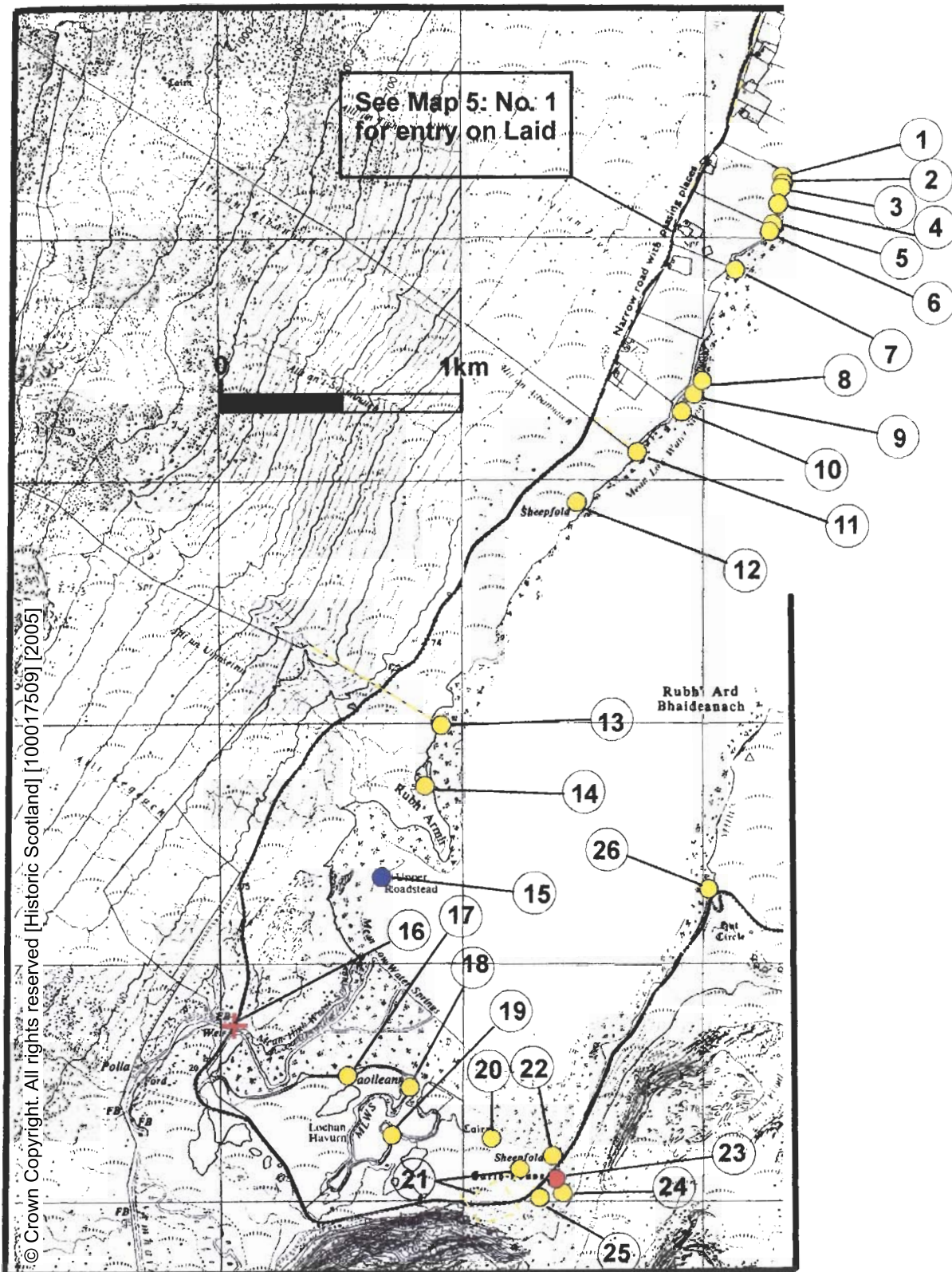
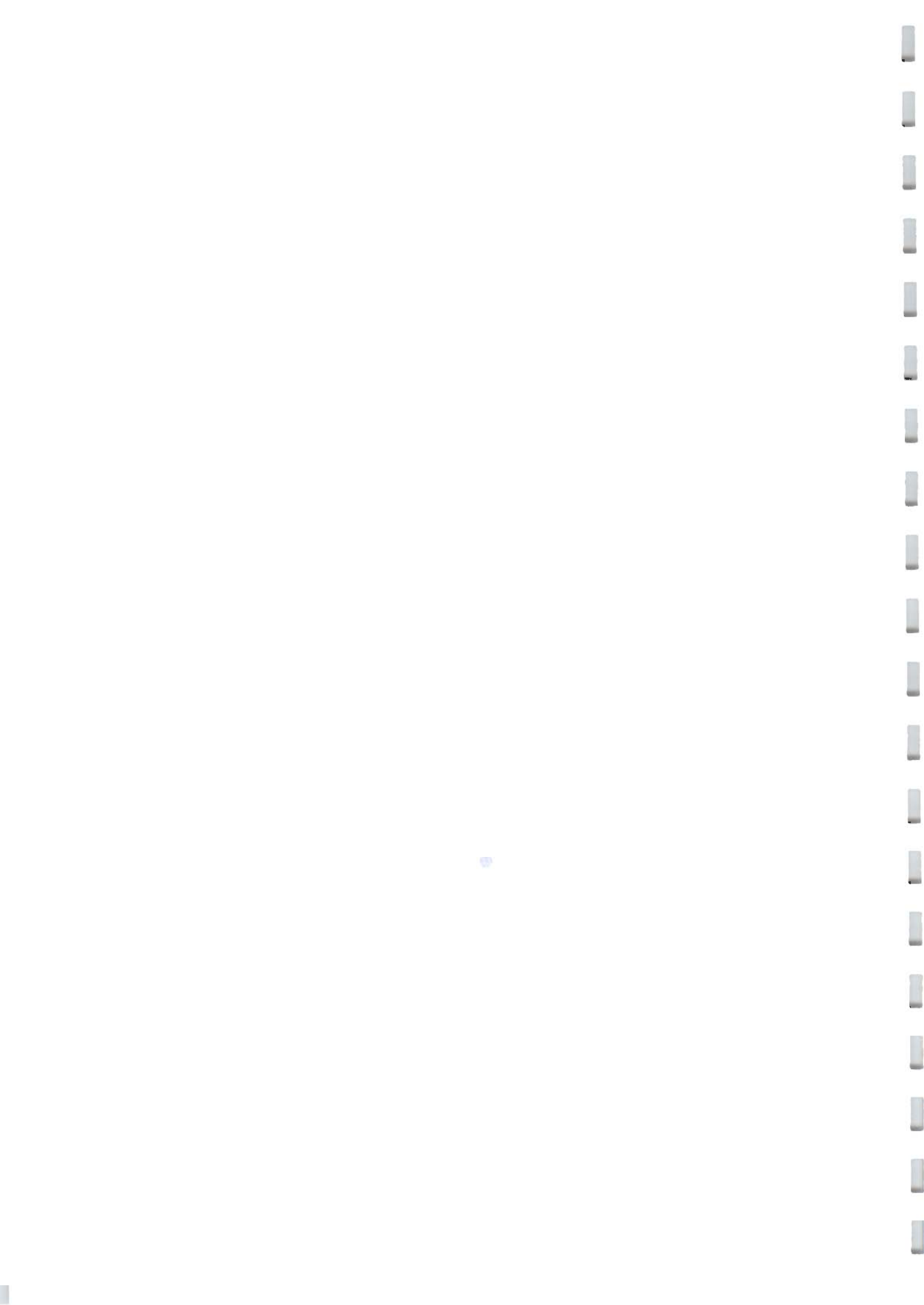


Map 6 : NC 45/55 & NC 25/35

Surveyed September/October 1997





6.0 Map 6

1. Laid

G/R: NC 4135 5837
Location: Coast-edge at HWM and Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Noust; Dyke
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: Side-by-side and cut into the turf are two boat-nousts. The S example is 1.25 m deep and measures 7 m E-W by 3.5 m internally and has been revetted at the SE and N. The N example measures 6 m E-W by 2.5 m internally and stone revetment is visible at the NE and SE. Extending from just S of the first noust is a tumbled stone dyke which runs on to the beach for 6 m. There is then a 4 m gap to a linear spread of very large boulders which continues the line of the dyke. This linear feature runs for c 30 m NE-SW along the intertidal zone about 5 m in front of the nousts. This feature is 1-2 m wide and has a gap in the middle adjacent to the S noust with two lines extending E in to the water at either side. This is clearly a slipway and sea-defence for the nousts. The N noust is more tumbled than the S and may be older. This whole complex is subject to erosion from the sea.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Survey

2. Laid

G/R: NC 4135 5826
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: ?Dykes
Date: Unknown

Description: Located S of a burn draining into the Loch is a stretch of turf-clad bank with some stone apparent in the fabric. This bank runs N-S parallel to the coast for 4 m before curving inland at the N end. There is a small area of possible stone revetment at the N, between this feature and the burn. The bank is 0.6 m wide. There is another length of turf-clad stone bank 2 m to the E of this. These may be the degraded remnants of field-dykes.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

3. Laid

G/R: NC 4135 5828
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Noust
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: Cut into the turf at the coast-edge are the remnants of a boat-noust measuring 4 m E-W by 3 m. The edges of this noust have been dry-stone revetted. This revetment is most visible at the S where 4 courses (0.5 m high) can be seen. This site is suffering erosion from the Loch.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

4. Laid

G/R: NC 4130 5828
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: ?Structure
Date: Unknown

Description: Within a hollow in the turf that measures 11.5 m N-S there are a number of very faint, badly eroded structural remains. Two lines of stones are visible, the first being 5 m from the N end of the hollow and runs E-W for 2 m. The second line of stones is 1-1.5 m S of the first and is visible over 3.5 m as it curves to the S. The NE edge of this hollow is delineated by a very faint turf-and-stone bank which runs N-S for 3.5 m before having been eroded away totally. The N edge of the hollow is delineated by a prominent turf bank which stands 0.4 m high running E-W. A dried-out stream bed runs into this hollow. There is too little remaining of these features to identify this site to type of structure or date.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

5. Laid

G/R: NC 4130 5805
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Possible noust
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: At the landward edge of a pebble beach is a 3 m E-W by 2.5 m area defined by turf banks up to 1 m high. This may be the very badly eroded remnants of a boat-noust.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

6. Laid

G/R: NC 4130 5803
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Noust
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: At the landward edge of a pebble beach is a boat-noust measuring 5 m N-S by 6 m inside 1.3 m high turf-clad stone and gravel banks. There is a small entrance through the banks at the landward side.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Survey

7. Laid

G/R: NC 4120 5780
Location: Intertidal zone and coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Pier or slipway; noust
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: A pier or one edge of a stone-lined slipway, one course high, which extends across the intertidal zone for up to 15 m. This feature projects from a dry-stone noust which measures 6 m E-W by 5 m and which stands to 1 m high. The noust has been cut into the turf and revetted on three sides. The internal area has been split into two compartments; the S half having a corrugated iron roof supported on wooden poles and housing a fibreglass boat, buoys and nets; the N half is enclosed and locked with a wooden door and presumably is a store for more expensive material. At the W (rear) of the noust is a cast-iron boat-winch, 1 m high on a 0.85 m by 0.85 m base.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Survey

8. Laid

G/R: NC 4100 5738
Location: Coast-edge at HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Building; enclosure
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: A ruined dry-stone structure measuring 5 m N-S by 2 m and abutted on the E by an enclosure which measures 8 m E-W by 5 m. The enclosure has an entrance at the SW corner. The tumble filling the structure consists of some large boulders and a large quantity of small angular rubble. The wall footings are 1 m wide and consist of an inner and outer face with rubble core standing to 1-2 courses. This may have been a boat-house or fisherman's hut.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Nil

9. Laid

G/R: NC 4090 5727
Location: Coast-edge at HWM and Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Pier or slipway; noust
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: A pier or one edge of a stone-lined slipway, one course high, which runs across the intertidal zone for at least 15 m. This feature runs from a boat-noust cut from the coast-edge turf which is still in use.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

10. Laid

G/R: NC 4090 5728
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Pier or slipway
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: A pier or one edge of a stone-lined slipway, one course high, runs across the intertidal zone for at least 15 m.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

11. Laid

G/R: NC 4070 5710
Location: Intertidal zone and Hinterland
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Dykes
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: On sloping peat-bog is a stone dyke which marks the S edge of the township of Laid. This dyke runs SE-NW and has been replaced by a modern fence. The dyke extends 9 m E of the fence and turns in a right-angle to run NE for 2 m to form a revetted platform which probably marked the corner of the field. There is also a fragmentary dyke of large boulders on the beach which extends 15 m SE-NW into the water, the SE of which is marked by a large boulder. It is unclear whether this feature is in the intertidal zone by design or through erosion.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Survey

12. Laid

G/R: NC 4047 5691
Location: Hinterland, c 30-40 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW
Site Type: Sheep-fold
Date: Post-Improvement/Modern

Description: On the sloping peat bog to the S of the township of Laid, is a sheep-fold which measures c 31 m N-S by c 8 m. This fold is essentially tri-partite with the S compartment measuring 15 m N-S by 8 m. The middle compartment is 13 m N-S by 6 m and has a T-shaped partition wall in the N half which creates three separate spaces within the compartment which can be accessed one to the next. At the N end of the fold there is a 3 m N-S by 6 m compartment which has a 3.5 N-S by 3 m extension at the W. The stream which runs past the N edge of this site is channelled through the extension and into a dip pool in the third compartment. This pool has wooden revetment on its sides and the run-off from the pool back to the stream is stone- revetted. The walls of this fold stand to 1 m high and are in good condition. The height from the top of the walls to the bottom of the dip pool is 2 m. This fold was clearly used for holding sheep prior to dipping them.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Nil

13. Rubh' Armlì

G/R: NC 3995 5598 (centred)
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 NE
Site Type: Landing-place (possible)/boundary
Date: Unknown (?Post-Medieval)

Description: In the intertidal zone in Loch Eriboll there is a length of dry-stone walling evident over a 22 m stretch. This feature is on the same line as a modern fence which runs up into the hills at the W. The remnants of this site are covered in seaweed and barnacles and is clearly entirely submerged at high tide. The walling is 0.7-1 m wide, being at its widest at the landward end, and survives to a maximum of 2 -3 courses or less than 0.5 m high. The line of the walling runs E-W before curving to the N c 17 m from the landward end. This feature is very ruinous and is being pulled apart by water action. This feature may be an additional landing-place to that noted in the NMRS, but the six digit grid reference supplied for this makes it difficult definitively to tie in the two (see no 15 below). Alternatively, it may simply be the remnants of a boundary formerly on land, but now in an inundated area.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

14. Rubh' Armlì

G/R: NC 3986 5775
Location: At coast edge
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 NE
Site Type: Structure
Date: Post-Improvement
NMRS Number: NC 35 NE 8

Description: On the W-facing side of a promontory is a very ruinous structure which measures 10 m by 2.5 m inside 1 m wide walls. The walls are boulder-constructed with an inner and outer face to a rubble core. The walls are 2-3 courses high or 0.6 m maximum. The N third of the structure is partitioned off. There is an entrance in the E wall which leads into the larger part of the structure with the partition on the right of the entrance. This structure is now on the beach with no turf on the seaward side and the seaweed-marked HWM only 1.5 m from the E wall.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Monitor

15. Loch Eriboll, Upper Roadstead

G/R: NC 396 554
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 NE
Site Type: Landing place (possible)
Date: Unknown
NMRS Number: NC 35 NE 7

Description: There is no apparent archaeological site to associate with the place name discussed by Graham & Gordon (1987, 320)

Condition: N/A
Recommendation: Nil

16. Polla Bridge

G/R: NC 3905 5473
Location: Spanning Amhainn an t-Stratha Bhig
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 SE
Site Type: Bridge
Date: c 1830
NMRS Number: NC 35 SE 1
Listed - C (S)

Description: A rubble, twin-arched bridge which carries the current road over the river. The central supporting column of this bridge is cemented to bedrock in the middle of the river and carries a span of some 25 m. This column protrudes from either side in a diamond shape. The side walls of the bridge are 0.4 m thick and the road surface is 3.5 m wide within these walls. There are drainage outlets 3 m from the N end on either side. There are curving, stone constructed revetments at the river banks where the bridge ends rest at the SE, SW and NW. The river bank at the NE is dominated by natural bedrock. This bridge was financed by the Marquis of Stafford's road improvements c. 1830 (Beaton, 1995, 92). The bridge has been heavily repointed with concrete mortar which may have a detrimental effect on the masonry. There are several cracks evident on the interior wall faces at either side of the road surface but particularly at the N end of the W side.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Monitor

17. Faoileann

G/R: NC 3951 5454
Location: Hinterland, less than 10 m from HWM
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 SE
Site Type: Building complex
Date: Post-Medieval
NMRS Number: NC 35 SE 4

Description: Situated on a grassy plateau at the head of Loch Eriboll, this site is a single unroofed, post-medieval building. The building survives to the top of the gable at the E end but has collapsed at the W. The structure measures 6.4 m by 5.1 m and has a door opening in the long wall facing the Loch. There are adjoining outhouses or yards at the E end and the land facing long wall. These features measure 2.5 m by 2 m with an open end. There are possible further very fragmentary remains to the W of this structure but the area is largely obscured by collapse from the gable. The RCAHMS have registered this site in the NMRS on the basis of a desk-top survey of the 1st ed. OS map series on which this site appears as an unroofed, bi-compartmental structure. The site has not been previously field inspected. This structure is collapsing.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Survey

18. Lochan Havurn:

G/R: NC 3979 5449
Location: Hinterland, 20 m from HWM
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 SE
Site Type: Stone setting
Date: Unknown

Description: A small, horseshoe-shaped setting of stones located at the W side of the outflow of the lochan into Loch Eriboll. This feature measures 1 m by 2 m with the sides being 0.3 m wide and resembles a hearth.

Condition: Good.
Recommendation: Survey

19. Lochan Havurn

G/R: NC 3968 5429
Location: HWM and Hinterland
1:10 000 Map: NC 35 SE
Site Type: ?Dry-stone dyke
Date: Unknown

Description: A possible dry-stone dyke located across the neck of a natural promontory at the SE of the tidal Lochan Havurn. This feature is 1 m wide and up to 0.4 m high and can be traced for 26 m as it curves round the neck of the promontory. The line of this feature is very fragmentary and it may actually represent a natural rock formation.

Condition: Fair.
Recommendation: Survey

20. Loch Eriboll (S):

G/R: NC 4010 5428
Location: Hinterland, 50 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Cairns
Date: Prehistoric
NMRS Number: NC 45 SW 1

Description: On flat, marshy ground at the head of Loch Eriboll is a small cairn as described in the NMRS after site visits by OS (AC) in 1959 and 1978 (NKB). Also noted by this survey was the possible remnants of another cairn approximately 50 m N of this at the edge of the loch. The measurements of this cairn are 10 m across, extending 2 m inland and standing 0.5 m high. This feature is now mostly eroded away into the loch.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Monitor

21. Loch Eriboll (Fouhlin)

G/R: NC 4025 5412
Location: Hinterland, 100 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Buildings; longhouse
Date: Post-Medieval
NMRS Number: NC 45 SW 8

Description: This deserted settlement is broadly as described in the NMRS after a site visit by OS (NKB) in 1978. There are three structures at this site, including two possible longhouses. The S example measures 17.5 m by 3 m internally (as described in the NMRS) and the N example, located to the NW of the first structure, measures 18 m by 4 m externally. The third structure abutts the latter at the E and measures 4 m by 2.5 m externally. There is a 6 m stretch of walling running N from the NE corner of the first building described, presumably enclosing a yard. There are a number of rigs/ 'lazy beds' to the S of this building complex which are probably associated. A possible head-dyke is also visible in this area, although it seems to run over the top of the cultivation remains (pers comm A Morrison)

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Survey

22. Loch Eriboll (Fouhlin)

G/R: NC 4036 5422 (centred)
Location: HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Bank and ditch
Date: Post-Medieval

Description: On an area of flat ground at the head of the loch is a low bank with a ditch on the seaward side. This feature is evident between the water's edge and the corner of a sheepfold 60 m to the WNW inland. The bank has a spread of 1 m and is 0.3 m high. The ditch is 0.5 m high. Although this feature meets the water's edge there is little apparent erosion.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Monitor

23. Loch Eriboll (Fouhlin)

G/R: NC 4038 5409
Location: Hinterland, c 80 m above HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Souterrain
Date: Iron Age
NMRS Number: NC 45 SW 2
Scheduled

Description: On a raised area of ground at the head of the loch this site is essentially as described in the NMRS after a site visit by OS in 1978 (NKB). Nothing is now visible as the souterrain was blocked off and is overgrown. The hut-circles referred to in the NMRS are difficult to identify with confidence.

Condition: Unknown
Recommendation: Nil

24. Loch Eriboll (Fouhlin)

G/R: NC 4041 5404
Location: Hinterland, c 120 m above HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Building
Date: Post-Medieval/Modern
NMRS Number: NC 45 SW 9

Description: On raised ground at the head of the loch, this site of shieling-grounds is as described in the NMRS through a letter from K Reid to OS in 1978 and a site visit by OS (NKB) in 1978. Now very overgrown with bracken.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Monitor

25. Loch Eriboll (Fouhlin)

G/R: NC 4032 5402
Location: Hinterland, c 140 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 45 SW
Site Type: Possible hut-circle
Date: Prehistoric

Description: On low-lying ground at the head of the loch are the ruins of a possible hut-circle. This is under heavy bracken cover and as such is very difficult to discern fully, but has been identified as such by A Morrison (pers comm).

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Survey

26. Loch Eriboll (E)

G/R: NC 4103 5534

Location: At HWM

1:10 560 Map: NC 45 NW

Site Type: Building

Date: Post-Medieval

Description: On a small, flat grassy area adjacent to the rocky beach on the shore of Loch Eriboll the remains of a dry-stone building were found. It measured 7.1 m long and 0.75 m thick at the SE end, but otherwise 0.6 m thick. The building is 3.9 m wide and the surviving height of the wall varies from 0 - 0.75 m. The SW end of the building sits right on the shore and is badly eroding into the Loch.

Condition: Poor

Recommendation: Survey/Rescue

