

16. FORT WILLIAM - DAIL NA CARAIDH EXCAVATIONS
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There had been circulated report dated 9th September, 1984 by the Director of Libraries and Leisure Services on the final season of excavation work on the early Bronze Age axe hoards and associated religious complex at Dial Na Caraidh near Fort William. The report indicated that during July and August an area extending to 100 sq metres had been excavated and investigated. To some extent, the results had been disappointing as the main finds had been shown to be not directly related to the deposition of the hoards. Human activity in the early Bronze Age had been further indicated by the recovery of a quantity of unusual micro-tools of both quartz and a flint-like variety of chert and these would now be examined in detail by a specialist. The importance of the site in British terms remained undiminished and several studies were now underway as a result of the excavation work and discoveries which had taken place in the area. The entire exercise over the past three years had been extremely successful both as a venture and in bringing Highland Archaeology to the attention of a much wider audience. A full report was in preparation and would be published in due course.

The Committee NOTED the position.