

20 CULCHUNAIG  
 (? Clava-type)  
 In the parish of  
 DAVIOT AND DUNLICHIT  
 Location in  
 STRATHNAIRN  
 4 1/2 m. ESE of  
 INVERNESS  
 Map reference  
 NH/742442  
 Sheet XIII NW; NH 74 SW  
 Reference  
 P.S.A.S. XVIII (1883-84)  
 350'  
 Visited 9.4.57

*Description.* The site lies in a gently sloping field above the NW side of the valley at over 500ft. OD, and only 200yd. S of the probable Clava-type cairn at Leanach. There appear to be the last remains of a denuded cairn with a diameter of 60 to 70ft. There are two large boulders 21 ft. 6in. apart on its S edge, probably the remains of a kerb. One stone is 5 ft. 3in. wide, 2 ft. 3in. thick and 4 ft. 3in. high. The other stone has fallen outwards from its original position; it measures 4 ft. 6in. wide, 1 ft. 6in. thick and has been 5 ft. high. On the N and NE are a few small earthfast stones which might represent more of the kerb setting.

Twenty feet to the SW between these two boulders is another upright stone, 4 ft. 6in. wide, 2 ft. 6in. thick and 5 ft. 10in. high. This stone might well be the last survivor of a circle of monoliths set round a cairn of Clava type. The site is listed by Fraser<sup>1</sup> as such, but was already in its present state for the 1871 6in. OS map marks three dots at the edge of a stippled area (agreeing with the features which can be seen at present) 'stone circle (remains of)'.

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"The remains of this cairn are as described above."

(OSFI:WDJ:25.4.1962)

"NH 742 441, CULCHUNAIG, CHAMBERED CAIRN & STANDING STONE"

(5)

"NH 7420 4418, CHAMBERED CAIRN (REMAINS OF)" (7)

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# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE H N H 7 4 S W O O 7		2 NGR N H 7 4 2 0 4 4 1 8 C E		3 QUAL	
4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH DAVIOT & DUNLICHITY		6 SITE NAME CULCHUNALIG	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 74 SW 7 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS C. 19m DIAMETER	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE (DENUDED)		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN, KERBED, CLAVA(?) + STONE CIRCLE(?) CONCENTRIC	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND		21 GEOLOGY		14 PERIOD/DATE NE = BA	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE		18 SHAPE ROUND	
26 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT ESE		19 THREAT AND DATE	
27 ALTITUDE 155-160m O.D.		29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)			
		1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1871: 6" MAP			
		2. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1906: 6" MAP			
		3. HENSHALL, A. S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: VOL. 1: p371, No. 20			
		4. FRASER, J.: 1883-4: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: VOL. 18: p350			
		5. HBM(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS c			
		6. SOC. ANT. SCOT: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF NE. INVERNESS: RCAHMS: p8, No. 13			
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO. A0/62/104/6		OVER	
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 SS: 24.11.1986		51 CHECK: DATE	

52 TEXT:  
 "This Clava cairn probably measured about 19m in diameter; there are two kerb-stones on the S and what may be several others on the N & NE. A single earthfast stone is all that now remains of the surrounding stone circle." (5)  
 "See continuation card for further text."