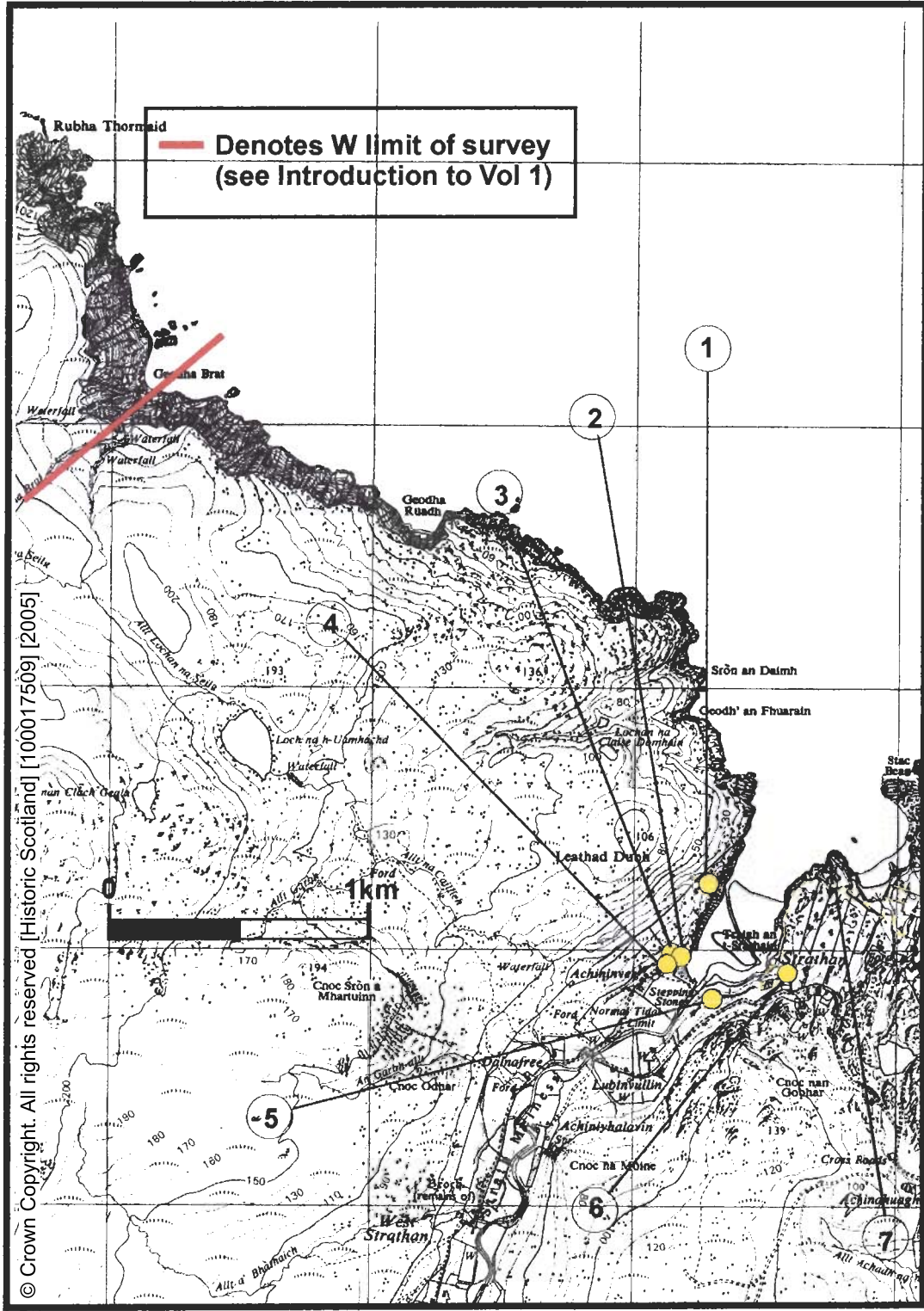
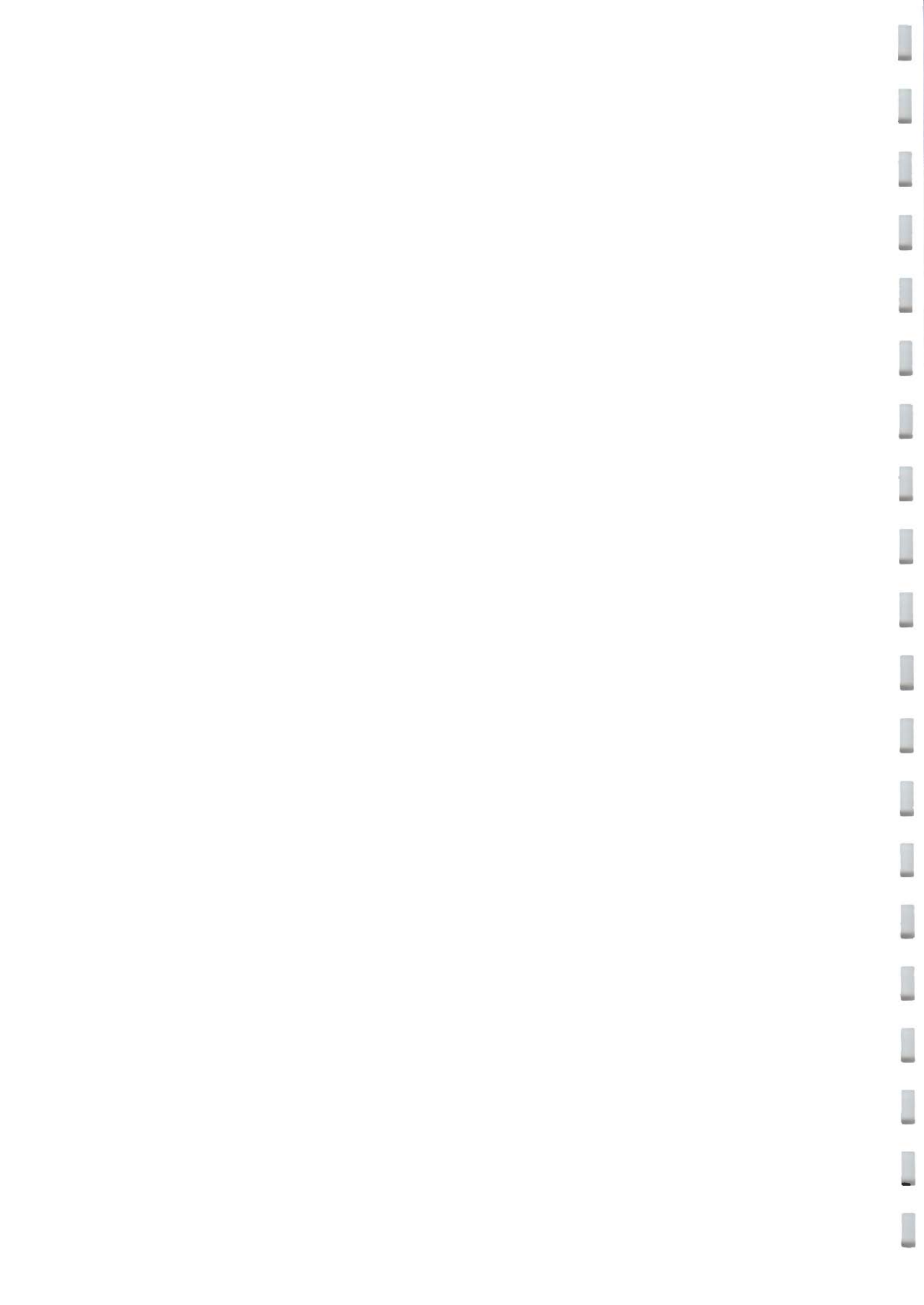


**Map 9 : NC 46/56**

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## 9.0 Map 9

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### 1. Traigh an t-Srathain

**G/R:** NC 5729 6527  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 20 m above HWM  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 NE  
**Site Type:** Bridge  
**Date:** ?Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a grassy slope above the beach lies a bridge over a small burn which is made from a single, flat slab propped up on stones on the north side of the burn. The bridge measures 1.2 m long and 0.56 m wide.

**Condition:** Good  
**Recommendation:** Survey

### 2. Achininver

**G/R:** NC 5718 6498  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 20 m above beach  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** Dykes  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** Situated on a grassy slope above the storm-beach lie two field-walls running N-S along the contour. The S section of walling is partially turf-clad and built of small boulders. Standing 1 m high with three courses, it is shadowed along its W edge by modern fencing. Approximately 20 m from the beach this section of walling turns sharply to the N to join the modern fence junction c 15 m away. The walling to the N is in a more ruinous condition and follows the line of the walling to the S of it. This section runs along its W side for 12 m, turning - as does the southern section - to run NE for 20 m. The two sections of walling are 25 m apart. These walls may have been used to canalise the stream nearby, part of which is still visible between the two walls.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Survey

### 3. Achininver

**G/R:** NC 5712 6495  
**Location:** Hinterland  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** Scooped feature  
**Date:** ?Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a grassy slope beside the storm-beach, a scooped sub-rectangular feature is located. This is defined by low banks on the W, N and S sides, and on the E a line of sporadic stones suggest that a wall may have crossed the end of the building. The fabric of the banked walls appears to have been of turf-clad stone. Aligned down a slope and measuring 7 m by 4 m, the W half of the interior is sloping, with a distinct dip in the slope mid-way. The E half of the construction is flatter and appears to have been terraced into the slope. This may have been used as the platform for a shed or outbuilding.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Survey.

### 4. Achininver

**G/R:** NC 5713 6493  
**Location:** Hinterland  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** Buildings; field-systems  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a grassy slope on the W side of the beach is a series of field-systems and buildings. At the base of the wall on the top of the slope lie clearance-heaps, small mounds and scatters of stone along the length of the wall. To the E of these mounds, a linear bank or mound running 3.5 m downslope is located. This may possibly be a lynchet indicating a former ploughed field. At the most northerly point of this cluster of features lies a rectangular scoop, situated 10 m SW of site no 3 above. This scoop is defined by a cut up-slope and measures 5 m by 3 m, with a possible rough stone wall along the E side.

To the extreme S of this cluster lies a dry-stone building. This building consists of two rooms, each of the rooms containing several doorways: one on the N side of the W room and another on the S side of the E room; and a further doorway appears to have been situated in the W room on the S side but is now blocked up. The building appears to have been constructed using stone, timber and turf. Part of the walling still exists to a height of c 1.5 m, probably the original height of the building. The central wall between the two rooms still retains its gable superstructure of cut turfs to a height of c 0.5 m (ten courses extant at one point). The N wall of the building forms part of an enclosure-wall which is marked on the 1:10,560 map. The interior of the building is covered by grass with some stone tumble and there is paving under the turf in the W room. This could be a central hearth, as no evidence for a gable-hearth exists.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Survey NC 56 SE (C)

## 5. Strathan

**G/R:** NC 5730 6480  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 50 m from HWM  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** ?Dam/?Bridge  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a steeply-sloping hill overlooking Traigh an t-Srathain, either damming or spanning a stream flowing to the coast, are a number of angular blocks about 1 m wide. These have been placed into the water-course and, as they lie low enough for the water to flow over them, this may have been an attempt to divert or dam the stream. Alternatively, they may have been used as a stepping-stone across the water.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Nil

## 6. Strathan

**G/R:** (a) NC 5751 6487  
(b) NC 5759 6491  
(c) NC 5760 6495  
**Location:** Hinterland, between 10 and 60 m from head of beach  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** Building; Dyke; Bridge  
**Date:** Post-Medieval  
**NMRS Number:** NC 56 SE 27

**Description:** The township of Strathan is described in the NMRS from cartographic sources. Within the area of this survey, there were three features recorded:

- (a) Running from the W end of the township is a fragmentary stone-and-turf dyke with a number of large orthostats protruding. This dyke links up areas of outcrop until it reaches a point where it has been replaced by a more substantial dry-stone wall at the E end.
- (b) At the E of the section of dry-stone walling just described, there is a water-course which that walling turns to the N to follow, and indeed create a channel for. At the E of this is a building measuring 30 m NE-SW by 6 m. This building is tri-compartmental. The gables stand to their original height and the SW half of the building is still roofed. The middle compartment is unroofed and the third compartment is a 5 m extension abutting the NE end. The roofed end of the structure has been used as a shelter for stock. Immediately to the NW of this building is a revetted terrace, 20 m long and on the same orientation. The SE edge of the terrace is revetted against the higher ground in front of the building just described. There are also remnants of walling at the SW and NE corners. This may represent the remnants of a building-foundation replaced and stone-robbled by the more upstanding remains. There is further dry-stone walling at the NE of the first building described which run to the E to meet with an outcrop cliff-face and continues from that to the N.

(c) On the line of a path that runs to the N from the building just described is a dry-stone constructed bridge. This consists of two pillars of flat slabs 7 courses high at either side of the water-course which support a 3 m span that has a 3.8 m wide surface. The span is constructed from 3-4 courses of flat slabs, standing in total 1.2 m high above the water. The water-course itself has been lined with large, flat slabs on either bank and the whole feature is in good condition.

The features listed above should be surveyed with the rest of the township which lies inland from the coastal zone.

**Condition:** Poor/Fair  
**Recommendation:** Survey

#### **7. Strathan**

**G/R:** NC 5765 6480 (centred)  
**Location:** Coast-edge and Hinterland, extending inland for up to 400 m  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 56 SE  
**Site Type:** Township  
**Date:** Post-Medieval  
**NMRS Number:** NC 56 SE 27

**Description:** In the strip of land immediately adjacent to the sandy bay are the field-dykes marking the NW extremity of this township. These are dry-stone built and survive in places up to their original height (ie 12 courses or 1.5 m high). These dykes are frequently reduced to 3-4 courses at the sea-ward edges. The dyke which follows the coastline is being badly encroached upon by both sea and sand, and was clearly originally built both to delimit the field-system at the rear and as a sea-defence.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Survey