

NH 7056 003

925 MAP = NGR = STATUS = Lynchat, souterrain 550m WNW of Kingussie
RECORDER = SB VISIT_DATE = 20-JUL-90 VISIT NO = 01
CONTACT_OWNER = Y IN_PERSON = Y OWN REC OK N CONTACT
OCCUPIER Y IN_PERSON = Y OCCUPIER RECORD OK N OWNER AWARE = Y
OCCUPIER AWARE = Y AT_RISK = N PROPORTION SCHEDULED = 5
ADEQUATE AREA = Y DAMAGE = Y Probable - burial covering with stones, turf,
soil; extent unknown SCHEDULED AREA LAND USE = 6 09 UNSCHEDULED
AREA LAND USE = SURROUNDING AREA LAND USE = 3 15 3 06
RECORD_DATE = 23-AUG- 90

I assume I correctly located and identified this monument, following directions given by the owner's wife and by the estate shepherd. It appears to be a grassed mound on the gentle slope of a ploughed field (below) and moorland (above). It is about 40m long and slopes from 1m to 4m north to south, and varies in width up to 3m. There was no obvious means of gaining access to the underground chamber. Part of a circular wall formation is uncovered on the northern side, 1m deep, 3m long and 2m wide. There are outlines of several square stone formations in the vicinity (stock enclosures?). It is not clear whether the scheduled area is adequate - probably not. The monument would be better renamed Balavil (souterrain) for the estate in which it is located, rather than Lynchat, a nearby hamlet.

925 MAP = NGR = STATUS =SN Lynchat, souterrain RECORDER =S Bardwell
VISIT_DATE =24-JUL-95 VISIT NO=04 CONTACT_OWNER=Y IN_PERSON
=Y OWN REC OK Y CONTACT OCCUPIER IN_PERSON= OCCUPIER
RECORD OK OWNER AWARE=Y OCCUPIER AWARE = AT_RISK =N
PROPORTION SCHEDULED = 5 ADEQUATE AREA = N DAMAGE =N
SCHEDULED AREA LAND USE = 4 38 1 08 1 21 4 UNSCHEDULED AREA
LAND USE =38 1 08 1 21 SURROUNDING AREA LAND USE = 3 08 3 21
RECORD_DATE = 22-AUG- 95

Extension of the scheduled area is in hand, by the IAM. Details of the monument are shown on the accompanying sketch. Erosion of the banks on the N side by rabbits, and perhaps sheep, is cause for some concern. At least two of the large lintels, on the E side, may not now be adequately supported. Management requirements: Consider fencing the monument, against sheep and rabbits, around the boundary of the scheduled area. Investigate the stability of the lintels and consolidate if necessary.