

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT <b>BADENOCH &amp; STRATHSPEY</b>		5 PARISH <b>ALVIE</b>		1 SITE CODE H NH 7 0 S E 0 0 3		2 NGR NH 7 7 6 7 0 1 9 3		3 QUAL C E	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS <b>SCHEDULED</b>		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME <b>R A I T T S C A V E</b>			
11 CONCORDANCE OSNH 70 SE 3		12 FORM <b>STANDING STRUCTURE</b>		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE <b>SOUTERRAIN</b>			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION <b>INCOMPLETE</b>		14 PERIOD/DATE <b>IA</b>		15 DATING METHOD <b>TYP</b>			
20 LAND USE <b>ROUGH PASTURE</b>		21 GEOLOGY		18 SHAPE <b>HORSE SHOE</b>		19 THREAT AND DATE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		26 ASPECT <b>SE</b>		27 ALTITUDE <b>259=267m O D</b>			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF <b>GENTLE HILLSLOPE</b>		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)									
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1903: 6" MAP 2. BREWSTER, SIR DAVID: 1865: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: VOL. 5: p119: ILLUSTR. PLATE III 3. HBM(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS 4. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1972: 1/10,000 MAP									
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 <b>A CORRODED LOCK</b>								42 MUSEUM/LOCATION	
43 OTHER <b>ASS. DOCS</b>									
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 <b>HSR: 15.9.1986</b>		51 CHECK: DATE <b>A.R. 3.10.1986</b>	

52 TEXT  
 "NH 77670193 Pictish House (AT)" (1)  
 "A horse-shoe shaped earth-house discovered in 1835 (See plan). The only significant find reported from it was 'a lock of unusual form, almost destroyed by rust'. Scheduled." (2)  
 "An earth house, in good condition as planned by Brewster." (OSFI:RL:28.11.1966)  
 "NH 7767 0193 "Souterrain". (4)  
 Lynchat, souterrain 550m WNW of, Kingussie (3)  
*scheduled as 'Lynchat'*

NOTICE OF AN ARTIFICIAL CAVE IN THE PARISH OF ALVEY, INVERNESS-SHIRE. BY SIR DAVID BREWSTER, K.H., F.R.S., PRINCIPAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH. (PLATE III.)

This cave is situated on the brow of a rising ground in the village of Raits, on the estate of Belleville. It is about two miles from Kingussie, and about half-a-mile to the north of the great road from Perth to Inverness. In 1835, when it was first pointed out to me, it was filled with stones and rubbish taken from the neighbouring grounds. Upon removing the rubbish, I was surprised to find a long subterraneous building with its sides faced with stones, and roofed in by gradually contracting the side walls and joining them with very large flatish stones.

The form of the cave was that of a horse-shoe. Its convex side was turned to the south, and the entrance to it (see Plate III. fig. 1, CD) was at the middle of this side by means of two stone steps, and a passage of some length, as shown in fig. 2, at DC. The part of the cave to the left hand of AB, namely, ABC, was a separate apartment with a door at AB, as shown in fig. 4. A lock of an unusual form, almost destroyed by rust, was found among the rubbish. The formation of the roof by the gradual contraction of the side walls is shown in fig. 3, at EF.

There is no tradition among the people respecting the history of this cave, and, so far as I know, it had not been previously noticed.

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