SHAPE			19 THREAT AND DATE		
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND			21 GEOLOGY		
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF RIVER TERRACE		26 ASPECT NW	
27 ALTITUDE 206=213m OD					
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. HE NSHALL, A.S.:1963:CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND:EDINBURGH UP:VOL.1:p 336, No. 5. 2. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1970:1/10 000 MAP. 3. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1970:6" MAP 4. :1956:DISCOVERY & EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND:CBA(SCOTLAND):p24					
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 FJ:23.9.1986.	
51 CHECK: DATE					

52 TEXT
"See continuation card for text (1), (2), (3) and plan(10)"

(NH 582 735) Balna Crotchen: A possibly short horned
cairn with a polygonal chamber.

FIG. 73



5 BALNAGROTCHEN
(O.-C., polygonal, ? short
horned)
In the parish of
ALNESS
Location in the valley of the
RIVER ALNESS
2½ m. below
LOCH MORIE
Map reference
NH/581735
Sheet LII SE; NH 57 SE
Reference D. and F. (1956) 24
Plan by E.V.W.F. and A.S.H.
(fig. 73)
Visited 5.7.58

Description. The site lies at the edge of a field on the terrace above the river, at just under 700ft. OD. It is less than ¼ mile S of the other two chambered cairns at Boath which can be seen from the site. The cairn material has been largely removed so that a depth of only 2 or 3 ft. remains. The cairn now appears to be square in plan with a diameter of about 60ft., but it is difficult to know how far this shape is due to the ploughing of the field. There are various large boulders lying about the site but they do not seem to form part of the structure. A field wall crosses the E edge of the cairn.

In the centre there are a number of split slabs which have formed the main stones of a chamber entered from the E. Only one stone of the passage or outer part of the chamber can be seen, evidently part of the N wall; another leaning slab farther to the W might be part of the opposite wall. The top of this stone is level with the ground but a hole beside it shows it is at least 2ft. 9in. high. To the W of it are two transverse slabs flush with the present ground level. Both stones appear to be *in situ* but they are not placed opposite each other as is normal. Within these stones five more define a large oval chamber. The back-slab is only 8in. high, the others ranging from 1ft. 9in. to 3ft. 4in. high. Inside the chamber are lying a number of large flat slabs, evidently part of the roofing. (1)

The remains of this chambered cairn, located at NH 5813 7357, are generally as reported by Henshall. The remains are now further spoiled by rubbish dumping.

Surveyed at 1/2500. (OSFI: WDJ: 3.5.1963.)

Chambered Cairn (NR) (3)

No change to previous field report Published survey
(OSFI: JB: 19.11.1976.)

"NH 5813 7358. Chambered cairn." (2)