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Centred on NG
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This settlement is situated on an E facing slope leading down to Ob Mheallaidh on Upper Loch Torridon and to the NE of the village of Shieldaig.

The ruins located are mostly shown as roofed on the 1st OS, but on the 2nd OS only features numbered 17,19,21,22, and 24 are shown as roofed.

The settlement is enclosed within a head dyke, and there are numerous stone dykes and enclosures within this boundary. These are highlighted on the aerial photograph.

List of features and ruins.

1. part of the head dyke



2. part of the head dyke with gateway. NG 82352 54357

There is a turf wall adjoining the stone dyke at this point.



3. rigs/lazy beds NG 82408 54370 and 5. NG 82474 54443 In this area there are numerous rigs some stretching down to the sea.



4. The walls continue NE across the area.



6. Two compartment ruin, probable house with byre. NG 82571 54516 elevation 9m. This ruin has an adjacent midden and the footings of two outbuildings. One end of the ruin is constructed with layered stones with the byre end crudely made. The walls are too low to see any evidence of windows and there is no evidence of a chimney.



7. Ruin with a dividing wall and ditch to the rear. NG 82493 54681 elevation 19m Behind this ruin the head dyke continues to the N. The walls are made with chosen stone and boulders and there is no evidence of a chimney.



8. A ruin built into the slope with no obvious entrance. It is on two levels with possibly the upper layer being a garden, and the lower a byre. NG 82592 54677 elevation 16m. The walls are not well made, and have rounded corners. The lower level walls have evidence of partition/cruck slots.



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Partition/cruck slot



In front of the ruin is a stone pavement leading to the adjacent ruin (9) and down slope from this a small additional terrace.



9. Ruin with two compartments, possible house and barn connected to 8. by stone pavement. There is a small building to the rear of it built into the bank. NG 82589 54697 elevation 17m. There is a definite entrance, and rounded corners but no evidence of a chimney.



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Small building to the rear built into the slope.



Just beside this ruin under a boulder there is a shell midden



10. A roughly constructed one compartment ruin, probable barn/byre with entrance.
NG 82590 546 99 18m



11. Corn drying kiln that is built into the crag. It has two flues into the bowl from the attached kiln barn, depending on direction of wind as to which would be used. The bowl s filled in with debris. NG 82545 54704 elevation 21m



Adjacent to the kiln on the same slope there are two small terraced improved areas of ground.



12. A ruin with its rear wall built into the slope. It has a definite entrance, and the walls are well constructed with layered chosen stones. In front of the ruin is a stone pathway, and there is a platform built out from the path. A possible house. NG 82512 54728 elevation 30m

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13. Ruin of a two compartment building with an enclosure attached at each end of the building. There is an add on uphill of the main ruin with its rear wall built into the slope. NG 82497 54751 elevation 26m. A probable house with attached barn/byre.



14. An iron gate way which is attached to the old estate boundary fence. NG 82524 54800 elevation 24m.



15. A known old sheep fank with its rear wall built into the slope and front wall part of a boundary wall. NG 82527 54821 elevation 28m



16. A stone track that leads from the iron gateway (14) in front of the fank, towards the houses at 17 and 19. NG 82534 54837 elevation 24m



17. Ruined house with attached byre with byre drain. There are two rooms in the house. The whole building is surrounded by an enclosing wall which attaches to the crag under which the ruin lies. There is an E facing doorway and a window still evident, but no chimney. A ditch runs the length of the building to remove runoff from the crag .NG 82540 54903 elevation 23m.



A few metres uphill from the ruin are the footings of a small building NG 82540 54903
Elevation 23m

18. Wells. NG 82552 54926 elevation 19m This seems to be two adjoining wells from the same source, one being obviously later than the other. Beside the older well under a boulder is a dump full of old bottles, broken plates and shells. The later well can be accessed from a slab of rock from two sides.



19. A substantial ruin lying under a rocky crag a few metres from 17. It is also enclosed by a stone wall that runs up to the crag and has an opening at one end of the building and a ditch running between the ruin and the crag. NG 82569 54943 elevation 18m.



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In front of the house the drain containing the runoff from the adjacent well at 18 has a stone slab bridge over it and this drain continues on down slope towards the sea. There is a stone path in front of the building.



The building is well made with chosen and dressed stone that is layered. It has rounded corners and no evidence of a chimney, but a door and two windows. The main building has an added dividing wall which had a doorway that has been closed up. There is a cruck slot in one wall. A later byre with drain has been attached to the building and beyond this there is a terraced area.



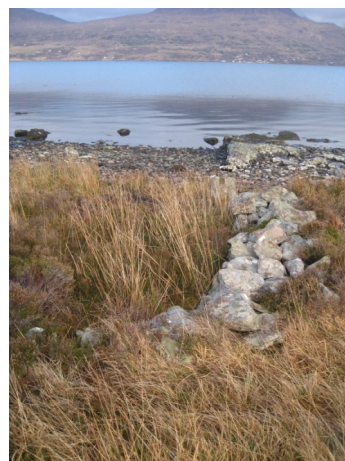
From 19. there is a clear view over improved ground down to the fishing bothies 22 and 23



20. To the NW of these are the substantial walls of two enclosures which are accessed by a gateway NG 82616 54991 elevation 8m.



21. A stone jetty on the shore beside the fishing bothies. NG 82719 54996 elevation 4m



A few metres to the SE of the jetty lie the ruins of two fishing bothies 4m from the shore line.

22. NG 82749 54983 elevation 2m. This bothy is very narrow in width 2m. There is a lot of tumble in the ruin but a door, blocked windows facing the shore, and a small window in the gable end can be seen. There is a buttress against the external facing of this wall for support. The walls are of rough construction made with stones from the shoreline which naturally break in layers. A cruck slot is visible in one wall.



23. NG 82761 54975 elevation 3m. This second bothy is very tumbled and has a door but no windows.



24. NG 82575 54783 elevation 20m. The ruins of a barn/byre in the middle of an enclosure with stone clearance piles close by. There is a ditch on two sides of the ruin to drain water away from the building.



Just to the N of this ruin are the remains of the estate iron fence which runs into a stone dyke leading over the hill.



25. NG 82700 54632 elevation 3m. The ruins of a slipway and boathouse with cutting for a boat to be pulled up into.



26. NG 82733 54627 elevation 4m A ruined fishing bothy by the shore with no door or window visible as walls are very broken down.



27. NG 82794 54578 elevation 3m A stone shelter or hide underneath a crag.



28. NG 82730 54525 elevation 3m A line of stones from top of shore rockface leading inland , purpose unknown.



29. NG 82686 54470 elevation 6m The continuation of turf walls across the township where they end at the coast.



30. NG 82579 54359 elevation 3m A slipway



31. NG 82477 54221 elevation 9m. A terrace edged with stones

32. NG 82507 54211 elevation 12m. A small stone bothan 2x2m close to 31.

