

**Report of Archaeological Desktop
& Walkover Survey
Ardnagrask Water Mains Renewal Project
NH 51869/48539 (centred)**

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Introduction

This report is for an archaeological desktop & walkover survey conducted on behalf of Halcrow Group Ltd by the author for the Ardnagrask Water Mains Renewal Project, Highland.

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- Staff of the National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh;
- Staff of the RCAHMS, Edinburgh;
- Staff of the National Library of Scotland map room;
- Staff of Highland Council Archives.

Site Location

See enclosed drawing for larger scale.



Objectives

The author was commissioned by Halcrow Group Ltd to conduct an archaeological desktop & walkover survey of the route of the Ardnagrask water mains pipeline with a 12 metre wide way-leave. This desktop to follow those guidelines as proposed by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA, 1999) and to follow the enclosed specification as provided by Highland Council Archaeology Unit.

Desktop & Walkover Results

A desktop survey was conducted using the following sources:

- Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record;
- National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh;
- Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland – aerial photograph collection;
- National Map Library of Scotland, Edinburgh;
- Highland Council Archives.

Walkover survey was conducted on 13-8-02, weather was sunny and bright.

Recommendations

Recommendations are given after each site.

Both the aerial photography and the map coverage were limited to the area of interest. Map coverage was also limited as the 1st edition of 1872-3 was almost the same as the 2nd of 1904 and little survey work has been carried out in detail in the 20th century, with the next edition being late 1960's.

The following 6 archaeological sites were to be found on the route or close to the pipeline (proposed new pipelines are highlighted in red on the accompanying maps with sites numbered).

HSMR – Highland Sites and Monuments Record
NMRS - National Monuments Record of Scotland

Sites are as follows:

1 – Teandalloch

NMRS – NH54NW 59

HSMR – NH54NW 118

Grid Ref: - NH 5196/4851

Type – Building

Unroofed building shown on 1st edition OS of 1881 (sheet 99) but not shown on OS map of 1988. Not shown on 2nd edition OS of 1907 (sheet 99).

Site is visible on aerial photograph of 1946 as rectangular mound (RAF CPE/Scot/Uk184/2330), visible as outline on aerial photograph of 1954 (RAF 58/A/421/5307) and as rectangular mound on aerial photograph of 1967 (OS/67/046/50).

Walkover revealed site visible as rectangular mound aligned E-W by existing fence line.

No recommendations to be made as site lies out way-leave area.



View of site facing east

2 – Aultvaich

NMRS – NH54NW 93

HSMR – NH54NW 93

Grid Ref: - NH 5179/4870

Type – Cruck framed House

Residential house – no other information available.

No additional information available from maps or aerial photographs.

Walkover revealed house still in use as private residence. One rubble building looks to have been remodeled to form a stable block from an earlier building.

No recommendations to be made as site should be unaffected by route proposed currently.



View of remodeled building facing NW

3 – Aultvaich

NMRS – NH54NW 94

HSMR – NH54NW 134

Grid Ref: - NH 515/483

Type – Farmstead

Farmstead of 1 roofed 1 unroofed building and enclosure depicted on 1st edition OS 1879-81 sheet 99 but not shown on OS map of 1988. Not marked on 2nd edition Os of 1907. Site is not visible on any aerial photographs from 1946 to 1967.

Grid reference should be NH 5150/4834.

Walkover revealed no trace of any buildings, site forms part of garden of modern house.

No recommendations to be made as site should be unaffected by route proposed currently.

4 – Teanalick

NMRS – NH54NW 81

HSMR – NH54NW 120

Grid Ref: - NH 520/480

Type – Farmstead

Farmstead of 1 roofed building, 1 partially roofed L building, 1 unroofed structure and 2 conjoined enclosures are depicted on 1st edition OS 1879-81 sheet 99. 2 roofed buildings shown on OS map of 1998. No additional information available from maps or aerial photographs.

Grid reference should be NH 5208/4806.

Walkover revealed no ruined structures; site is farm still in operation.

No recommendations to be made as site should be unaffected by route proposed currently.

5 – Teandalloch

NMRS – NH54NW 66

HSMR – NH54NW 129

Grid Ref: - NH 5180/4878

Type – Building, field wall

One unroofed building with an attached length of field wall is depicted on 1st edition OS 1879-81 sheet 99 but not shown on OS map of 1988. Depicted on map to lie to north side of track. Shown as roofed on 2nd edition OS map of 1907.

Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (RAF CPE/Scot/Uk184/2330), visible as rough mound to edge of ploughed field on aerial photograph of 1954 (RAF 58/A/421/5307) likewise on aerial photograph of 1954 (RAF 58/RAF/1424/153) and also on aerial photograph of 1967 (OS/67/046/50).

Walkover revealed possible building cut by fence-line and disturbed by strainer of electricity pole in area of long grass. To be aligned E-W of c. 5m x 6m with walls 0.2m high and 0.3m wide. Grid reference should be NH 5181/4876.

No recommendations to be made as site should be unaffected by route proposed currently.



View of building facing North

6 – Clashdorrán

NMRS – n/a

HSMR – n/a

Grid Ref: - NH 5165/4826

Type – Farmstead

Site revealed during walkover survey. Farmhouse currently empty of late 19th century date with later additions. 3 out-buildings – 1st a long range of rubble construction and corrugated iron roof, partly harled, 2nd wooden building with corrugated iron roof, 3rd of both walls and roof of corrugated iron.

Site marked on 1st and 2nd edition OS maps but not named, likewise for OS map of 1960's.

No recommendations to be made as site should be unaffected by route proposed currently.



View of farmhouse facing NE



View of long out-building facing NE

Site 6 is an additional site that was found as part of this survey and is not recorded in the Highland Sites and Monuments Record or the National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Photographs taken as part of this survey are deposited with Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record. Negatives have been deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh.

References

Highland Sites and Monuments Record database entries for NH54NW.

IFA (1999) By-laws, Standards and Policy Statements of the Institute of Field Archaeologists. Reading.

National Monuments Record of Scotland CANMORE entries for NH54NW.

OS Maps Consulted

Ross-shire Edition of 1881 (surveyed 1872-3) 1:10,000 sheet 99.

Ross-shire Edition of 1907 (revised 1904) 1:10,000 sheet 99.

Aerial Photographs Consulted

RAF CPE/Scot/Uk184 2330-2332	Flown 23-6-1949	1:10,000
RAF 58/A/421 5307-5305, 5311-5316 (Limited coverage)	Flown 21-6-1949	1:5,000
RAF 58/RAF/1424 152-154	Flown 23-4-1954	1:10,000
OS OS/67/046 46-47, 51-53	Flown 23-4-1967	1:7,500

Photographic Register

- 1 – View of site 1 facing E.
- 2 – View of remodeled building at site 2 facing NW.
- 3 – View of building at site 5 facing N.
- 4 – View of out-buildings at site 6 facing E.
- 5 – View of farmhouse at site 6 facing NE.
- 6 – View of out-building at site 6 facing NE.

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