

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE											
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2 NGR		3 QUAL									
N	H	6	2	1	7	3	2	5	8	CE	
6 SITE NAME											
WEST TOWN											

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS			5 PARISH DORES			6 SITE NAME WEST TOWN			10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN, CLAVA RING		
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS			9 REGIONAL STATUS			14 PERIOD/DATE NE		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
11 CONCORDANCE os NH 63 SW 47		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE			13 DIMENSIONS c.18.0m DIAM.			16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY			22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		26 ASPECT E=S=SW	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE			25 RELIEF HILL TERRACE			27 ALTITUDE 225=230m			OD		

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		

1. HENSALL, AS:1963:CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: : :P 386.No 50(PLAN)
2. WOODHAM, AA:1958:DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND:CBA(SCOTLAND): :
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3. WOODHAM, AA:1964:DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND:CBA(SCOTLAND): :
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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 PC:29.9.1987		51 CHECK: DATE MC:29.10.1987	

52 TEXT

"West Town: A ring-cairn situated in pasture sloping gently down to the loch, but in a region of hummocky moorland, has been greatly ruined, and also used as a dump for field stones. "The shape is now irregular and the original edge cannot be traced though a few sizable stones lie about. The cairn appears to be about 6ft. high, but as it seems to be built on an outcrop it is probably actual less. It has an interior setting of five slabs set in a circle with a diameter of 28ft. 6". (1)

"The remains of this cairn are at NH 6217 3528. The most northerly stone of the inner ring OVER...

50 WEST TOWN

(ring-cairn)

In the parish of DORES

Location N side of

LOCH DUN SEILCHEIG

8 m. SSW of INVERNESS

Map reference NH/621325

Sheet XXX NE; NH 63 SW

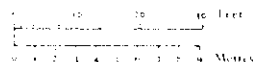
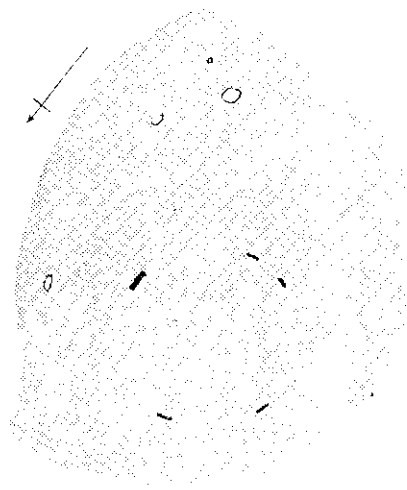
Reference D. and E. (1958) 24

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

(fig. 100)

Visited 12.4.59

Description. The cairn is situated at about 730ft. OD, in pasture sloping gently down to the loch, but in a region of hummocky moorland very little of which is enclosed. The cairn has been greatly ruined, and also used as a dump for field stones. The shape is now irregular and the original edge cannot be traced though a few sizeable stones lie about. The cairn appears to be about 6ft. high, but as it seems to be built on an outcrop it is probably actually less. The convincing feature is the interior setting consisting of five split rectangular slabs, just projecting through the surface except one block on the E side which is 3ft. 6in. high. These slabs are set in a circle with a diameter of 28ft. 6in



(1)

BOX 52.

"...could not be seen but the others remain in position. The stone on the east is the largest 1.0m long, 0.7m high and 0.25m thick. Identification of the stones of a possible outer circle is hindered by the presence of stone clearance piled on the mound. Overall the cairn appears to measure 26.0m NN to SE and 18.0m NE to SW but it possibly had a diameter of only 18.0m."

"Surveyed at 1:2500." (OSFI:RDL:28.8.63)

"NH 622 327. This site was examined during July 1964 and found to be a Clava ring-cairn of the Gask type. Thirteen flat slabs on edge forming part of a circular wall were found. Only one stone found could have formed part of an outer kerb and its position suggested an original thickness for the ring of approx. 9 ft. A central hearth and traces of iron-working were also found." (3)