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DESCRIPTION

banks. Small parapets to road.

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CRUBENMORE BRIDGE	11A	Sir Owen Williams (engineer) with Maxwell Ayrton (architect), 1925-26. Two-arched, reinforced concrete Modern Movement style bridge with distinctive faceted concrete sides and 6-sided shuttered arches. Splayed piers forming cutwater to centre and retaining walls at	C(S)	NN 67633 91453

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Hume The John Industrial Archaeology of Scotland Volume II (1977) pp210-1. David Cottam SirOwen 1890-1969 Williams (1986). David Yeomans & David Cottam. The Engineer's Contribution Contemporary Architecture: Owen Williams (2001).

REFERENCE

Sir Owen Williams, one of most celebrated engineers of the modern movement era of design, was commissioned to design a number of landmark bridges along the route of the A9 road in the Highlands, working with the architect Maxwell Ayrton. Designed and built between 1924 and 1928, the bridges combine imaginative aesthetics with innovative structural design in reinforced concrete. The bridges were cast in-situ, which adds to their historic significance.

NOTES

The faceted sides of this bridge (together with William's other A9

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bridges at Loch Alvie and Dalnamein (small)) may have been influenced by the Cubist movement, although there were also practical reasons casting the concrete in this way. Williams is thought to have conceived these bridges to resemble alien forms within the landscape, yet having aged and weathered the bridges now blend quite naturally with their surroundings.

There were eight bridges by Williams on the A9, the others being a nearidentical twin arch-bridge at Loch Alvie, larger bridges at Dalmein, over Spey the near Newtonmore, and over the Findhorn at Tomatin, and a small single-span bridge also at Dalnamein (all listed seperately). Small bridges at Aviemore and Brora have been remodelled and remain unlisted.

The bridge is situated in Glen Truim, on the old course of the A9 to the South of the falls of Truim.

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It is in a poor state of repair.

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