

**Inverallan Chruchyard & Pictish Symbol Stone, NJ02NW0004 (Scheduled Ancient Monument)**

**Access Audit 138**

**Parish of Cromdale, Inverallan and Advie**

**Owner / Rep: Highland Council**

**Local contact: Mrs Gallagher, Protective Services, Kingussie, B&S**

**Description**

The graveyard is in a pleasant location beside the River Spey. The church has been knocked down but the graveyard contains some interesting artefacts: a Pictish symbol stone set into the western wall; a cross slab, known as the "Priest's Stone" (upright stone roughly in the centre of the graveyard, incised with a cross); a font, located in the north-east corner beside the entrance; and in the eastern wall, just south of the font, is a stone with a depression in the middle, which is supposed to have magical properties – water collected in it will cure warts, etc.. The graveyard is subject to quite severe rabbit burrowing, which is hardly in the best possible taste – bones turning up in the excavated soil.

**Pros**

Well located (near to Grantown), and a popular spot with visitors

Parking already in existence

Scheduled Ancient Monument, so afforded protection by HS

Owned by Highland Council

**Cons**

None

**Proposals**

Inspected by HS monument warden in October, 1999, who is recommending remedial works: attention must be paid to rabbit disturbance within the graveyard, recommended work on the exterior wall; The tree by the entrance should be pruned or removed; the site should be rescheduled to accommodate all of the monuments. This work will be funded by Historic Scotland and/or Protective Services, Highland Council. This site should be included on the churches and chapels leaflet.

Costs

**Signposting - £250**

**Inclusion in the "Churches and Chapels" leaflet**

Bibliography