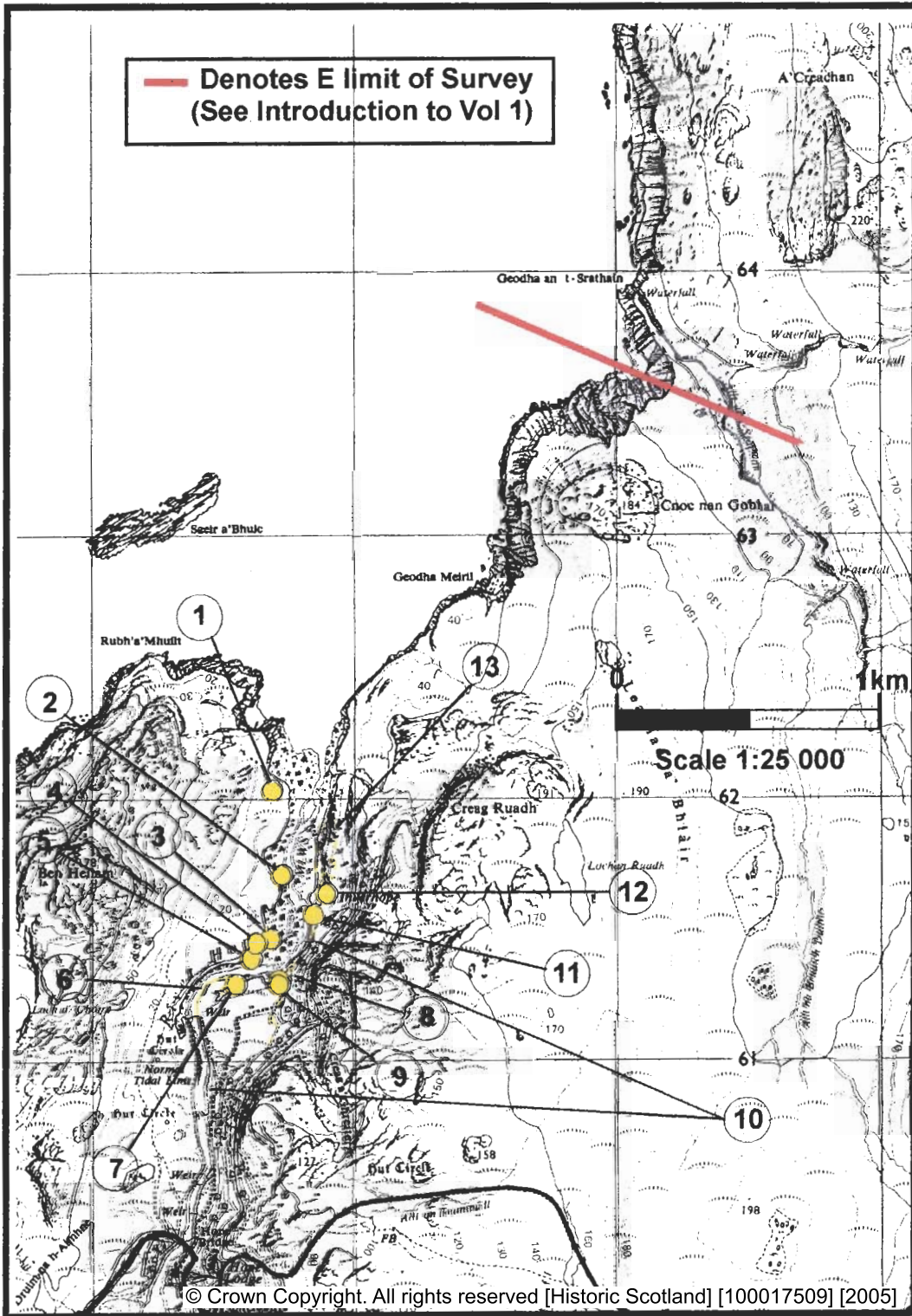
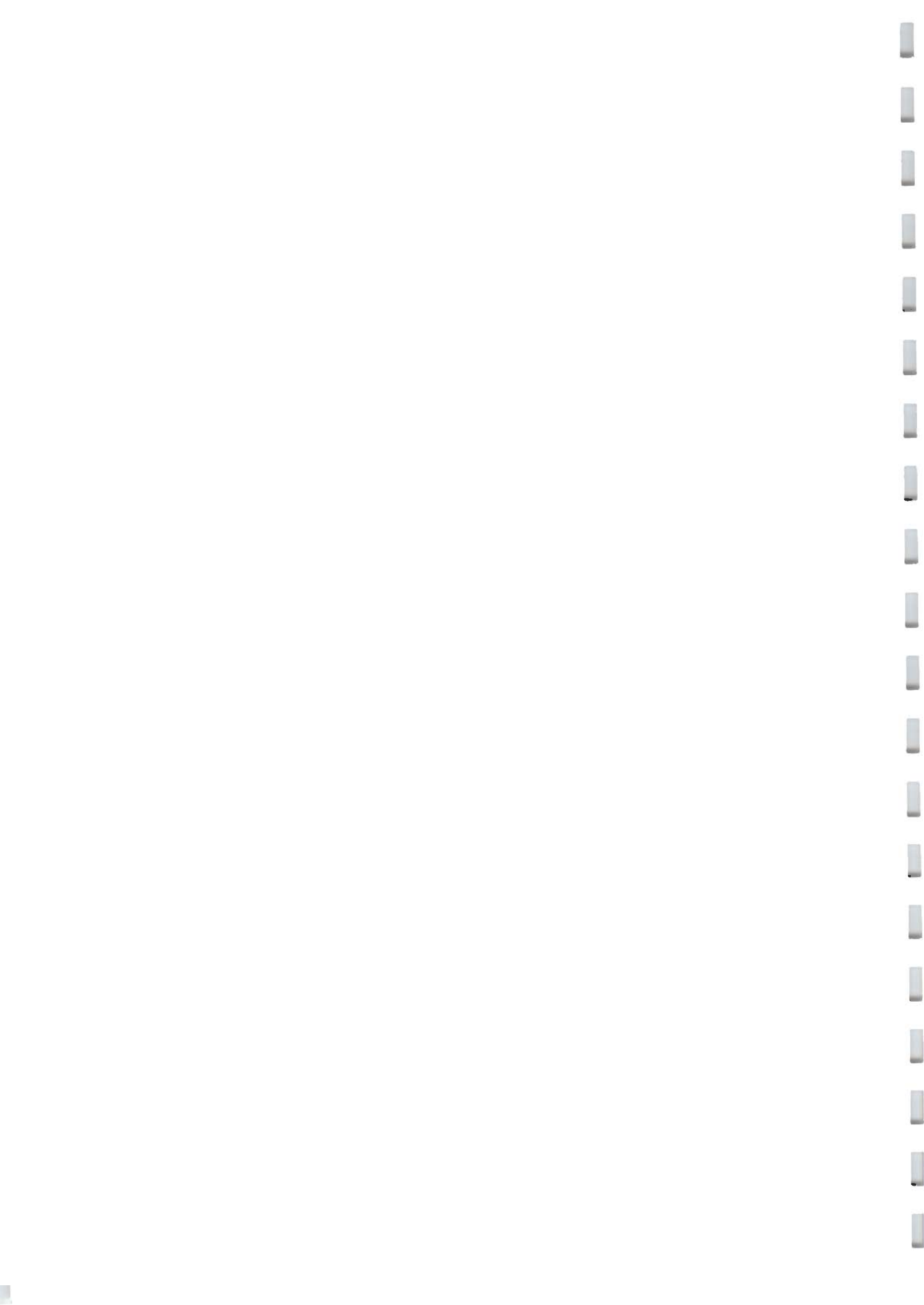


Map 7 : NC 46/56

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7.0 Map 7

1. River Hope

G/R: NC 4772 6206
Location: Hinterland, 17 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Possible structure
Date: Unknown

Description: On a grassed, raised beach is an oval setting of stones which measures 6 m NE-SW by 1 m wide internally. The turf-clad bank is 1 m wide and very low and has boulders and small stones intermittently visible. There is a possible entrance at the SW. This is a probable structure of unknown date or function.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

2. River Hope

G/R: NC 4774 6119 (first piling)
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: ?Fish-Traps
Date: ?C20th

Description: Along the low-tide bank of the river is a N-S alignment of 4 pilings at 50 m intervals which are 0.6 m high. These may be the remnants of a largely degraded fish-trap. The wood of these pilings is rotting and the features are covered with seaweed.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Nil

3. River Hope

G/R: NC 4768 6148
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Possible building
Date: Unknown

Description: In the intertidal zone of the river are the totally ruinous remains of a possible structure which measured 13 m N-S by 3 m. All that is left is a concentration of large stones collapsed on to smaller stones. Everything else has been washed away by the tide and the action of the river.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Nil

4. River Hope

G/R: NC 4764 6146
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Slipway or noust
Date: ?Post-medieval

Description: Two piles of stones in the intertidal zone of the river that are oriented E-W and which would appear to represent the eroded remnants of an area cleared for a slipway or boat-noust. The piles are composed of stones of 0.2-0.3 m in diameter, are 5 m long and with a 4 m gap between. This site has been largely washed away by the tidal and riverine action.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Monitor

5. River Hope

G/R: NC 4760 6140
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Possible fish-weir; possible causeway
Date: Unknown

Description: Located in the salt-marsh intertidal zone is a linear stone feature, one course high and meandering for up to 36 m from the coast edge to the LWM of the River Hope. This would appear to be either a fish-weir or a causeway across the mud to the river at low tide. This feature has either eroded the salt-marsh to the N of or protected an area to the S which has allowed the salt-marsh to form as this is the only area adjacent to this feature where it is evident.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey

6. River Hope

G/R: NC 4750 6133
Location: Coast-edge and intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Revetment; fish weir
Date: Unknown

Description: On the E bank of the river is a length of revetment which runs for 109 m and is extremely fragmentary. In sections, this survives to 4 courses (0.7 m high) and in others it has all but disappeared. The area it revets is salt marsh on the landward side. The revetment follows the coast but at the S end it may actually form part of a landing-place which is a cleared area 5 m E-W and 10 m N-S. There is a fish-weir 7 m to the S of this point which is stone-built and straddles the river from bank to bank.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Monitor

7. River Hope

G/R: NC 4756 6133
Location: Intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Possible fish-trap
Date: Unknown

Description: On the E bank of the river, straddling two tidal arms, is a 12 m long line of stones (on average 0.5 m by 0.4 m by 0.25 m) running E-W and blocking off a small bay at low tide. This may have been a low tide fish-trap which has been partially washed away by the tide and the river.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Nil

8. River Hope

G/R: NC 4760 6134
Location: Coast-edge and intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Revetment
Date: Unknown

Description: On the S bank of a small E-W running tributary at the E of the river is a length of revetment which follows the bank of that tributary for 19 m and continues out into the intertidal zone for 26 m. At the bank of the tributary the revetment has mostly tumbled and survives to three courses maximum. In the intertidal zone this feature is marked by a fragmentary stone alignment surviving to one course. The last 7 m of this feature in the intertidal zone bends to the S and at this point it survives to two courses. If all of this feature was once on dry land, then clearly this area has heavily eroded.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Monitor

9. Inverhope

G/R: NC 4767 6133
Location: Hinterland, c 20 m above HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Ice-House
Date: C19th

Description: At the mouth of a small burn feeding into the River Hope is a bi-compartmental structure built from well dressed, mortared stone blocks. This structure has been built in an area that has been quarried out of sloping ground so that the ground surface at the front is at the level of the entrance but the ground surface at the rear is at the level of the roof. This structure is approximately 10.5 m long by 4.5 m wide externally and stands to 4.5 m high and is in a good state of preservation. The interior of the structure has a barrel-vaulted ceiling that is still intact and both compartments have a pebble-cobbled floor clearly visible through accumulating mud deposits. The structure is entered through a 3.5 m by 2.5 m (internally) courtyard which is enclosed by 1.5 m high walls. The interior floor surface of this yard is partially obscured with tumble, debris and undergrowth. The doorway into this courtyard is at the NE and on the same alignment as the doorway into the first compartment of the structure. This room measures 3.5 m wide by 2.5 m internally and has a dividing wall with two openings to the second compartment. The first is high in the centre of the wall at the level of the roof and the other is a doorway at the right-hand side of the room. The rear compartment is bigger than the first and measures 3.5 m wide by 5 m. There is an opening on the back wall which is at the level of the roof and takes the form of a chute from the raised ground-surface at the rear of the building, feeding into this compartment. This is clearly where the ice would have been delivered, with access gained to the chute at the rear via the raised ground into which this structure has been built. The ice-house is effectively a subterranean structure which presumably would have helped to maintain a low temperature. There are no interior fittings within the structure although the iron door-hinges are still in place around the interior frames. This building may relate to fishing and the preservation of the catch.

There are several associated features outside the structure itself. At the N (front) of the courtyard there is a small ditch which skirts the structure and a small concrete step which straddles it at the entrance. Also at the rear of the structure is a deep channel cut through the turf, some 5-7 m from the chute. This area is very overgrown so it is difficult to ascertain whether or not this feature is related to this structure. It may be that there was a system of drainage-cuts to keep ground water from flooding the ice-house. Although this building is in good condition and structurally sound there is water dripping from the roof in the interior and the mortar is degrading due to the damp atmosphere. There are a number of trees, bushes and a thick covering of grass on the top of the roof, all of which will eventually either disturb the stonework via root-action or create a weight overburden which will bring the roof in. The burn which flows past the doorway and the River Hope itself have periodically burst through the natural banks and man-made revetments and encroached on the path in front of this building.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Monitor

10. Inverhope

G/R: NC 4772 6135 (S end); 4791 6200 (N end)
Location: Hinterland, from HWM to c 10 m above HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Revetted pathway
Date: Unknown

Description: Through wooded land following the E bank of the River Hope to Inverhope and the deserted settlement at the N of that is a pathway which has been revetted along certain stretches of its course at both the riverside and at the upslope, inland side. This path is up to 1.5-2 m wide and the ground has been built up in places to create a level surface.

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Nil

11. Inverhope

G/R: NC 4785 6157
Location: Coast-edge and intertidal zone
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Slipway
Date: Post-Improvement

Description: This is an E-W running slipway demarcated by dry-stone walling either side of a cobbled landing. This slipway is 2.5 m wide and runs for 19 m. The landward 7 m of the landing is of turf and cobbles which gives way to two timbers measuring 2.5 m long by 0.1 m wide and thick, 2 m apart which run N-S. On the seaward side of these there is a 10 m stretch of cobbled surface extending down to the seaweed line. The tidal action has tumbled some of the surrounding walling. This site may be associated with Inverhope house (no 12 below).

Condition: Fair
Recommendation: Monitor

12. Inverhope

G/R: NC 4792 6166
Location: Hinterland, c 30-60 m above HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Building; enclosure
Date: C19th

Description: On a terrace above the E shore of the river is a building within a polygonal enclosure. The enclosure is dry-stone built and ranges from 1-2 m high, on average 10 courses, with minimal tumble along the walls. There is a quantity of tumble along the inside face of the walls which suggests that the walls have been repaired. The W wall is 73 m long and has a 2 m wide entrance, 19 m from the S wall. The S wall is 36 m long and turns to the N at the E end to run for 23 m. At this point the wall runs diagonally to the NW for 57 m before turning to run W for 11 m and join up with the first wall described. The building is at the NE of the enclosure, measures 10 m NW-SE by 6 m and is abutted by the diagonal wall. The building is of stone-and-mortar construction and has been faced with concrete. The slate roof is still in place - as are the chimney-stacks at either gable-end. There is some trace of agriculture at the N of the enclosure but the ground is mostly under bracken. Whilst this house is clearly not occupied, the door is locked shut and the windows are blocked, so it may be used seasonally. This is in good condition and only shows signs of the natural ageing process for a building.

Condition: Good
Recommendation: Monitor

13. Inverhope

G/R: NC 4779 6190 (centred)
Location: HWM and Hinterland, c 10 m from HWM
1:10 560 Map: NC 46 SE
Site Type: Deserted settlement
Date: Post-Medieval

Description: Located on a plateau overlooking the mouth of the River Hope is an extensive deserted settlement. This is comprised of at least five structures strung out N-S along a narrow terrace between steep slopes down to the shore at the W and up to the hinterland at the E. The most northerly structure in the complex is represented by rectangular stone foundations measuring 10 m by 3.5 m externally. The walls are 0.75 m thick, stand to one course high and consist of rough quartzite and limestone blocks. There is no obvious entrance and no visible internal features. There is not a great quantity of tumble in the area, so this may have been a turf structure on stone footings. These remnants are heavily covered in moss, bracken and heather.

Approximately 45 m to the S of this is a possible rectangular structure which measures 6 m N-S by 2.5 m. These remnants are similar to the first in that they are characterised by rough stone blocks, one course high with little tumble evident. Some sections of the walling are missing. Walling is evident below the heather and bracken at the S, E and W and, although the W wall curves to the N, there is a gap in this area and the wall does not link with the E side. There is stone evident by probing below the turf at the N end. The walls of this structure are 0.7-0.8 m wide and stand to 0.2 m high at the E and 0.4 m high at the W. These foundations are heavily overgrown with moss, bracken and heather.

Located approximately 27 m to the S of this (at NC 4791 6174) is a possible corn-drier. This building is 7 m N-S by 4 m and is constructed from quartzite blocks standing three courses high. The N end has squared corners and the S end is rounded. This S end would appear to be the bowl of the corn-drier and, although much obscured by tumble, the semi-circular outer face and the interior circular face are partially visible. The bowl is up to 0.5 m deep though filled with tumble so it would have been higher and deeper. Again this site is covered with moss, bracken and heather.

The most southerly element of this complex is a longhouse and enclosure. The longhouse is 22 m long N-S by 5 m over walls 1 m thick and rarely surviving higher than 2 courses (0.5 m). There is a large quantity of tumble at the W of the structure and at either gable-end as well as around the central dividing wall. There are two possible entrances, leading into either compartment, in the W wall and one leading into the N compartment in the E wall. Little else of the structural detail can be ascertained.

There is a large, irregular shaped enclosure which abutts this longhouse at the E side. This covers an area approximately 18 m N-S by 11 m. The enclosure-wall utilises bedrock outcrops to the E and the wall survives in places up to 3-4 courses (1 m) high though reduced to one course in patches. There is a pathway through the enclosure which runs through gaps in the walling and this may be contemporary. Alternatively this may be a post-abandonment sheep-track with the walling deliberately levelled. This trackway runs intermittently from Inverhope House at the S, past all the structures here described. There is also a clearance-cairn on the slope to the W of the longhouse but no other signs of cultivation. This structure and its environs are heavily covered with moss and bracken and sheep-grazing in the area is having a detrimental effect on the remains.

There is one further structure to be considered in conjunction with those already mentioned above. This lies on the shingle beach down-slope from the nucleus of the settlement (at NC 4786 6175) and is characterised as a rectangular, mortared stone ruin measuring 11 m N -S by 5 m. The walls stand to a maximum height of 1.1 m, although some parts have been reduced to one course, and are 0.6 m wide. There is an internal dividing-wall creating two similar-sized compartments and a possible entrance in the W wall leading into the N compartment. This ruin is clearly being eroded at high tide and during storms.

At the S of the settlement (at NC 4790 6182) is a stretch of stone-and-turf field dyke which runs N-S for c 32 m, is 1.5 m wide and 0.5 m high. This dyke has mostly tumbled down and has been cut by sheep tracks. This would appear to be the most southerly element of the deserted settlement and should be surveyed with it.

Condition: Poor
Recommendation: Survey/Rescue