

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	G	3	0	S	W	0	0	1
2 NGR									
N	G	3	2	7	0	0	2	0	5
3 QUAL									
CE									
6 SITE NAME									
G	L	E	N	S	H	E	L	L	E
S	D	E	R						
10 GENERIC TYPE									
FORT, PROMONTORY + HUT CIRCLES									
FIELD SYSTEM, LAZY BEDS									
14 PERIOD/DATE									
IA									
15 DATING METHOD									
TYP									
18 SHAPE									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
LOCHABER		SMALL ISLES (RHUM)	
7 AREA STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS	
8 SITE STATUS			
SCHEDULED 12/8/46			
11 CONCORDANCE		13 DIMENSIONS	
os NG 30 SW 1			
12 FORM			
STANDING STRUCTURE			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
HUT CIRCLES LIE 3.0M TO 6.2M		MUTILATED	
ESE OF WALL			
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	
		PENINSULA	
26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE	
NW		20 = 30m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

- 1 DAVID, G C:1967:DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND:CBA (SCOT):pp28
- 2 SOC. ANT. SCOT:1983:ARCH. SITES + MONS. OF RHUM:RCAHMS:pp7:No 6

30 GROUND PLAN NO.

31 GROUND PHOTO NO.

32 SLIDES NO.

33 HR. AP. NO.

34 NMR. AP. NO.

35 OTHER AP. NO. SOURCE

106G SCOT UK 53:3130 7/5/46

36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION

37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

38 SAMPLES

39 PALYNOLOGY

40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.

41 SMALL FINDS

42 MUSEUM/LOCATION

43 OTHER

ASS. DOCS.

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER

45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER

46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT

47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT

48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS

49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE

50 RECORDER: DATE

EF: 31 3 1987

51 CHECK: DATE

HWD 6/4/87

52 TEXT

"Shellesder NG 326 020 NG 30SW 1"

"This fort is situated on a rocky promontory overlooking the mouth of the Shellesder Burn from the N. It measures about 44m from N to S by 30m transversely within an arc of walling which cuts across the neck of the promontory. The wall is at least 3.4m thick with several stretches of outer facing-stones standing to a maximum height of 1m in five courses. The entrance (0.85m wide) lies on the SW; four stones of the NE and one of the SW side of the passage are still in situ. On the W of the interior there is an oval enclosure measuring 5.3m by 5m within a wall 1m thick, with an entrance on the E. Outside the fort an irregular stony bank crosses the promontory, but it is not clear whether it forms an outwork to the fort or is a later enclosure. Situated in the enclosure there is a hut, and a second lies on the bank. May 1983." DES(1967),28. BIBLIO: No 2

52 ' (NG 3270 0205) A possible, small, promontory fort, formed by a drystone wall, at least 3' (0.9m) thick and still standing to a height of 3' (0.9m) in parts, which runs across the neck of the promontory." (1)
'On the landward side of the wall, and 10' (3.0m) to 20' (6.2m) from it, are the foundations of two small circular drystone huts, averaging 6' (1.8m) in internal diameter. AP's show many cultivation rigs in the immediate vicinity.'
'A fort within an area bounded by a wall 37.0m long, constructed across the neck of a cliff-girt promontory. The wall survives as a mutilated stony bank c. 2.0m high and about 4.0m thick in which fragments of the outer face (to a maximum height of 1.0m) are visible. About 5 metres from the S end, which is almost completely denuded, is a slight gap which may have been the entrance.'
'Within the fort are the remains of three, stone-walled huts. One is oval and measures c. 6.0m by 5.0m with an entrance in the NE. The second is circular and measures 6.0m in diameter, and the third is visible as a turf-covered rick of stones enclosing a roughly circular area about 8.0m in diameter.'
'The two structures outside the fort described by David as huts, are small shieling-like structures probably contemporary with the lazybed cultivation that lies around them.'
'Divorced survey at 1:10,000.'