

MAP 33: BATHINGHOUSE BAY TO MULLOCK BAY

Hinterland Geology and Coastal Geomorphology: Part of this coastline forms the lower estuary of Kirkudbright Bay. The region eastwards from Port Muddle has an exposed southerly aspect. The hinterland geomorphology over this region contains fluvioglacial drift.. This breaks at Torrs Point where till covers visible rock to Port Muddle. Here marine deposits give way to glacial sands and gravels probably of Devensian age. At the head of Mullock Bay raised beach forms a steep cliff-edge. In general the cliff-edge is higher than 10m throughout this region. This overlooks wide rock platform, off-shore stacks and wide gullies. Both Port Muddle and Port Mullock lie on major fault lines dividing and enclosing differing geological units (Stone *et.al.* 1996).

Erosion Class: Owing to the very exposed position of this coastline and the formation of deep gullies and wide wave cut platforms it is classified as definitely eroding. The rate of erosion is considered to be slow. Sub-aerial weathering of the softer glacial deposits at the head of Mullock Bay gives rise to a series of terraced slopes.

Built Heritage & Archaeology: A range of sites, dating from the third millennium BC to the medieval period, comprising cup markings, an earthwork, a cave, a castle and a spring form the majority in this section of the coast. Although most are situated on the coastal edge none are visibly suffering from coastal erosion. Torrs Cave (Graham & Truckell, 1977, 141), however, could not be located in the rapid survey and doubts are raised as to its condition. The majority of the sites are also located within the Dundrennan Army Range and therefore little animal impact affects their condition.

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1. North of SHORE PLANTATION to PORT MUDDLE

NX 673 450

4km Cliff (< 10m)

Glacial drift and till over rock

This unit has a very irregular cliff-edge that becomes deeply incised towards the south. Rock platforms occur the length of this unit. Glacial drift contain facies of brecciated clay and greywackee. From Torrs Point the overlying hinterland geology is till .

2. PORT MUDDLE to NETHERLAW POINT

NX 705 436

3km

Cliff (> 10m)

Glacial sands and gravels, raised beach

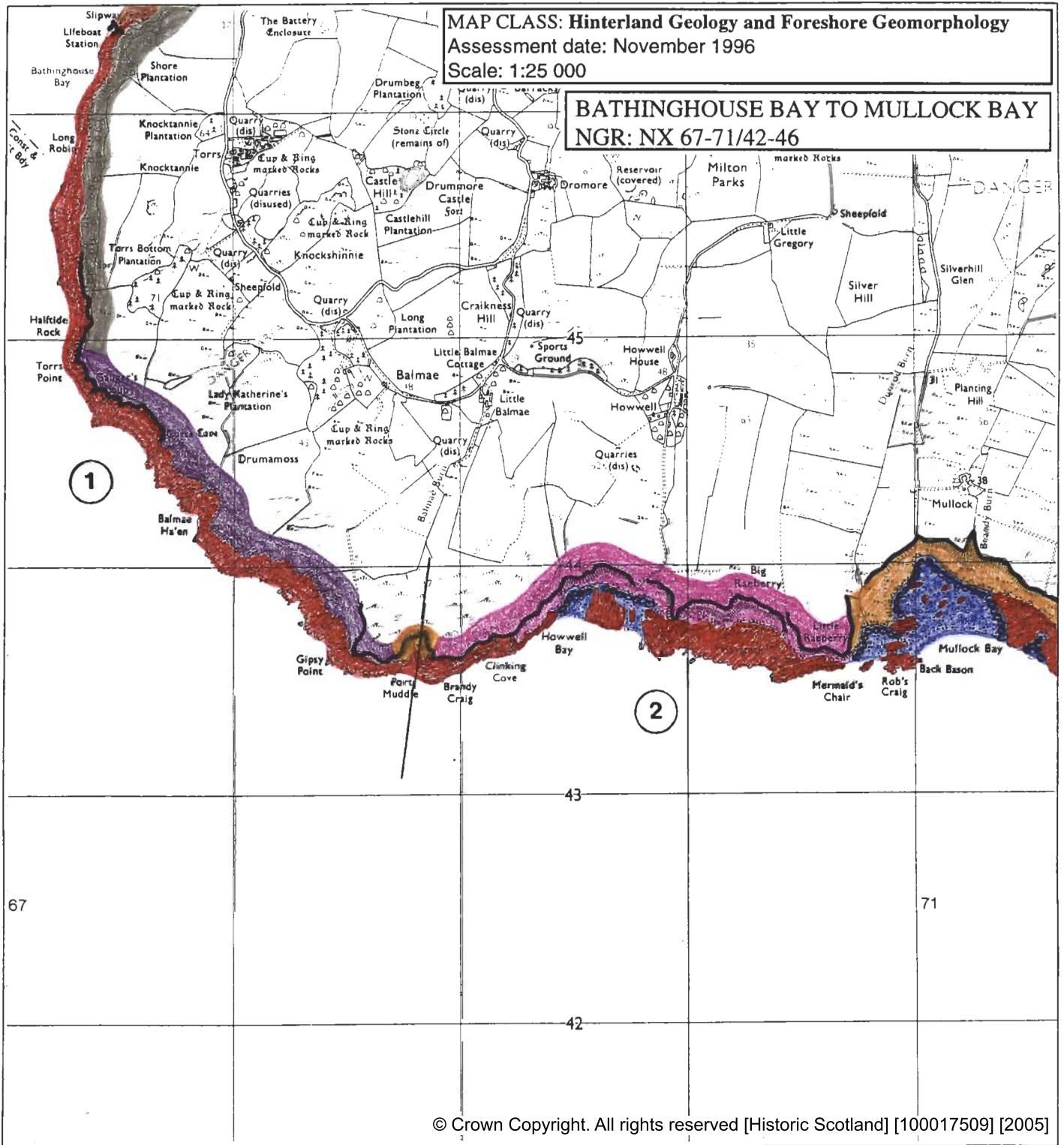
Port muddle is a small bay indented along a major fault line. The Hinterland geology is glacial sands and gravels overlying a high cliff-edge. Marine sands and gravels outcrop above Mullock Bay and overlie thinly bedded sandstones and mud stones. The cliff-edge gradient is steep. The foreshore consists of greywackee platforms exposed down to the MHWL with boulders and sand at Mullock Bay.

MAP CLASS: Hinterland Geology and Foreshore Geomorphology

Assessment date: November 1996

Scale: 1:25 000

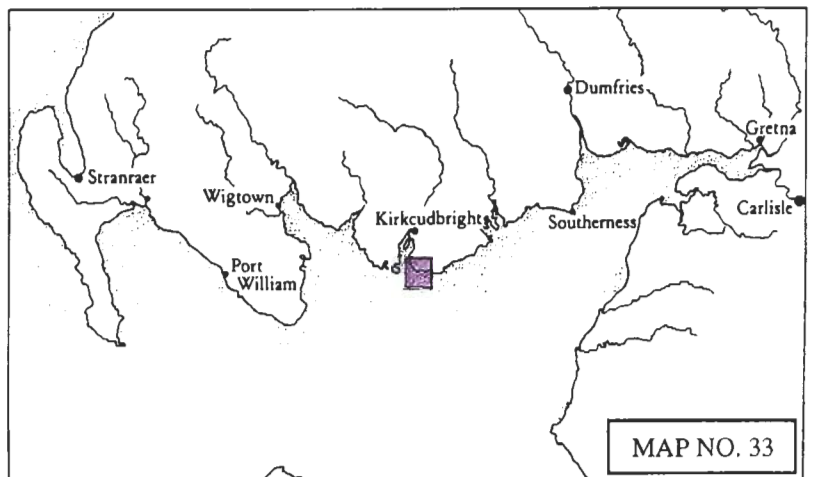
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Hinterland Geology	Derwent Code	Colour
Drift, boulder clay	French Grey	
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock	Dark Violet	
Raised beach and marine deposits	Golden Brown	
Blown sand	Pink Madder Lake	
Glacial sand and gravel	Magenta	
Alluvium	Emerald Green	
Coastal Geomorphology		
Mainly rock platform	Deep vermilion	
Mainly sand	Ultramarine	
Mainly alluvial/marine mud	Venetian Red	
Marsh	May Green	
Coast Edge		
Low edge (<5m)	Thin black line	
Cliff (>5m)	Solid black line	
Man made barrier	Black line with spines	
Shingle beach	Small circles	
Human disturbance	Black carats	



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MAP 33: EROSION

1. South of TORRS MOOR to HOWWELL BAY

NX 673 450

4km

Definitely eroding

This region of coastline is exposed to south westerly gales. The cliff-edge is very irregular and deeply incised. Rock platform is exposed at the MHW and is scoured by the effects of wave action. Cliff retreat is slow owing to the resilience of the underlying geology.

2. HOWELL BAY east to ROBS CRAIG

NX 270 436

1.5km

Definitely eroding

This unit has a very irregular cliff-edge. High rock platforms have been cut into deep gullies. The cliff is slowly eroding.

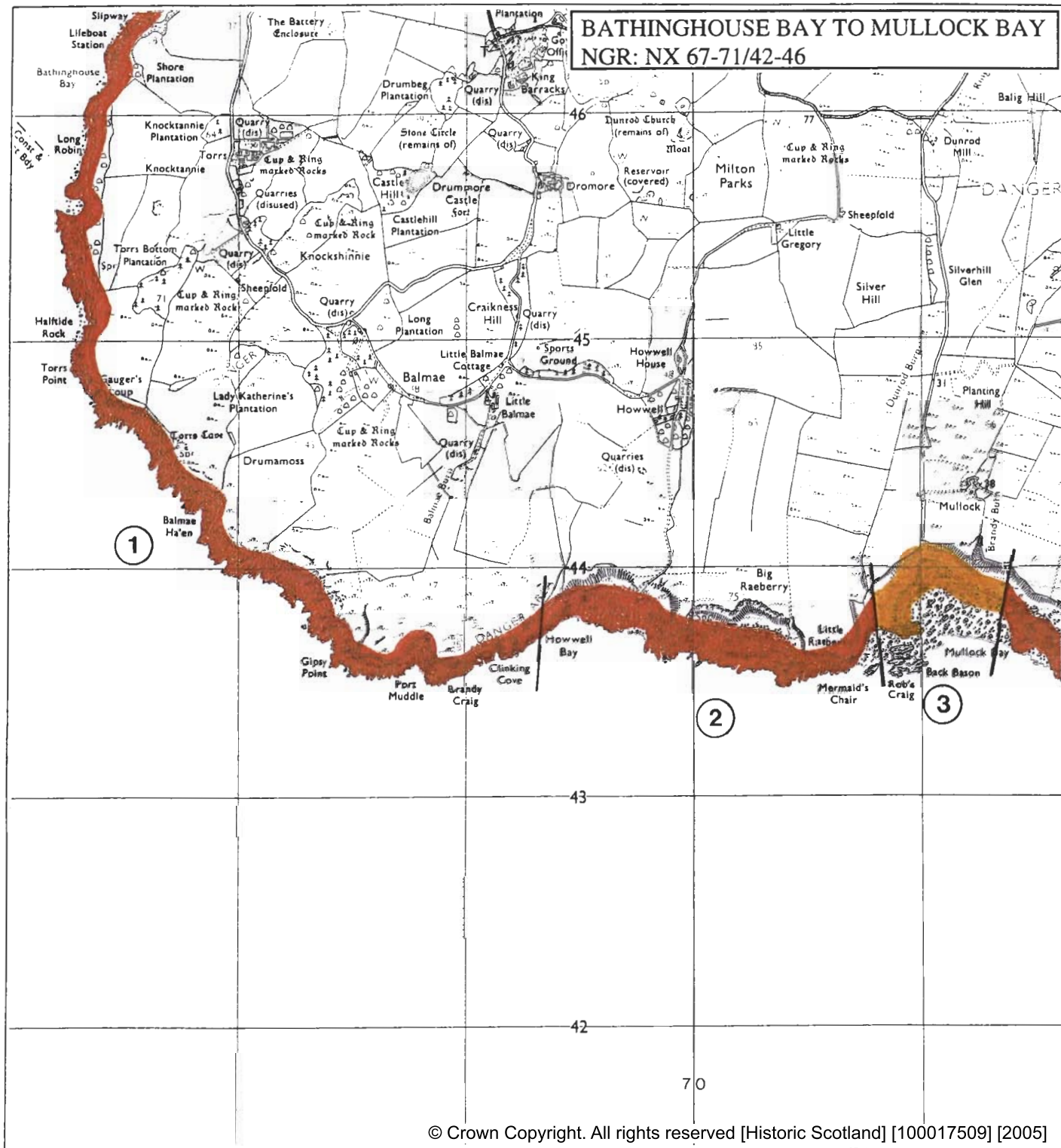
3. MULLOCH BAY

NX 702 483

0.4km

Eroding or stable

This unit contains Mullock Bay. Large boulders intermixed with shingle occur within the bay. At the MHW cliff material of fluvioglacial origin is slowly eroding out.



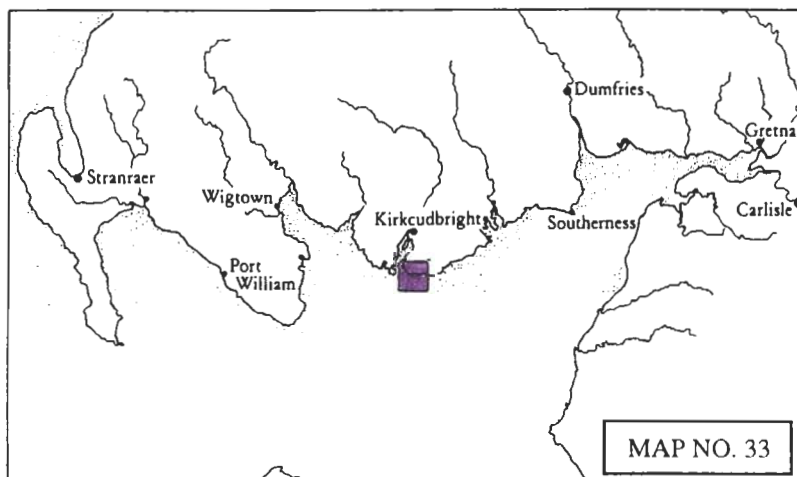
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Erosion class	Derwent Code	Colour
Definitely accreting	Prussian Blue	
Accreting/stable	Light Blue	
Stable	Grass Green	
Stable/eroding	Deep Chrome	
Definitely eroding	Deep Vermilion	
Both accreting and eroding	Imperial Purple	
No access	Blank	
Land below 10m	Straw Yellow	

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Assessment date: 15.10.96

Scale 1:25 000



MAP 33: BUILT HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Sites on the Coast Edge & Foreshore

NX64SE 31
NX 6738 4490
TORRS POINT
Cup Markings
3rd/2nd Mill BC
Uncertain; not located
Nil

NX64SE 30
NX 6739 4485
TORRS POINT
Cup Markings
2nd/3rd Mill BC
Uncertain; not located
Nil

NX64SE 5
NX 6767 4459
TORRS CAVE
Cave
1st Mill BC/AD
Uncertain; not located
Nil

NX64SE 16
NX 6768 4452
TORRS COVE BAY
Landing Place
Uncertain
Uncertain; not located
Nil

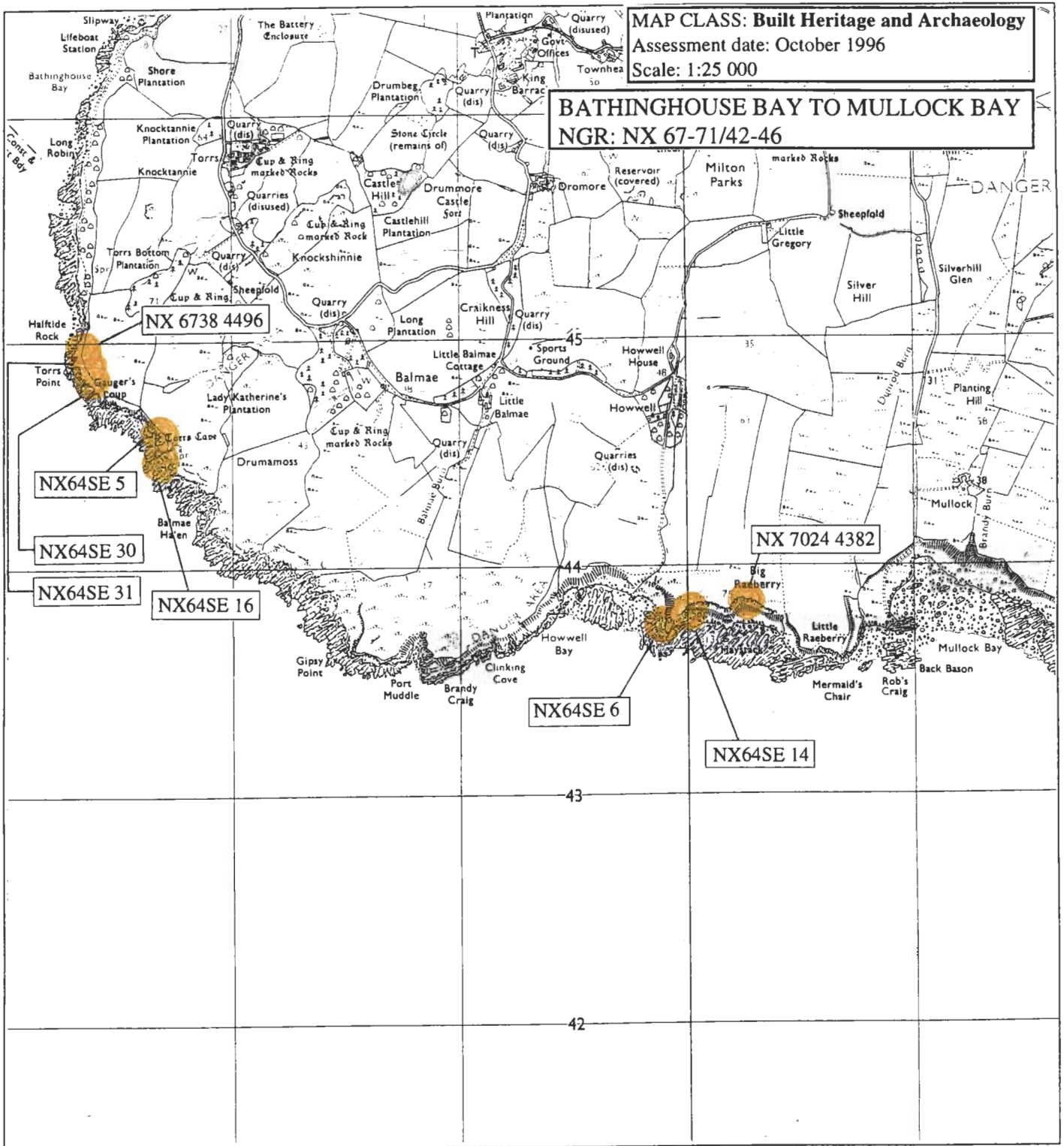
NX64SE 6
NX 6990 4373
RAEBERRY CASTLE
Castle
Uncertain
Good
Nil

NX64SE 14
NX 6999 4378
ST MARGARET'S WELL
Spring
Uncertain
Uncertain; not located
Nil

Sites in the Hinterland

NX 6738 4496
KING WILLIAM'S BATTERY
Earthwork
Uncertain
Uncertain; not located
Nil

NX 7024 4382
WALLACE'S PUTTING STONE
Inscribed Rock Outcrop
Uncertain
Good
Nil



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Site location	Symbol	Colour	Significance
NGR ref. - eg.	Roundel - Solid, (or area)	Red	Protected Ancient Monument
	Cross	Red	Listed Historic Building
NX 143 368	Roundel - Open, (or area)	Red	Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for designation
	Roundel - Solid, (or area)	Yellow	Other known Ancient Monument
NMRS ref. - eg.	Dashed outline	Yellow	Gardens/Designed landscape
NX13 SW17	Roundel - Solid, (or area)	Yellow	Undesignated wreck
	Area	Green	Insufficient information; more work needed
	Area	Blue	Probably archaeologically sterile

