

**Record of visible
Archaeological Remains
in Upper part of
Gallowhill Wood, Ross-shire
GR NH602498**

25th January 2003

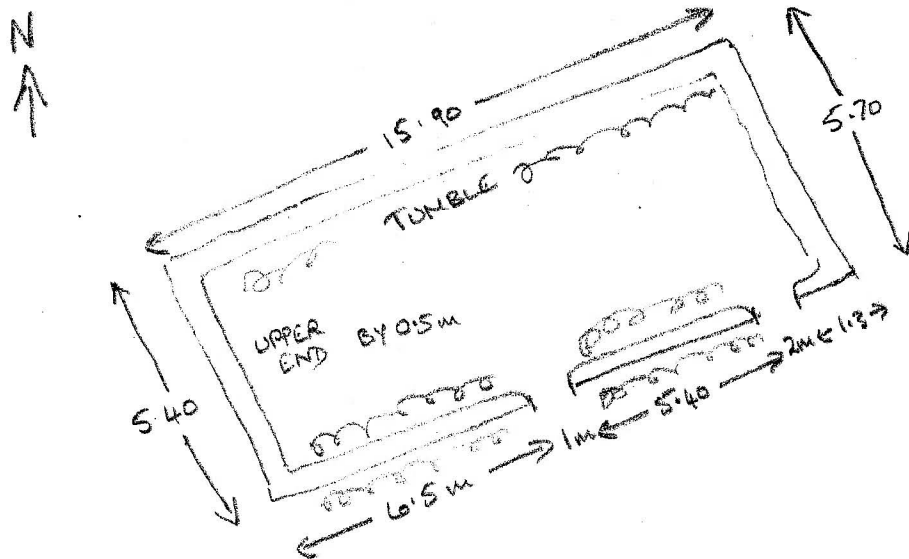
1. Building - SMR NH64NW0088
2. Enclosure (SMR NH64NW0088) - previously unrecorded
3. Enclosure (SMR NH64NW0088) - previously unrecorded
4. Building - previously unrecorded
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6. Building - SMR NH64NW0089
7. Cairn and Enclosure - SMR NH64NW 0100
8. Hut circles - previously unrecorded

Archaeological Sites Record

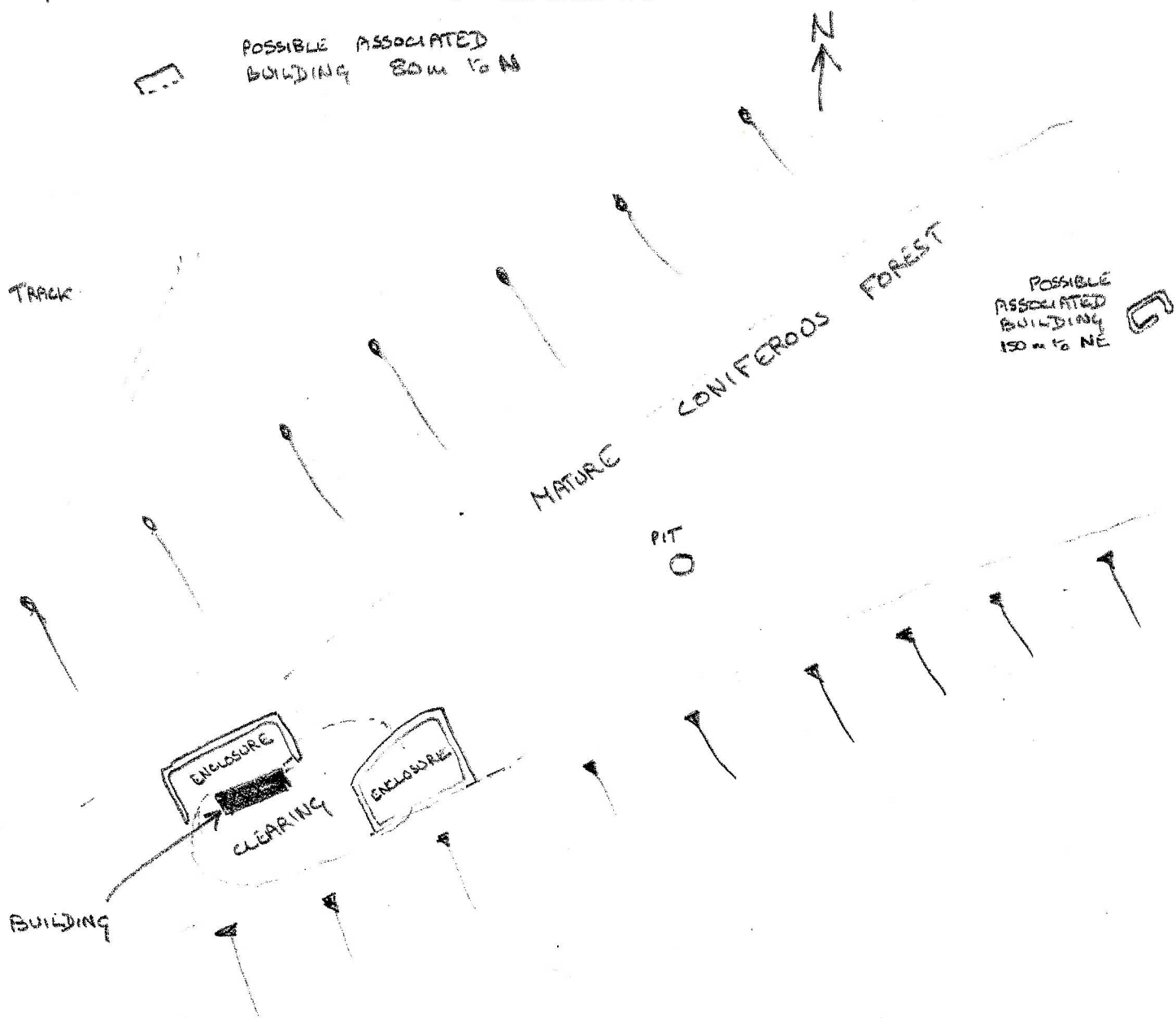
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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood ① SMR - NH64NW 0088	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 606 497	Site type/class - Structure

<p>Situation and surroundings - On a southeast facing terrace. In a clearing in a mature coniferous plantation,</p>
<p>Description The ruined moss-covered walls of a rectangular building lie on a NE-SW axis, at the back of the terrace. Measurements roughly 16m x 5.5m externally (see sketch over) No recognisable internal features. But overall drop of 0.5m from west to east end The NW (back) wall is 1.2m in width, 1.5m max. height, and comprises roughly 6 courses of local rounded stone with rubble infill. Much tumble into the building. The SE (front) wall rises to 0.5m in height and has much tumble both inside the building and out. 2 entrances in this wall Two enclosures are associated with this building (see separate recording sheets) One lies immediately adjacent and to the NW. The other is ?10m to the east. (see sketch over) The building and enclosures are situated at the west end of the terrace which is roughly 18m wide (SE to NW) at this point. The terrace is c. 150m - 200m in length and becomes wider at its east end, there is a well defined edge to the SE where the slope drops away steeply. A section of constructed track is located on a steep slope 50m to the north. It is roughly 30m in length.</p>
<p>On 1st Edition OS map or others - Yes</p>
<p>Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes Photographs - 1. View looking east. 2. West end. 3. NW wall. 4. Entrance at east end</p>
<p>Recorder, Date and Weather - L & P Draper, S. Miles - 25.01:03. Weather - showery</p>
<p>Comments, associated features, possible interpretation Two ruined structures and a pit may be associated with this settlement :- - Building, 150m to the NE (see separate recording sheet) - Building, 80m to the north (see separate recording sheet) - Pit, 1m deep and 4m diameter, is located 50m to the NE</p>




GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF SETTLEMENT - NOT TO SCALE

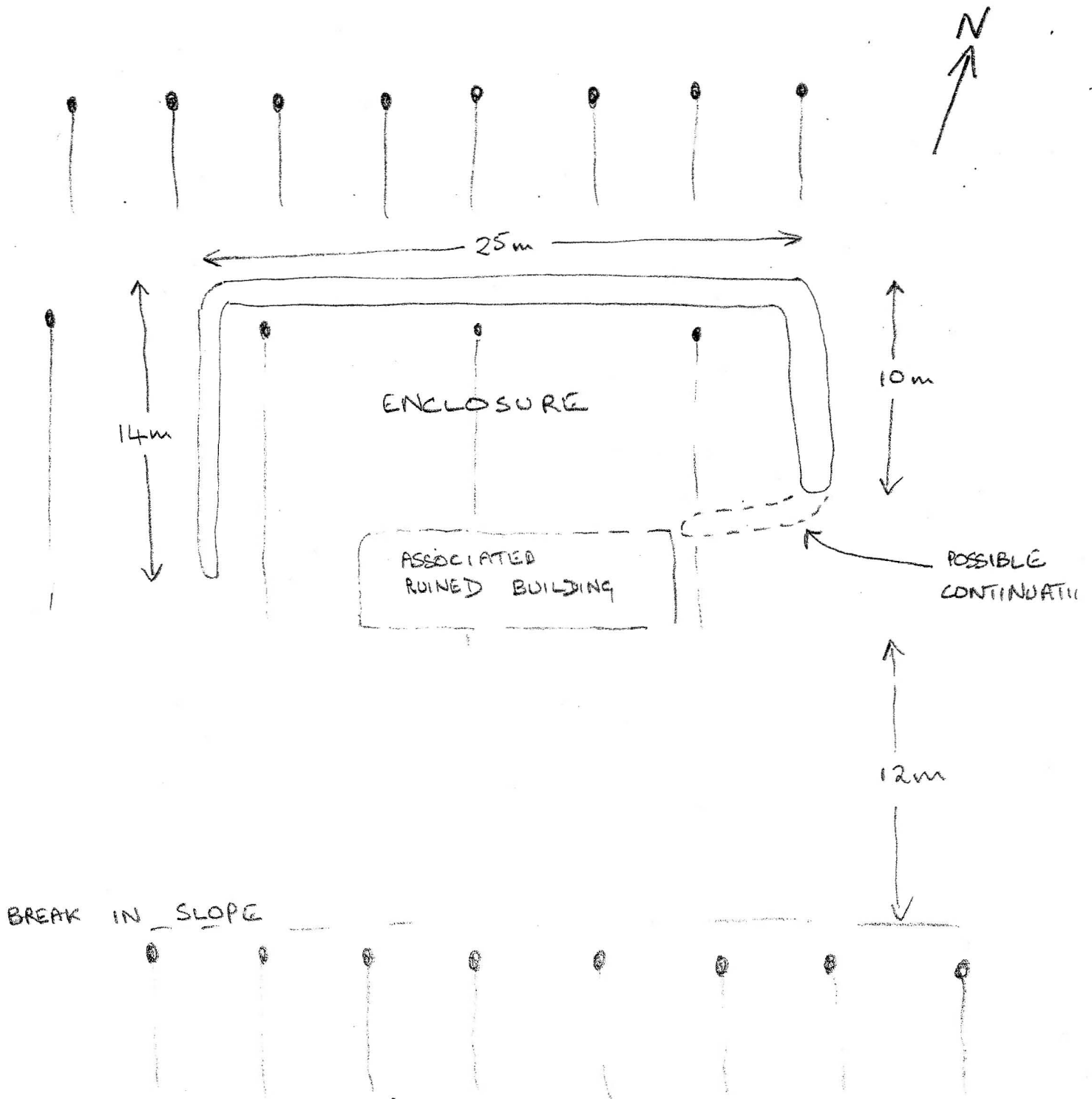


Archaeological Sites Record

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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood ② (SMR - NH64NW 0088)	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 60640 49727	Site type/class - Enclosure

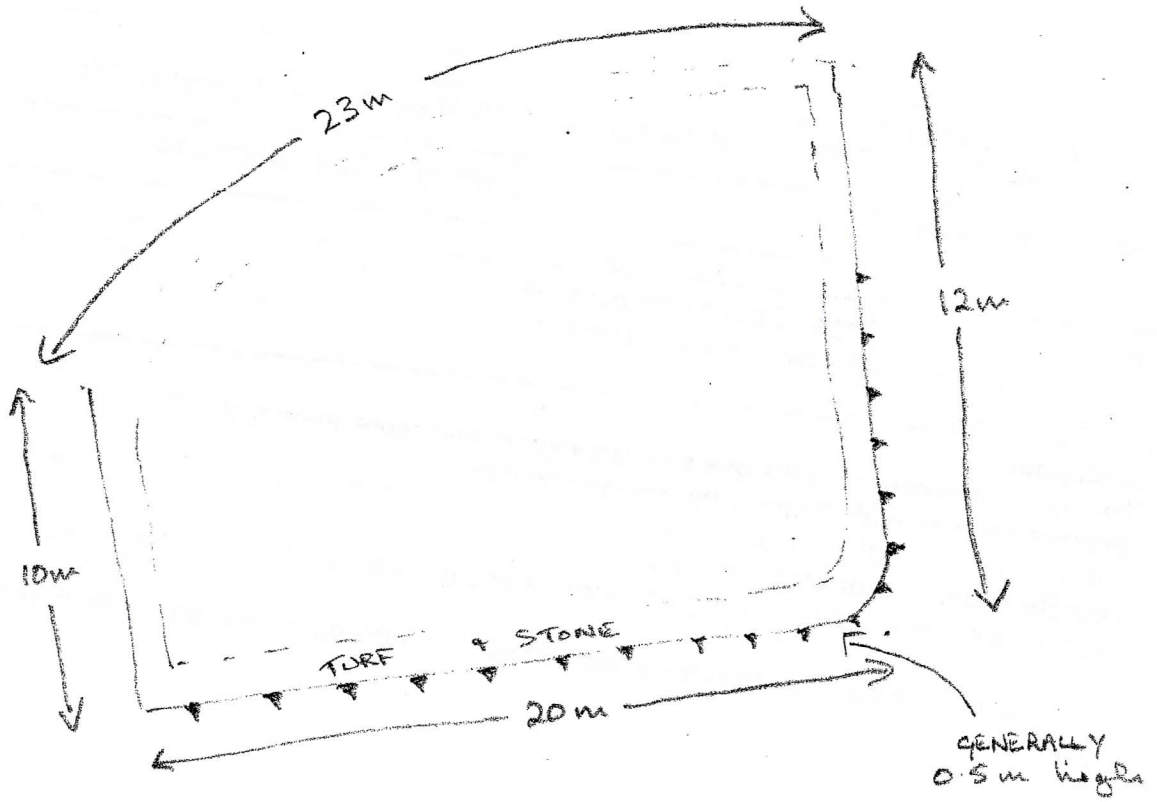
<p>Situation and surroundings - On a southeast facing slope, adjacent to and associated with a building SMR - NH64NW 0088 situated on a terrace. Mature coniferous plantation. </p>
<p>Description Rectangular enclosure. Measurements roughly 25m x 10m (see sketch over) A ruined mainly stone enclosing wall, reaches max height of 0.5m and is generally 1m in width, Although indistinct in places, it is generally well-defined. A barely discernable "link" may connect the south end of the east wall to the NE corner of the building (see sketch over) Vegetation cover is predominantly grass/moss. Planted with trees.</p> <p>The adjacent building to the south and a further enclosure to the east are almost certainly associated with this enclosure (see separate recording sheets)</p>
<p>On 1st Edition OS map or others - No</p>
<p>Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes Photographs - No</p>
<p>Recorder, Date and Weather - J. Marshall, A. Mackenzie - 25.01.03. Weather - showery</p>
<p>Comments, associated features, possible interpretation - Associated building, SMR - NH64NW 0088</p>



Archaeological Sites Record

Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood (3) (SMR - NH64NW 0088)	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 60625 49717	Site type/class - Enclosure

<p>Situation and surroundings - On a southeast facing terrace. Partly in the clearing in a mature coniferous plantation and partly planted with trees. Almost certainly associated with building, SMR - NH64NW 0088</p>
<p>Description The low moss-covered banks of a sub-rectangular enclosure lie on a NE-SW axis, Measurements roughly 20m x 12m (see sketch over) Turf and stone banks are well defined but much degraded. Roughly 0.1 - 0.2m in height, but 0.4 at outer SE edge, Generally 1m in width. Vegetation cover is predominantly moss with some bracken patches and mature trees</p> <p>A building and a further enclosure are associated with this enclosure (see separate recording sheets)</p>
<p>On 1st Edition OS map or others - No</p>
<p>Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes Photographs - No</p>
<p>Recorder, Date and Weather - M. Marshall, A. Wakeling & A Wilson - 25.01.03. Weather - showery</p>
<p>Comments, associated features, possible interpretation - Almost certainly associated with building, SMR - NH64NW 0088</p>

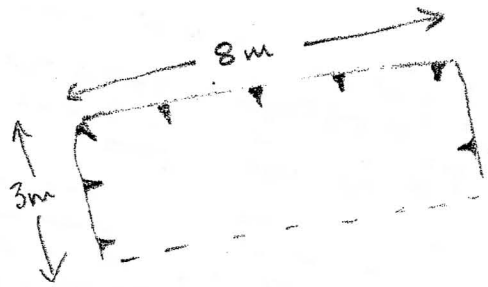


Archaeological Sites Record

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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood 4	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 6060 4980	Site type/class - Structure

<p>Situation and surroundings - At the top of a southeast facing slope. In an open mature coniferous plantation. May be associated with building, SMR - NH64NW 0088 situated 80m to the south</p>
<p>Description A rectangular building, lying on a NE-SW axis, is recessed into the slope, Internal measurements roughly 8m x 3m (see sketch over) The line of 3 of the walls - the SW, NW and NE wall are easily discernable as steep earth slopes 0.5 - 0.8m in height. That of the SE is not traceable.</p> <p>A short length of constructed track lies to the south. A building and two enclosure 80m to the south may be associated (see separate recording sheets)</p>
<p>On 1st Edition OS map or others - No</p>
<p>Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes Photographs - No</p>
<p>Recorder, Date and Weather - M. Marshall - 25.01.03. Weather - showery</p>
<p>Comments, associated features, possible interpretation - Unrecorded to date. Possibly the site of a timber building which may be associated with building, SMR - NH64NW 0088 situated 80m to the south</p>



grass covered

Archaeological Sites Record

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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood ⑤	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 6075 4980	Site type/class - Structure

Situation and surroundings - On a southeast facing slope. In an open mature coniferous plantation .

Description

The moss-covered banks of a rectangular building lie on a NE-SW axis,

Internal measurements roughly 8m x 3m (see sketch over)

Remains of the stone walls are made up of undressed largish stones. Walls are roughly 0.3 - 1m in height and more substantial in west, less distinct at east corner where there appears to be an entrance. Generally 1- 1.5m in width and heavily covered in moss.

No internal features noted.

Planted with trees

A building and two enclosure 150m to the SW may be associated (see separate recording sheets)

On 1st Edition OS map or others - No

Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes

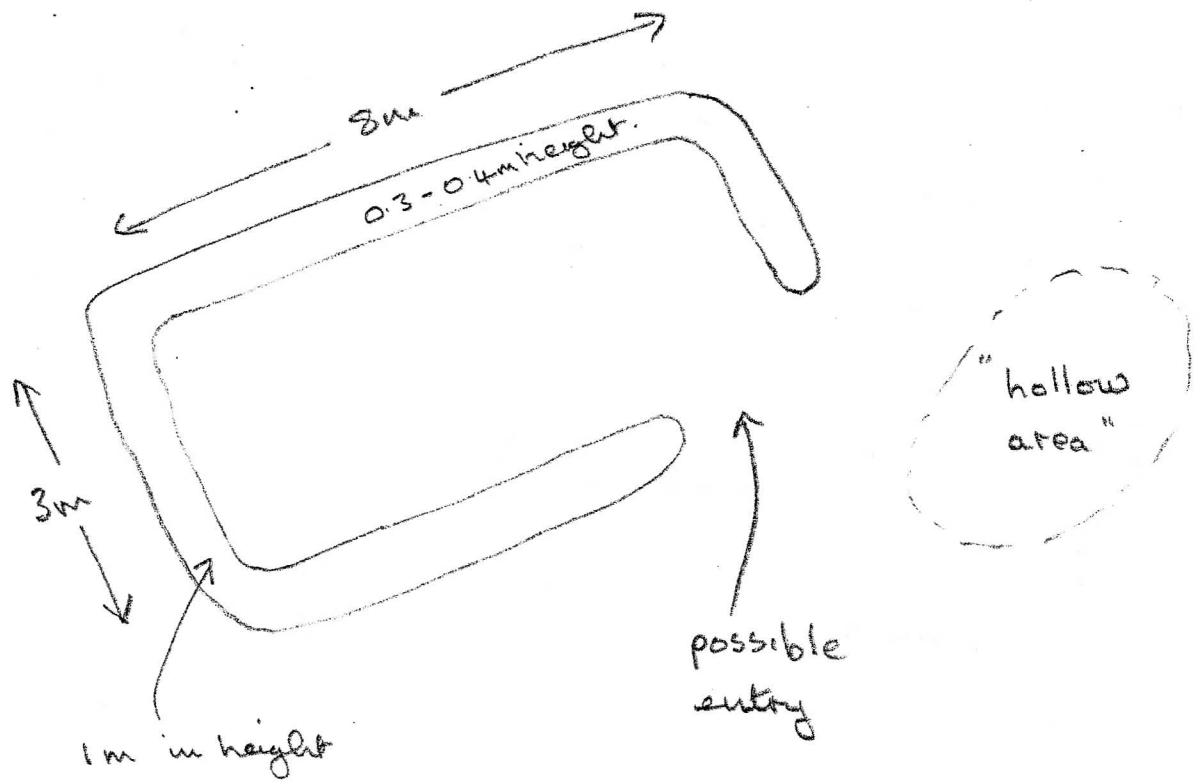
Photographs - No

Recorder, Date and Weather - M. Marshall, A. Mackenzie. - 25.01.03. Weather - showery

Comments, associated features, possible interpretation -

Unrecorded to date

Possibly associated with building, SMR - NH64NW 0088 situated 150m to the SW



Archaeological Sites Record

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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood 6 SMR - NH64NW 0089	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 60379 49985	Site type/class - Structure

Situation and surroundings - In a mature open coniferous wood, in a small east facing shallow valley

Description

The ruined moss-covered walls of a rectangular building lie on a NE-SW axis.

Comprises 2 compartments - east one measures 5m x 3m, west is 3m x 3m. Both have entrances in SE corner.

Walls are roughly 0.3 high, amorphous in places, but more substantial in the west. 1 - 1.5m in width and heavily covered with moss.

A depression, 1m deep, lies 2m to the SE of the east corner.

A further man-made depression 2m deep and 6m in diameter lies 50m to the NE. It may be associated and it may be for water collection

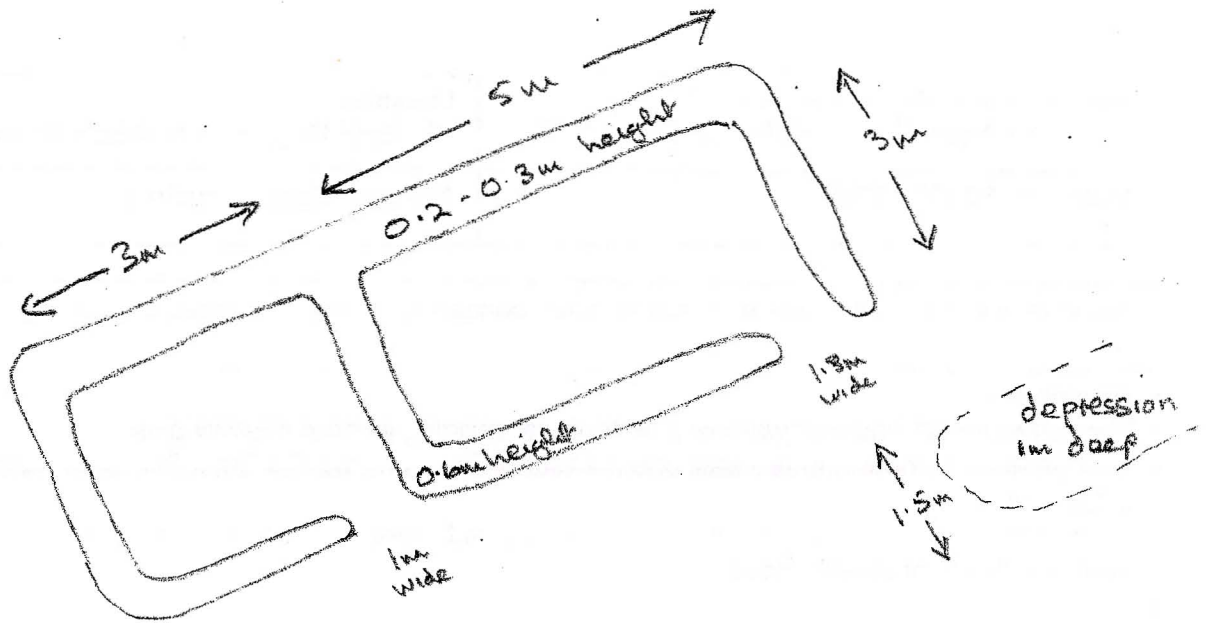
On 1st Edition OS map or others - Yes

Sketches (overleaf)? - Yes

Photographs - No

Recorder, Date and Weather - M.Marshall and members of NOSAS - 25.01.03. Weather - showery

Comments, associated features, possible interpretation - May be associated with a building (SMR NH64NW 0088) and 2 enclosures lying 700m to the SE.



walls generally
1m width

Archaeological Sites Record

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Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood ⑦ SMR - NH64NW0100	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 5998 4991	Site type/class - Cairn & Enclosure

Situation and surroundings - In birch wood, quite close to summit of Gallowhill Wood
Description Previously recorded by MM 1999. Visited 25.01.03. by MM and NOSAS. It was noted that the two trailing stone banks to the east of the cairn were joined by a third low turf and stone bank (see alterations to previous plan) , forming an enclosure. The whole enclosure and the banks were elevated at the north and east sides by ?0.5m to form a level platform.
On 1st Edition OS map or others - No
Sketches (overleaf)? - Attached Photographs - No
Recorder, Date and Weather - M. Marshall, - 25.01.03. Weather - showery
Comments, associated features, possible interpretation - It would seem that the enclosure has been constructed out of material from the cairn (probably Neolithic) and may be associated with a building, SMR - NH64NW 0089 situated 400m to the east.

Archaeological Sites Record

Site name and SMR or NMRS No. Gallowhill Wood (8) OS sheet NH64NW	Location Highland Region - Knockbain Parish
NGR - NH 60593 49352	Site type/class - Hut circle

Situation and surroundings - On a gentle south-east facing slope, in a quite dense young coniferous plantation

Description

Well defined encircling embankment, generally 0.6m in height, but 0.8m in the NE where it is recessed into the slope.

Internal diameter of area is 12m, external is generally 17.5m.

Possible entrance in the south sector.

Possible further hut circle at GR NH 60545 49424, (100m to the NW of recorded hut circle). On an east facing "spur", in light mature pine wood. A low incomplete encircling bank encloses an area with diameter of 14m. A possible entrance is to be found in the south-east sector.

On 1st Edition OS map or others - No

Sketches (overleaf)? - No

Photographs - No

Recorder, Date and Weather - M.Marshall and members of NOSAS - 25.01.03. Weather - showery

Comments, associated features, possible interpretation -

Unrecorded to date

GALLOWHILL CAIRN.



SCALE
1 : 200

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IN RED - OBSERVATIONS:
MADE WHEN VISITED 25-01-00

PREDOMINANTLY ROUNDED BOULDERS
>15m, <40cm.
MOSS COVERED.

- A probed to 50 cm
- B 75 cm
- C 100 cm.

RAISED BY 0.5m. at CORNER

