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Discovery and Excavation in Scotland 1983, No 35, contains the usual varied accounts of archaeological activity in Scotland, reporting both completed projects and others still in progress, from the public and private sectors. It is encouraging to find so much being done at all levels. Most entries refer to work carried out in the past year, though a number concern a previous year's work, where it was not possible to send the report early enough for inclusion. Some individuals feel that if they do not send a contribution in time for a given issue then they should not do so later, but the Editor would remind all concerned with archaeological work in Scotland that they should send the report whenever it is ready. Even if it is too late for the current issue it can be included in the next. The purpose of this compilation has always been to provide an index, as complete as feasible, of recent archaeological work in Scotland, of interest and use currently and in the future. These are not intended to replace interim reports. Contributions reflect work of many types from casual finds through field survey to excavation, by a wide range of individuals and groups as well as professional teams. Consequently the work is of uneven quality, something which the Editor is not in a position to comment on. However, in a proportion of contributions this short report, especially in matters of record, is adequate, in others an annual entry may provide a preview of the eventual full report, while in other cases the entry may prove to be the only publication of work which should see further, detailed publication. Finally, there are those who simply do not contribute any note, however brief, of their recent field work. There was a time when a so-called "black-list" was included in Discovery and Excavation in Scotland, but this has recently been discontinued. This year, as part of the Late Entry section, there is a list of items noted in the press, but which have not been reported. In future this may have to be continued in the interests of completeness, but it would be of more value if entries could simply be forwarded whenever they were ready, regardless of the October deadline. As has been stated regularly, the early deadline is forced on the Editor by the needs of the publication process, and by that other deadline, the CBAS AGM, on the last Saturday of January, the main distribution point for the 500 or more copies.

Traditionally thanks have been extended to J Davidson and E Scott of the OS Archaeology Branch, for their kindness in checking grid references and parishes for contributors, a valuable service which has benefitted not only users of Discovery and Excavation in Scotland, but also the OS, RCAHMS and others. The OS Archaeology Branch has now, however, been incorporated within the National Monuments Record, Scotland, and this year, therefore, arrangements were made with Mr. Dunbar, Secretary of the Royal Commission, for this service to be continued, within NMRS, where some of the work of the OS Archaeology Branch is now carried out. This year, therefore, our thanks are due to Mr. Davidson and Miss Scott as in previous years, and to the Secretary of the Royal Commission for this assistance.

EDWINA V W PROUDFOOT Editor
BORDERS REGION

BERWICKSHIRE DISTRICT

LENNELHILL (Coldstream p)  
Cist, c14 date  
NT 863 427  
A radiocarbon date has been obtained from the skeletal material in the cist reported in Discovery Excav Scot., 1982, 1; it is at 320±85 (GU-1642).

EYMOUTH FORT (Eyemouth p)  
16th-Century Artillery Fortification  
NT 943 649  
A fourth season of excavation concentrated attention on the 1547 bastion. The rough stone cladding seen protruding through the turf before excavation turned out to be secondary (? French 1557), built over the robbed-out English facing of neatly cut and jointed stonework, cut with a continuous batter on its outer face.

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ROXBURGH DISTRICT

JEDBURGH ABBEY (Jedburgh p)  
Medieval Abbey  
NT 650 203  
Several trial trenches were opened to the S of the Abbey precinct to help locate some of the monastic buildings that are to be fully uncovered in 1984.

Part of an arch, including some finely tooled masonry, was found below the road (The Bow) to the S of the E range. Its position (formerly adjacent to the Jed Water) suggests it may have been part of the reredorter. At the junction of Abbey Close and The Bow a wall of about 3m height was exposed.

Between the road and the Jed Water the construction of a lade that supplied the nearby 19th century silk works may have damaged some of the medieval structures that existed in that area.

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RINGS PLANTATION (Yetholm p)  
Fort  
NT 837 284  
in advance of the construction of a television transmitter an excavation was mounted at the S end of the Fort. An area 9.5m by 8.5m was opened to the S of the modern wall separating pasture from plantation. A V-shaped ditch, c4.5m wide and c2.5m deep, ran E-W across the trench, with its N edge c1.0m to the S of the wall. Two 2m wide cuttings into the ditch showed a natural backfill with no recuts. The remains of a rampart, surviving to a height of c0.2m in the area excavated, ran along the N side of the ditch. The rampart material was redeposited clay, presumably from the ditch. The plantation wall appears to have been built on this rampart. A shallow pit c1.7m long by c1.4m wide and c0.5m deep lay to the S of the ditch. Its function and relationship with the ditch were not ascertained. A trench 10m long and 1m wide was dug to the S, from the SE corner of the main trench. Nothing was found. From surface indications within the plantation to the N, the excavated ditch appears to be the outer of two defending the easy southern approach to the Fort.

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TWEDDALE DISTRICT

WHITE MELDON HILL (Peebles p)  
J Smith, W Watt, I Ralston
BORDERS/CENTRAL

Foundations
NT 220 245 On a level terrace below the outer E defence of White Meldon Hill, c50m S of the line of butts. 1 ring-groove, 1 probable ring-ditch house.

NT 221 429 A possible platform on the shoulder between Peat Knowe and White Meldon.

NT 219 434 Ring-ditch house.

NT 220 421 Remains of shielings around the summit of Clock Knowe.

NT 217 418 Just outside the SE corner of the enclosed pasture, S Hill Head, lies a rectilinear sunken courtyard with a shieling-like structure.

CENTRAL REGION

FALKIRK DISTRICT

LOCHLANDS (Falkirk p) G Maxwell and J St Joseph

Roman Temporary Camps
NS 854 814 Evidence derived from air survey in 1983 confirmed suspicions arising from earlier investigation of linear cropmarks within the interior of the Lochlands 'camp' (Discovery Excav Scot 1982, 6) that the temporary structures on this site are much more complex than previously imagined. Sections cut across further linear cropmarks (actually situated on Bogton Farm) provided extensive evidence of re-occupation, reduction and possible enlargement of the defenced area; none of the camps of which the complex can now been seen to be composed is likely to have appreciably exceeded 14 ha.

Sponsor: RCAHMS

INVERAVON (Bo'ness and Carriden p) D Devereux, D Sloan

Shell Midden
NS 952 798 Trench operations for the laying of the BP pipeline between Grangemouth and Mossmorran (Fife) sectioned the Inveravon Shell-Midden, previously observed by E. Mackie in 1971 (Discovery Excav Scot 1971, 57). The pipe trench was cut on an EW alignment approximately 20m N of the line observed by Mackie. The Midden was found to lie on both sides of the minor road to Inveravon off the B944, giving a total EW length of approximately 120m. The greater part, however, lay on the west side where the shell layer reached a maximum thickness of 3m. It appeared that the shell had been deposited against a natural clay bank or low hillock, centered at NS 9519 7980 so that the shell layer thinned progressively to the east where it lay over beach sand. The Midden was almost entirely composed of oyster shells, which were sampled at various levels; very little bone and no artefacts were found. The shells were densely packed, interrupted occasionally by thin lenses of black ashy soil. Sandstone blocks were observed in one distinct but discontinuous horizon but it was impossible to attach any structural significance to these.

INVERAVON (Bo'ness and Carriden p) L Keppie

Antonine Wall and Temporary Camp
NS 958 797 A pipe-trench has cut across the line of the Antonine Wall frontier 300m E of Inveravon Farm, close to a pipeline laid in 1976 (Proc Soc Antiq Scot 107, 1975-76, 61). The stone base of the Wall proved to have been totally removed, but the Ditch itself was located and a section drawn. It was extremely narrow, only c7.5m wide. The pipe-trench also cut through two sides of the temporary camp known as Inveravon 1, discovered
from the air in the 1950s. The E ditch of the camp proved to have a width of 1m and a depth of 0.55m; it was flat-bottomed. The N ditch could not be located, on the presumed line, because of the parched state of the ground. An area within the ditches was examined in search of a rampart and internal features; one possible posthole was located. There were no small finds.

STIRLING DISTRICT

MALLING : BOCHASTLE (Port of Menteith p, Callander p) T Allan
Roman Road Survey
Four stretches of the route of the probable Roman Road between Mailing and Bochastle have been identified (J R S, 1969, 59, 109; Discovery Excav Scot, 1976, 48).

NN 562 004 to NN 565 007 Grass covered ridge, about six paces wide, well-defined edges, along a Malling field-boundary.

NN 568 019 to NN 567 024 Short stretch of agger, about six paces wide, with ditches, W of a Nether Glenny dyke. Joins road identified previously.

NN 605 068 to NN 606 071 Short stretch of stony, grass-covered cambered ridge, along line of a Wester Gartchonzie field-boundary.

NN 612 078 to NN 613 081 From Bochastle farmhouse garden field-boundary overlies a broad stony mound, 5 to 6 paces wide; Full report forwarded to NHMS.

KINLOCHARD (Aberfoyle p) L Main
Two Perforated Weights

NN 462 023 Larger weight is of schist measuring 78mm in diameter with a central perforation of 13mm diameter. It is 10mm thick and slightly damaged. The smaller weight is flat, 41mm diameter with a 6mm diameter perforation and 6 to 10mm thick. The larger weight is probably a loom weight while the smaller may be a spindle whorl. They were found during the re-excavation of a pond at the Forest Hills Hotel. They are still in the possession of the finder, Mr. J. Kerr, 6 Queens Crescent, Aberfoyle.

DUNBLANE, KILBRIDE CRESCENT (Dunblane and Lecropt p)
Structure, underground.

NN 778 015 A bell-shaped structure of undressed stone was uncovered during domestic pipe-laying operations. It was completely below ground, hidden by approximately 45cm of garden soil. The top opening measured 70cm in diameter and the inside face was straight for a depth of 70cm, then widened over the next 110cm to a maximum diameter of 170cm. The structure was not excavated and therefore the precise depth was not confirmed, although there was a layer of packed earth at a depth of 180cm from the top. The inside of the structure was dry and the only visible evidence of mortar was on the upper surface of the top course, which was one stone wide (average 19cm). The structure has now been covered over. Suggestions as to its possible function include a cesspit or storage pit, although both this and its date could not be established.

WESTER FREW (Kippen p) L Main and W Johnstone
Crocodile Skull

NS 667 958 Two fragments of the skull and upper jaw of a crocodile with two teeth still in their sockets were found in the Boquhan Burn, close to its junction with the River Forth. The skull appears to have come to light through the erosion of the stream bank. The origin of this skull is un-
certain but since crocodiles are a non-native species it may be part of a Victorian collection. In the Stirling Smith Museum and Art Gallery.

**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY REGION**

**WIGTOWN DISTRICT**

**WIGTOWN BURGH and PARISH 10 NORTH BANK STREET**

Inscribed and Carved Stones

NX 435 554  Built into the rear wall is a pink freestone slab inscribed HK ES 1661. Built into the gable of the kitchen wing is a human head, also carved in pinkish stone.

**AUCHENMALG BAY** (Old Luce p)

Stone Jetty

NX 233 517  Visible at low water are the remains of a stone built pier or jetty emerging from the east side of a stone and gravel bank.

**SHEDDOOG** (Whithorn p)

Midden and Mesolithic Site

NX 477 392  The Shell Midden reported here (Discovery Excav Scot 1982) is recent. A single C-14 date from patella sp (GU - 1625) is 480 bp.

**ROUGH LOCH** (Mechrum p)

Causeway and Stone Structures

NX 318 402  Forestry ploughing, and probing, round this Crannog (Inventory No 202) has revealed 45 metres NE of the Crannog the stone built remains of a possible second Crannog - roughly triangular 20m by 17m with two fire spots. Linking the two structures is a stone-paved causeway 3 to 4 metres wide.

**CRUGGLETON** (Sorbie p)

Medieval Pottery, Mesolithic Flints

NX 485 428  Field walking between the Castle and Palmallet Loch yielded 35 green-glazed sherds within the outer bailey of the Castle also a number of 'furnace bottoms' just inside the bailey wall about 30 metres from the NE end. A thin scatter of patinated flints, including one microlith was found at the edge of the Loch at about NX 480 425.

**LOCH DEE** (Minigaff p)

Flints

NX 473 789  Several pieces of flint debitage at loch side.

**CLATTERINGSHAW LOCH** (Minigaff p)

Flint

NX 531 778  White patinated flint end scraper.

**SORBIE** (Sorbie p)

Motte

NX 450 469  During the first half of July an excavation took place to determine the nature and length of occupation of this square motte. Artefacts discovered ranged in date from the 12th to 16th centuries, and added weight to the belief that at many places in Scotland mottes had a life through to tower house phase. (Sorbie built 1560). The base of a flying bridge evidenced in the ditch bottom.

**OLD PLACE OF SORBIE** (Sorbie p)

S Wood, C Wood, S Grant
Towerhouse and Environs
NX 451 471 A survey of Sorbie Tower and square motte was carried out and a full set of measured drawings has been prepared: lodged with RCAHMS.

To the north and east of the tower two deep parallel ditch and bank systems were noted. Beyond these were traces of rig alteration and field dykes. The line of a well cobbled roadway was plotted for some 150m in a north easterly direction from the courtyard at the entrance to the tower. Between the tower and the ditches were a number of stone scatters, remains of stone structures, a well and some smaller ditches.

BARHOLM (Gatehouse of Fleet p)

Stone Slabs
NX 521 529 Seven large flat stones observed scattered between the towerhouse and the farm house some 100m to the west. The largest was some 3.50m long by 0.45m wide by 0.06m high. Two other stones have been erected close to the entrance to the tower and are both some 1.50m high by 0.48m wide by 0.12m thick. Many stones scattered in area.

NITHSDALE DISTRICT

MONIAIVE (Glencairn p) T Affleck

Flints
NX 779 909 Blades, flakes and debitage. Surface finds from former river terrace gravel.

NX 780 903 One scraper, one flake on site of cairn.

ST CONNEL'S CHAPEL (Tynron p)

Early Ecclesiastical Site, possible
NX 754 950 Situated at 290m on a natural platform on the N hillside of the Kirkconnel Valley, bounded on the W by a stream gully and on the other sides by a curved bank, now only evident on the S and N sides. The outline of a rectangular building, orientated EW, is evident within the enclosure.

Trenches through the N and S banks have shown substantial stone walling with vertical inner and possible battered outer faces. Rig and furrow ploughing outside the enclosure has been shown to respect the N bank.

Excavation exposed some 2m of the W end of the building. The walls, c85cm thick, are of drystone facing and rubble core. A possible doorway exists near the W end of the N wall. Internal dimensions would appear to be c7 by 5m. Three post-holes were found in the internal earth floor.

Finds include a few nails, some glass slag, and a stone with U and V-section grooving and pocking.

STEWARTY DISTRICT

SMITTONS (Carsphairn p) T Affleck

Enclosure, Mesolithic Flints
NX 635 918 The site occupies a slight ridge on otherwise level marshy ground bounded by a wide bend of the R Ken.

A small (c7m diameter) earth-banked enclosure overlies Mesolithic levels. During the trial excavation, no evidence for date or function of this construction was found.

Mesolithic occupation material was found above, on, and below the old gravel/pebble surface. Flint and chert cones, blades, scrapers, microliths
and debitage were recovered, with extremely small triangles, crescents and rods (c10 by 1.5mm) noteworthy. Charcoal fragments, including hazelnut shells, were widespread at all levels. Fire spots and an arc of stake holes were also recorded.

DALBEATTIE (Urr p)  
J & J Andrews

Roman Marching Camp, possible

NX 826 608 In October 1983, a trial trench dug on the SE side of the site, under the direction of Professor St Joseph, failed to establish the presence of archaeological features at that point. The site therefore remains unconfirmed.

ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE DISTRICT

BRYDEKIRK CHAPEL (Annan p)  
C Crowe

Chapel Foundations, Coins, Sherds, Metalwork

NY 185 711 Excavation revealed the foundations of a small, single-cell chapel with an ovoid vallum of rubble. There are traces of another ruined building beneath the present structure, not explored yet.

The present chapel had the altar reset in 1495-1500 according to two pennies deposited under the present platform. Pottery and metalwork date from 12th-16th centuries. A small fragment of Roman pottery came from the deepest levels beside the vallum. No cemetery has been found yet. There were no fragments of clay pipe on the site.

An interim report and metalwork finds are in the Museum at Dumfries.

FIFE REGION

DUNFERMLINE DISTRICT

DUNFERMLINE BURGH and PARISH  
D Hall

City Bakery, High Street

Medieval Backland Excavation

NT 091 875 Excavations in advance of development took place between November and December 1981. No surviving street frontage deposits were found because of terracing for the construction of the bakery. Slight traces of backland activity of a medieval date were found but little artefactual evidence was recovered.

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KIRKCALDY DISTRICT

PETTICUR BAY CARAVAN PARK (Kinghorn p)  
D Marshall

Stone Foundations, Sherds

NT 254 864 The slight remains of stone foundations were located in an eroding bank. Remains of a cottage and stone-laid road were noted earlier, when the present road was cut. Finds included pottery from 14-18th centuries.

BALFARG RIDING SCHOOL (Markinch p)  
G Barclay

Neolithic Building & Enclosure

NO 285 031 In 1979 a short arc of a ditch appeared as a cropmark, and was photographed by RCAHMS, in the NE corner of the field in which lies Balfarg Henge (Mercer R J, Proc Soc Antiq Scot, 111, 1981, 63-171). The site is also only 100m from Balbirnie Stone Circle (Ritchie J N G, Archaeol J, 131,
1974, 1-32). The area of the cropmark is threatened by housing construction and therefore a trial season of excavation was mounted in the spring. The ditch was located and sectioned in two places: at the E end of the portion visible on the AP and at the W. In the latter section a heavily charcoal impregnated layer, containing large quantities of later Neolithic (Grooved Ware) pottery, both coarse and fine, was found about a third of the way up the ditch profile. This layer had come into the ditch from the outer side. A radiocarbon date of 2475 ± 50 bc (GU-1670) has been obtained from charcoal from this layer. The ditch probably enclosed a D-shaped area; the limit at the N was probably formed by the Balbirnie (or Coul) Burn. Within this area limited excavation in the first season revealed a number of post-holes, one of which produced sherds of Grooved Ware.

A second season was mounted in the summer to examine as much of the ditch and of the interior of the enclosure as was possible. In the ditch small quantities of Grooved Ware were found in the primary silts. The heavily charcoal-impregnated layer was found to be of limited extent, though Grooved Ware was found at an equivalent level to the E. Above this large quantities of fine (All-Over-Cord and Comb Decorated) and coarse Beaker pottery were found, in the W part of the ditch.

In the interior of the enclosure further post-holes were found, forming the plan of a rectilinear timber building aligned N-S. The erosion of the N part of the site has unfortunately obliterated the N end of the structure. What remains appears to be a three-aisled building 9.5m across, surviving to a length of 19.5m; if the N end is extrapolated the building would be at least 23.5m long. The walls are formed of individually set posts; the S end is formed similarly, but is curved. There are apparently two entrances, one each in E and W walls. Parallel to the axis of the building are two rows of substantial posts, probably the main roof supports. Some of them show clear evidence of replacement. Grooved Ware has been recovered from the post-pipes of two of them.

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WINDYGATES CROSS (Markinch p) E Proudfoot
Tunnel
NO 346 005 A flight of steps leading to a well built tunnel was located below a newsagent shop which was demolished to provide a car park adjacent to Windygates Hotel. A wall blocked the tunnel some 4m from base of steps. Tunnel and step area filled with rubble. The only find was a white earthenware jug, dated c.1900-1920, of local Kirkcaldy manufacture. The tunnel has been resealed.

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DURIE HOUSE (Scoonie p)
Macehead, Socket Stone, Stone Ball
NO 376 029 Rectangular cushion macehead, hourglass perforation, ovoid section, 10.5cm long, 7.2cm wide, 3cm thick.
Socket stone, with two smooth faces, third with socket. Maximum length 20.8cm.
Stone Ball, oval, slightly smoothed in one area. 0.10cm by 8.9cm maximum dimensions.
All the above were found in the field with the standing stone, at some time during the last three-four years. In possession of farmer.

Fife Archaeological Index.

NE FIFE DISTRICT
W LOMOND HILL (Strathmiglo p)
Edge-Ground Flint Axe
NO 195 062 An edge-ground flint axe was found on an eroding peaty surface on W Lomond Hill. An intensive search of the area failed to indicate any other objects. Pale grey cherty flint. Ground edge polished and rest of surface slightly polished. Length 12.6cm. Width of cutting edge 5.7cm. At present with F A I , but to be deposited in a museum.
Fife Archaeological Index.

MONIMAIL (Monimail p) G Ewart
Episcopal Palace
NO 298 140 A limited trial excavation in advance of house building, was carried out within part of the 18th century walled garden, to the south of 'Beaton's Tower', the main surviving element of the 16th century palace of Monimail. No trace of the original South range of the palace was found in this area.
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ARDROSS(Elie p) E & J Errington & E Proudfoot
Cist, Human Remains
NO 507 006 A child-sized long cist, and several bones, were noted eroding from cliff near Newark Castle.

DAIRSEL, Edenbank Cottages (Leuchars p) E Proudfoot
Cistern
NO 428 174 A rectangular stone-built cistern was located beside the well W of the cottage. Filled with water. Capstone over 15cm thick. 3 ft. wide by 8 ft. long by 6 ft. deep.
Fife Archaeological Index.

ST ANDREWS (St Andrews & St Leonards p) J Wordsworth
Market Street, Auction Hall
Medieval Occupation, Flint Scraper
NO 511 167 Limited excavation and a watching brief during redevelopment of this site revealed over 1m of archaeological deposit. A neolithic/bronze age flint scraper was found as well as 3 sherds of 'developed Stamford ware' dating possibly to the 12th century. A series of substantial features consisting of pits and gullies cut into the natural subsoil contained possibly 13th century pottery. These were sealed by a layer of garden soil 0.5m - 0.75m thick that was in turn sealed by the remains of a group of stone cottages, built in the 16th and 17th centuries, demolished in the 19th century before the Hall was built.
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KINKELL BRAES (St Andrews & St Leonards p) E Proudfoot
Coin, Silver
NO 526 157 area. A silver shilling of James VI was found in loose soil of a mole hill near footpath. Crowned harp on reverse. Bust of King on obverse. Date 1605. Obverse extremely worn but reverse still well defined.
Fife Archaeological Index

ANSTRUTHER, School Green (Anstruther Easter p) E Proudfoot
Cistern
NO 567 036 A water cistern was located under the drive of a new house when the level was being lowered. The upper edging appeared to be intact, except on the SW, where it had been cut through, when a later pipe had been inserted. The upper part of the irregular, cone-shaped cistern was of an un-mortared stone work, while the lower part was rock-cut. Several drill
holes could be seen in the rock. The cistern was filled with 3m of clear water when first uncovered. It was pumped dry for examination. No finds were noted. 4.9m deep. Max diameter 2.5m

The drive occupies the area of a former kippering shed. The original depth below the ground surface could not be ascertained.

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LOWER KENLY (St Andrews & St Leonards p) M Ash, E Proudfoot

Bishop's Manor, Possible Site
NO 565 132 In a large tilled field to the NE of Lower Kenly farmhouse, on the S side of the burn there is a triangle of untilled land on the edge of the escarpment. A stone-lined well, a water-logged depression, partly stone-lined, and possible wall-alignments were noted. Identified as possible remains of the lost Bishop's Manor of Inchmurdoo.

Line of possible approach road can be seen.

Fuller report by M Ash held by Fife Archaeological Index.

TENTSMUIR (Leuchars p) F van de Veen

Rig and Furrow, Enclosures
NO 47 22 Field walking and surveying of an area of rough grazing, 2.6km by 2.5km, continues. Finds include decorated and undecorated prehistoric pottery, flint flakes, medieval pottery.

NO 472 219 Rig and furrow.
NO 468 223 Rig and furrow.
NO 467 221 Rig and furrow.
NO 469 219 Enclosure
NO 468 219 Enclosure

FIFENESS (Crail p)

Harbour, Tidal Mill
Survey of remains of Harbour (NO 637 098) and Tidal Mill (NO 636 099) and associated structures continues, combined with documentary research into the history of Balcomie estate regarding these features.

GRAMPIAN REGION

KINCARDINE AND DEESIDE DISTRICT

DALLADIES, Capo Gravel Quarry (Fettercairn p) I Shepherd

Soil Feature
NO 627 675 A broad, U-bottomed sub-soil feature, 0.9m deep, 3.2m wide, revealed in gravel quarrying. The feature could be traced in plan for 4m. Three small patches of charcoal were found in the stripped gravel surface within 20m of this feature.

CAPO (Fettercairn p) F Tavener

Bomb Crater
NO 628 675 In advance of expansion of Capo (Dalladies) Quarry an excavation was mounted to investigate a cropmark site which showed as a ring ditch. This proved to be a World War II Bomb Crater.
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BURN OF MANNIE (Birse p) I Ralston, W Watt
Settlement and Field System
NO 006 007 centre  First detected from the air (Aberdeen Archaeological Surveys), and distributed along c400m on the N of the burn, at an altitude of c210 - 240m in moorland, the following features were noted (E to W): one platform, c12m across, one ring-ditch house, c12m in diameter, and edged by a concentric low mound of stones in which the occasional larger block is visible, a suite of near-parallel, slightly sinuous dry-stone banks, about 40m apart, with traces of cross-dykes and stone clearance heaps, a more irregular structure (attached to the W bank) and two further ring-ditch houses. One is c12m in diameter and exhibits little sign of a delimiting bank: the second is c14m in diameter, slightly scarped into the hill-side, and edged by a dry-stone bank, especially on its SE, downslope, side. Further W is a possible, but rather decayed, hut circle, c9m across. This is the only site N of the Mounth known to the authors which exhibits this range of features.

INVERCANNIE (Banchory-Terrin p)  I Shepherd
Flint Scatter
NO 068 064  Dr Grieve, Banchory, reports a scatter of c600 microliths in a restricted area on a haugh N of the Dee.

DUNNICAER (Dunotter p)  J Inglis
Pictish Symbol Stone
NO 882 S46  Class 1 - known as Stonehaven 4. Now in Aberdeen University Museum. ABDUA 17862

MEADOW FARM (Logie Coldstone p)  I Shepherd
Saddle Quern
NJ 446 064  At present at field edge, an irregular rounded boulder of grey granite; the top is a flattened oval with the deep regular impression of an almost rectangular abrasion plane.
Polished Stone Axe
NJ 443 066  Brown fine grained stone, surface find. Particularly highly polished at the deeply crescentic blade. 135mm long, 26 to 30mm thick, 69mm wide at blade; 32mm wide at butt. Now in Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum.

GORDON DISTRICT

TAP O' NOOTH (Rhynie P)  I Ralston, W Watt
Platforms
NJ 484 293  Further fieldwork allows the provisional total of platforms (Discovery Excav Scot, 1982, 12) to be increased to 234.

HILL OF MILLMEDDEN (Clatt p)  I Ralston
Polished Stone Macehead
NJ 54 23  A Thames Pestle Macehead, given to the parish minister in the inter-war years, will be added to the collection of the Anthropological Museum, Marischal College.

HILL OF NEW LESLIE (Leslie p)  W Watt
Hill Fort
NJ 584 254  Discovered in the course of aerial survey work by Aberdeen Archaeological Surveys, consists today of a bank and internal quarry ditch surrounding the hilltop (altitude 285m) on three sides. On the south side no trace now remains due to ploughing associated with reseeding. The earthen bank measures between 4m and 5m wide, and is 0.5m high. It may be rock cut at the east end. The internal quarry ditch is between 3m and 4m
wide and 0.4m deep. No entrance was detected. The fort measures 359m EW by 175m transversely, making it one of the largest in the region, at over 4 hectares.

DEAD MAN'S HOLE, Wantonwells (Insch p)  
J Inglis  
Pictish Symbol Stone  

BRUCK'S CAMP (Kintore p)  
W Watt  
Vitrification  
NJ 768 190 Vitrification, was noted during recent field survey in the area in the NW and SW corners of the fort. Associated with loose tumble in the former area and from within the wall matrix in the latter area.

TAVELTY FARM (Kintore p)  
I Ralston, W Watt  
Short Cist  
NJ 788 172 A Short Cist was identified, and damaged, during ploughing to the E of Kintore Cemetery, on a gently undulating area of fluvioglacial sands and gravels, between the R Don and the Bridgealehouse burn. Salvage excavation complemented the earlier recovery of a large (c30cm high) N2 beaker by producing a fragment of flat bronze, provisionally interpreted as a fragment of a dagger blade, and a fine quartz barbed-and-tanged arrowhead, as well as flint items.

HILL OF LOGIE (Logie Buchan p)  
J Inglis  
Carved Stone Ball, Flint Flakes, Flint Arrowheads  
NJ 977 295 Marshall type 9A. Pink granite. Found with flint flakes and two leaf arrowheads in a garden. Aberdeen University Museum - ABDUA 15600.

FORVERAN LINKS (Foveran p)  
I Shepherd  
Flint Working Site  
NK 004 243 British Gas Corporation, has deposited a report on a surface collection from this site in the Grampian Regional Council Sites and Monuments Record.

MORAY DISTRICT

HOPEMAN (Duffus p)  
R Powell  
Bronze Flat Axe  
NJ 147 695 Discovered in garden, 1983. Fine condition; undecorated; length 37mm; maximum width 78mm; butt 48mm; maximum thickness 13mm. Weight 642 grams. Coles category AB. Falconer Museum, Forres. Accession No: MORMS 1983-156

ELGIN (Burgh and Parish)  
B Lindsay, D Hall  
Nicholson's Garage, High Street, Pits, Beam Slot, Pottery  
NJ 214 627 Excavations in advance of development took place between March and April 1981. No trace of any surviving street frontage deposits were recovered. Evidence of substantial backland activity was located 40m back from the High Street. Several pits and a beam slot were excavated. These features produced pottery of a 14th century date. A fragment from Scarborough ware aquamanile in the form of a horse's head was recovered from an unstratified layer. 
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HILL OF CLAIS NAM EARB (Mortlach p)  I Shepherd
Rig and Furrow
NJ 332 326  On a SE facing slope, an area of rig and furrow with a wave-
length of from 5 to 7 m.

Hut Platforms
NJ 333 327  In a S facing small excarpment, an oval platform, 8m x 4.6m, 
with a bank around outer edge. Another smaller example lies 8m to the S.

Field Plots
NJ 336 346  On a slight shelf on a N facing slope at c.355m OD, three 
contiguous field plots, delimited by turf banks, measuring 19 x 30m, c.30 x 
30m; c.40 x 90m.

HILL OF SMITHSTOWN (Mortlach p)  I Shepherd, I Ralston
Cross Dykes
NJ 332 359  Sections of two low dykes can be traced in peat across W 
shoulder of Hill.

CRAIGY STRIPE (Mortlach p)
Enclosures
NJ 337 357  Several large rectilinear embanked enclosures on S facing 
hillside at 350m OD: small area of subdued rigs at W end; possible 
circular shieling hut near centre.

CARN CHROM (Cabrach p)  I Shepherd, I Ralston, 
Lynchets  K Sabine
NJ 340 333  A sub-oval terrace, 92m x 24m, defined by a positive and a 
negative lynchet, at c.442m OD.

GAULDWELL CASTLE (Boharm p)  I Shepherd 
Correspondence
NJ 310 451  Copies of correspondence relating to unpublished excavations 
in the Castle in 1956 have been deposited in the Grampian Regional Council 
Sites and Monuments Record.

BANFF AND Buchan District

MAINS OF CORSSEGIGHT (New Deer p)  W Watt, J Inglis
Ditch
NJ 849 502  During agricultural reclamation work, a ditch section was 
revealed on this slight inland promontory near New Deer. The section 
shows the ditch to have been 1.9m across and 0.7m deep, though ploughing 
has clearly destroyed the upper part of the ditch and any associated banks. 
The ditch is rounded though with a deep, asymmetrical, U-shaped central 
portion. The ditch fill consists of 1) Layers of grey sand and gravel, and 
2) Layers of dark brown, organic rich material. Below the two grey sand 
layers there are iron pans. The natural subsoil of the area is a very fine  
orange yellow sand. If the ditch continued across the promontory the 
enclosed area would have measured circa 90m by 30m.

HIGHLAND REGION

LOCHABER DISTRICT

SANNA SANDS (Ardnamurchan p)  R Kirby
Sherds, Flints
A number of sherds and flint and bloodstone flakes were found eroding from the dunes.

Erosion of the dunes has revealed an occupation layer from the surface of which were recovered several potshods and half of a pierced lead disc 2.7cm in diameter.

**LOCH MUDBLE (Ardnamurchan p)**

Pottery

NM 549 661 A number of grass-marked sherds from a single possibly Dark Age Pot were recovered from ground ploughed for afforestation. Now in NMAS.

Sherds, Flints

NM 549 660 Four small pot sherds and two flints from ground ploughed for afforestation. Retained by finder.

Bloomery and Shieling

NM 548 662 A bloomery site and a small group of shielings in an area ploughed for afforestation.

**LOCHAN NA CAILRDAICH (Ardnamurchan p)**

Bloomery, Sherds, Flints, Crucible

NM 755 679 A small bloomery was revealed by forest ploughing. From adjoining furrows came four sherds of pottery, several flint flakes, iron nails and part of a crucible with bronze slag adhering. Finds in NMAS.

**ACHNANELAN (Ardnamurchan p)**

Flint Flakes

NM 752 680 Two flint flakes were found on newly ploughed ground near the shores of Loch Shiel. With finder.

**ALLT LOCHAN NA CAILRDAICH (Ardnamurchan p).**

Flint, Bloodstone Flakes

NM 755 686 Over 100 flint and bloodstone flakes were recovered from recently ploughed ground. Possibly shieling site.

**DAHL HOUSE, POLLOCH (Ardnamurchan p)**

Flint, Bloodstone Flakes, Lignite, Saddle Quern

NM 758 683 Over 100 flint and bloodstone flakes and two crumbs of unglazed pottery were found in a drain behind the house and several flint and pitchstone flakes and a curved piece of lignite were dug up in the garden. A saddle quern, obviously moved from its original site during road construction works, was found behind the byre. The boulder on which it occurred measured 0.54m x 0.37m. On the convex under-surface was a single cup mark 0.08m in diameter by 0.03m deep.

**ACHNANELAN (Ardnamurchan p)**

Flint Arrowhead

NM 745 677 A finely worked leaf-shaped arrowhead 33mm x 18mm, in pale ochreous flint, with reddish flush and patch of creamy cortex on one side. In Cnoc Breac Museum Collection.

**GORSTANVORRAH, Loch Shiel (Ardnamurchan p)**

Promontory Fort

NM 813 718 On Rudha an Fhaing Dhuibh is a D-shaped fort measuring approximately 15m by 15m. The walls stand to a height of 0.5m in places, and are from 0.8 to 1.0m thick. A breakwater on the west side provides a safe anchorage for small craft. The entrance is on the southern (landward)
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side, which is protected by marshy ground. Projecting outwards from the south wall is a two-roomed dwelling, crudely constructed from large boulders.

TORRAN (Ardnamurchan p)
Bloomery Sites
NM 732 669 Slight traces in plough furrows
NM 733 671 Slight traces in plough furrows.
NM 734 663 A more extensive site, badly damaged by forestry ploughing.

CLAISH (Ardnamurchan p)
Flint Scraper
NM 731 668 A crudely fashioned scraper in ochrous flint was found in a recently ploughed area.

GLEN HURICH (Ardnamurchan p)
Corn Kilns
NM 833 683 Corn drying kiln, poor condition.
NM 834 681 Corn drying kiln, poor condition.

RESIPOLE (Ardnamurchan p)
Round Cairn
NM 716 647 On a prominent knoll commanding extensive views along Loch Sunart, is a substantial round cairn approximately 12m diameter by 1.8m high.

INVERLOCHY CASTLE (Kilmoniuing p) J Lewis
Castle
NN 120 754 The principal area of excavation was the NE tower where rubble up to 1m deep overlay the original floor of roughly levelled construction debris. The tower had been built against disturbed soils which included skeletal remains, believed to be human. This indicates an occupation of the site earlier than that of the extant castle's construction.

Adjacent to the tower and within the courtyard a 5m by 4m trench was opened. Nothing in this trench substantiated the theory that there had been a range of timber buildings in the E of the courtyard although a line of squared sockets along the entire length of the E curtain, at first floor level, would suggest that such buildings had once existed there.

Access to the living quarters of the NE tower was probably gained via the first floor and in the N curtain was an entrance-way (later blocked) that may have coincided with this level. A sandstone threshold in the basement exhibited almost no signs of wear suggesting this to have been a little-used room.

A cobbled floor of good construction was partially uncovered outwith and adjacent to the N curtain and the NE tower. This was of late date and may have belonged to a building erected by the Invergarry Ironworks Company in the second quarter of the 18th century.
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SKYE AND LOCHALSH DISTRICT

EILEAN FLADDY - RAASAY (Portree p) E Patterson
Boulder Alignments, Fish Trap
NG 591 504 Two miles S of the N tip of the island of Raasay, an isthmus
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links that island and Eilean Fladday, and on the S side of the isthmus there is a well-preserved fish trap of rectangular or 'box' plan, constructed of large boulders. The E arm of the trap is angled towards the west for a few m from its termination below HWM. A short alignment of boulders is sited a few m to the E of the E arm of the trap, the gap between the two opening upwards towards four short alignments which occasionally provide pens for boats.

CARRBRAE (Kintail p) M Long

Cup Marked Boulder

NG 899 242 Approximately 300m SSE of the cup marked boulder at NG 8079 2450, on a SE facing slope is another larger boulder, c2.7m long by c1.9m wide. On the upper surface of the boulder are approximately 80 cup marks, the three largest of which are joined together by two channels.

ROSS AND CROMARTY DISTRICT

CNOC-A-CHAISTEIL (Alness p) J Rideout

Defended Promontory

NH 649 690 The site was excavated in June in advance of sand and gravel extraction. The enclosure measured c32m NS by c29m EW and was defended on the N and NW sides by two banks and a ditch. The W half of the defences and the causeway entrance have been all but destroyed by relatively recent gravel quarrying. The entrance was originally c3.5m wide. On the E half the defences were sectioned where they were best preserved. The ditch, c7.5m wide and c2.4m deep, was V-sectioned with a noticeable steepening at the bottom. The external bank was c4.5m wide and survived to a height of c0.5m over a well preserved old land surface. The inner bank was c6.0m wide and c0.3m high but had been damaged by quarrying for a modern plantation boundary. Within the enclosed area several postholes and small pits were discovered, mostly in the E half; they appeared to form no coherent pattern. To the E of the entrance a large pit, containing burnt soil and charcoal, had been cut into the partly filled ditch terminal. Among the few finds recovered was one sherd of medieval pottery found in the upper fill of the ditch. The large pit produced heavily corroded pieces of iron.

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SUTHERLAND DISTRICT

ACHORMCARIE HILL (Creich and Dornoch p) D Ross

Survey

During a pre-afforestation survey a number of new sites were recorded in areas where some sites were already known. The unabridged version of the report, including topographical details, has been lodged with NMRS

| NH 649 963 | Hut circle 5.5m internally, clearance cairns. |
| NH 650 962 | Hut circle, field system. |
| NH 654 903 | Shielings, rectangular, field. |
| NH 659 961 | Farmsteads, enclosures, fields, kiln. |
| NH 664 904 | Shielings, rectangular, enclosure. |
| NH 660 957 | Hut circle, 8.0m internally, clearance cairns, lynchets. |
| NH 661 956 | Corn drying kiln, fields. |
| NH 663 958 | Hut circle, 9m diameter; enclosure, oval. |
| NH 665 954 | Building foundations, rectangular; enclosures, fields, sheepfold, bothy, head dykes. |
| NH 665 958 | Hut circle 9m diameter. |
| NH 663 956 | Hut circles, 13.5m by 11.5m. |
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NH 674 980 Farmstead including corn drying kiln, fields.
NH 697 947 Hut circle.
NH 691 947 Enclosures.
NH 706 955 House, rectangular; corn drying kiln.
NH 705 955 Kerb cairn, 7.1m diameter.
NH 704 963 Hut circle.
NH 706 963 Enclosure, D-shaped; enclosure.
NH 706 962 House, long, rectangular, corn drying kiln, yard, enclosures, field banks.
NH 702 946 Hut circles, field system.
NH 701 946 Hut circle.
NH 700 946 House platform, oval; field system.
NH 709 942 Hut circle.
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KILEARNAN HILL (Kildonan p) J Barber, A Haggarty

Settlement
NC 953 177 (centre) Some damage to monuments had occurred during forestry ploughing of the lower slopes of the hillside. Field work late in 1982 on the land left unploughed recorded the positions of large numbers of cairns in addition to previously known hut circles. The excavation of a partially destroyed burnt mound began, but was abandoned due to bad weather. In 1983 the Forestry Commission and SDD(AM) agreed on areas highlighted by the survey, which contained representative monuments to be preserved from future ploughing. An excavation was mounted to retrieve information regarding the date or span of settlement from sites both ploughed and unploughed. In addition to the completion of the burnt mound excavation, halves of three huts and a quadrant of a fourth along with ten cairns were excavated. Some finds of pottery and flint were made and samples were taken for pollen analysis.
Sponsor: SDD(AM) – CEU

CAITHNESS DISTRICT

JANETSTOWN (Latheron p) J Smith

Promontory Fort
ND 190 320 On sea stack till-plugged to mainland cliff edge immediately south of old herring station lighthouse above Janetstown Harbour, a massive rampart 2 metres high with entrance. Within, four scooped sub-circular huts. On the landward end of till-plug, another rampart and entrance, with possible guard cell on southern side of entrance.

WAREHOUSE (Wick p) P Ashmore

Long Horned Cairn
ND 305 420 Under and extending south of the Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn Warehouse C is a long horned cairn. Near the round cairn it measures approximately 10m in breadth; at its narrowest point some 30m S it measures approximately 7m in breadth; it extends some 35m from the edge of the round cairn to the centre of its S facade. The S forecourt measures approximately 9 to 10m between the southmost inner corners of horns some 2m wide, and is about 5m deep. A mass of masonry on the NE side of the round cairn may be a horn of a N forecourt, but excavations by Anderson in 1865 allow the possibility that this masonry is spoil. A more jumbled mass of masonry on the NNW side of the round cairn is in a feasible position for a horn but is indistinguishable from spoil. All measurements are converted from paces and orientations are approximate.
Sponsor: SDD(AM)
AUKHORN (Wick p)  
Peat Mounds  
ND 32 63 Excavation of peat mounds originally noted during a survey of the area showed the mounds to be natural in origin. One had formerly contained a 17th century bog burial, clothing from which is in NMAS. Pollen studies are being carried out.

Field Survey  
ND 31 42 A field survey was conducted in the Loch of Yarrows-Watenan area. Among the 192 monuments located and planned were two previously unrecorded long cairns, some hut circles and post-medieval settlements. Details lodged in NMRS.

Sponsor: Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Munro Fund, University of Edinburgh, SDR, RCAHMS.

KEISS LINKS (Wick p)  
Worked Chert  
ND 339 579 A number of pieces of worked chert were collected from a blowout in the dunes. Retained by finder.

FRESWICK LINKS (Canisbay p)  
Small Finds  
ND 377 673 Numerous sherds of grass-tempered pottery, several sherds of medieval ware, a bone comb fragment and a small piece of clipped bronze were collected from the eroding face of the midden. Now in NHAS.

FRESWICK LINKS (Canisbay p)  
Stone Container  
ND 377 676 A possibly Norse food or liquid container carved out of a block of red sandstone was recovered from the high water mark. This measured approximately 0.33 by 0.31 by 0.12m externally, with sides 0.08m thick. Now in Inverness Museum.

CITY OF EDINBURGH DISTRICT  
CRAHOND ROHAN FORT (Edinburgh p)  
Road, Coins  
NT 192 768 Preliminary excavations immediately west of the road have revealed linear features comprising large boulders. Associated with these were coins of the 2nd and 3rd century. Coins of the 17th century were recovered from the overlying plough soil. Discovery Excav Scot 1978, 1980, 1982.

Sponsor: EDINBURGH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SOCIETY

TRON KIRK (Edinburgh p)  
Stake Holes, Pits, Med. Sherds, Iron Working  
NT 259 736 Those areas of the interior of the Church which had been inaccessible during the 1974 excavations, owing to the presence of a 19th century gallery, were cleared of dust and rubble, and 17th century floor layers were removed from areas not considered suitable for long-term preservation. Beneath the cobbled floor of the courtyard in the NE area of the site were two rows of stake-holes and two pits, one of which contained late 14th/early 15th century pottery. Complete excavation of the area provisionally associated with iron-casting in the early 17th century revealed the surviving arc of a presumed ring of burnt material, possibly indicating the presence of some sort of kiln, and large numbers of flat-
Sponsor: CITY OF EDINBURGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MIDLOTHIAN DISTRICT

RULLION GREEN (Glencorse p) T Watkins
Cremation Cemetery
NT 220 622 The prehistoric site at Rullion Green, situated on the NE facing slopes of the Pentland Hills at an altitude of about 325m, had been previously investigated in a very brief excavation of one of the small circular enclosures by Dr R B K Stevenson in 1948. Two more enclosures were excavated in July 1983 by a team of undergraduate archaeology students led by Dr Trevor Watkins.

The two circles chosen for excavation were contiguous, and one of the objectives of the excavation was to investigate any kind of structural and chronological relationship between the two. The main objectives, however, were to gain information on the function and date of the enclosures, which number at least eleven, closely packed in the corner of a field. One school of thought has suggested that the group represents the remains of an unenclosed settlement composed of ring-ditch houses of early Iron Age date, while the other, tentatively subscribed to by Dr Stevenson in the light of his own work, is that the site was a cremation cemetery of some kind belonging to the Bronze Age.

The two enclosures were found to be in many respects similar in size and construction. Both consisted of an enclosing bank, outside which was a ditch, beyond which was a less substantial bank. At the centre of each a cremation had been deposited, and a final act had been the covering of the interior of the circle, the bank and the ditch with a cloaking of turf, loam and stones. The overall diameter of each monument was about 12m, the surviving height of the inner bank about 0.5m, and the original depth of the ditch at its maximum being about 0.5m in one circle and 0.3m in the other. Both circles proved to have similar complex structural histories, too. They were called C and F, using the labels given on the plan on the OS record card.

Circle C was the simpler enclosure, its bank and ditch being annular; Circle F had a penannular bank and ditch, and an entrance arrangement. The entrance of Circle F was built to face Circle C, and there was a construction of stone in the hollow of the ditch of Circle C which mirrored this. Assuming that this mirroring of the entrance of F in the ditch of C was executed when the entrance of F was built, there is a good relationship demonstrated between the two circles, with Circle F being in its second stage of construction when Circle C was in its first stage.

Because of extensive burrowing activity the cremation deposits had been somewhat spread about the interior of the circles. With the cremated bone, which was in very small fragments, there was a certain amount of charcoal, certainly enough to ensure suitable samples for radiocarbon dating. More charcoal, entirely unconnected with the cremation, was found on the outer flanks of the banks and the upper fills of the ditches. The only artefacts were some 13 pieces of flint, mostly very small, some with retouch, none found in association with the cremations, but all (with two exceptions) distributed on the banks and in the ditch fills.

The site is certainly funerary, and would seem to be generally related to the ring-cairns and enclosed cremation cemeteries of the mid to late second millennium bronze age.
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SPOTT DOD (Spott p)  
Crop-Mark Enclosure  
R Mercer  
NT 665 744  In June 1983 the exploratory excavation was undertaken of this crop-mark site, which was apparent as an enclosure of about 1.5 ha, defined by two closely spaced interrupted ditches both apparently congruent with a palisade slot or similar feature set on the inner side. Such causewayed ditches have been observed in some numbers in Scotland recently and in view of the accepted chrono-cultural association of this ditch type in Southern and Central England it was decided to test this site to establish its date and nature.

Excavation revealed the presence of a fairly massive V-section ditch which may well have been cognate with a dump style rampart. It is possible that settlement in small sub-circular structures preceded this early defensive phase. This inner ditch appears to have been virtually levelled when a series of palisaded enclosures were built on the site, one of these probably being associated, late in the site's development, with a shallow recut in the head of the V-section ditch. This and other recuts would appear to be discontinuous and may have influenced the position as portrayed upon the aerial photograph. The outer ditch was minimal in stature and was interrupted and appears to be the equivalent of the shallow recut phenomenon in the inner ditch cognate with the construction of an outer palisade.

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ORKNEY ISLANDS AREA

SKARA BRAE (Sandwick p)  
Runestone  
P Ashmore  
HY 231 187  A rune stone was found in 1982 by Mr J Brever of the Ancient Monuments Division work squad. It had been used face down as a paving slab for 19 years. It is thought likely that it weathered out of the site in 1963 rather than being brought to it. It bears 3 twig runes reading IBA if cryptic or IUA; and 3 poorly formed futhark of which the first and last read R. The stone has been taken to safe keeping pending disposal to a permanent home.

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BROCH OF BORWICK (Sandwick p)  
Broch  
D Lynn, B Bell  
HY 224 167  The outer face of the broch tower has been removed by marine erosion for a distance of c4m on the S side, with a further 2-3m on either side of the gap surviving to basal course only.

A midden, lying on bedrock, has been revealed 9m to the NE of the tower in the cliff section. This contained medium grey ash and the following finds: 10 fragments of Middle Iron Age pottery, fragments of animal bone, a piece of perforated flagstone, a moderate scatter of mainly immature limpet shells and a single shell each of cockle and periwinkle.

A floor tank with basal slab lies 3m to the W of the midden and contained a scatter of earth and rabbit bone. The possible remains of a wall running EW overlie the tank and midden.

The pottery has been deposited in Tankerness House Museum, Kirkwall (Acc No. THM 1983.137), along with a fuller report of the site. The other finds were left in situ.

Sponsor: NoSAS

HOLM OF PAPA WESTRAY NORTH (Papa Westray p)  
A Ritchie
ORKNEY/SHELTAND

Orkney-Cromarty Stalled Cairn
HY 504 522 The stone-built cairn in its final phase is rectangular, c11.7m by 6.3m, with inner and outer drystone wall-faces, and the front of the cairn shows multi-phase construction creating first a crescentic and latterly a straight facade. Evidence for forecourt activities was confined to the area immediately in front of the entrance, and included the deposition of a human skull and burnt animal bones.

The blocked entrance in the end-wall of the burial chamber led into a small corbelled cell; there was no primary deposit, but the filling of the cell demonstrated careful design in its stratigraphy and selection of bones, including a special interest in human and animal skulls and deer tines. Similar care had been taken over the blocking of the entrance passage into the main chamber. The blocking of the end-cell had taken place early in the use of the stalled chamber, preceding the subdivision of the fourth compartment. Floor deposits in the main chamber contained human, animal and fish bones, together with sherds of undecorated bowls.

Secondary structures abut and overlie the partially dismantled kerb of the cairn, associated with decorated pottery (tentatively identified as Grooved ware and beaker); it is clear that the tomb became a focus for a complex of field-walls, domestic structures and cairns, some of which were broadly contemporary with the use of the tomb while others were later.

Sponsors: ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL, SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON, RUSSELL TRUST.

TRESNESS, SANDAY (Lady p)
B Smith
Stalled Tomb
HY 711 375 In May 1983, the cliff section at Tresness was recorded prior to further sea erosion. A square masonry chamber, with its lintelled entrance inland, was located centrally within the cairn mound material of rubble and earth. The cairn seemed to be supported 3-3.5m either side of the chamber by single faced walls. External to the east wall was evidence of another chamber or cell. The central chamber, although partially exposed was backed (to the sea) by a semi-circular single faced wall and collapsed upright slabs. This wall may have joined with the two mound retaining walls. Most of the tomb lies inland under a mound 7.76m high, which on the cliff edge was partially encircled by a line of masonry which crossed the entrance of the exposed central chamber.

Records and report with the NHRS.

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NEWBIGGING FARM, WIDEWALL (S Ronaldsay p)
Little Howe Domestic Site
ND 431 908 In April 1983 a complex area of mounds was disturbed by stone clearance trenches. Drystone masonry walls, middens and Iron Age pottery and stone tools were found. Part of a lintelled cell, c2m long x 0.55m wide and 0.55m high was exposed which may have opened up into a curved chamber. The pottery is now in Tankerness House Museum.

Burnt Mound
ND 433 906 The edge of a burnt mound was cut through and removed due to field boundary realignments. The mound core was c1m high and disturbed for a length of 16m. No structures or finds were visible in the burnt matrix. All records and the report are lodged with the NMRS.

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SHELTAND ISLANDS AREA
**SHETLAND**

**PAPA STOUR (Walls and Sandness p)**

J Allen

Survey

HU 170 610 (area) Continuation of a field survey of archaeological sites. Among the sites located and recorded are a stone circle 23m diameter, stone rings c4m diameter, oval cairns, some with a central cist, and three more burnt mounds (making a total of fourteen on an island of area only 8.5 square km).

**Norse House Site**

R Crawford

HU 176 605 Three radio-carbon dates are now available from the earlier levels of the Norse House Site which was excavated in its central area down to natural sand in 1982. The earliest, GU 1604, from wood charcoal in a hearth, is 1245 ± 65 bp. The other two, from wood charcoal and heather charcoal are 910 ± 65 bp and 930 ± 65 bp respectively (GU-1603, GU-1504; all uncalibrated). These two, suggesting an early 11th century date, fit well with other dateable evidence from the site. The main feature of the season's excavation was a large, square fire pit (0.6m square and 0.4m deep) with a paved base. It was probably part of a larger hearth structure which unfortunately extended right underneath the wall of the 'Corl' (19th century croft house building).

**JARLSHOF (Dunrossness p)**

N Fojut

Pottery, etc

HU 399 005 Several fragments steatite-gritted ware from shore section SE of displayed remains. Also fragment of square-section shale arm-ring, original diameter c8cm, thickness 0.6cm. In Shetland Museum, Lerwick. Sponsor: SDD(AM)

**SUMBURGH AIRPORT (Dunrossness p)**

N Fojut, W Strong

Ard Point


**BROUGH HEAD, EASTSHORE (Dunrossness p)**

P Strong, A Haggarty

Broch and Settlement, Pottery

HU 402 112 A planetable survey at scale 1:250 was produced of features both ancient and modern present on the Brough Head site. All features were numbered and described in detail, giving where possible the stratigraphical relationships. The S and E sides of the site have been badly affected by coastal erosion with less than half of the broch remaining. A section was drawn across the broch wall where the outer and inner faces survived. A large weathering midden deposit adjacent to the broch was cleaned and drawn. It produced many finds, especially pottery. Finds of pottery were also made in other parts of the site from areas of rabbit and sheep disturbance. Sponsor: SDD(AM) CEU

**SNABROUGH FORT (Fetlar p)**

N Fojut

Pottery

HU 577 933 Several sherds from a very coarse storage jar. Probably middle IA. From shore section, stratified below rampart. In Shetland Museum, Lerwick.

**CROSS GBOS, CLIBBERWICK (Unst p)**

S Buttler

Steatite Quarry, Iron Age Midden, Building Remains

HP 652 122 Rescue excavations at a Norse Steatite Quarry and an Iron Age Midden were carried out ahead of modern talc extraction. In North Cross Geo a variable thickness of stratified quarry waste (over 3m in places) was
found to overly worked bedrock.

Traces of a building associated with the final stages of vessel manufacture were found on cliff top.

A late Iron Age (wheelhouse period) midden had been deposited on the slope into South Gross Geo. Preliminary report available from director.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE DISTRICT

TRÁIGH NAM BARC, COLONSAY (Colonsay and Oronsay p) G Ritchie
Hearth, c14 date
NR 360 914 A radiocarbon date has been obtained from charcoal in the hearth reported in Proc Soc Antiq Scot, 111, 1981, 268; it is ad 485 ± 60 (GU-1641).

KILORAN BURN, COLONSAY (Colonsay and Oronsay p) W Jardine
Struck Flake of Flint
NR 399 974 Struck flake of flint found on surface of collapsed sand face on E bank of Kiloran Burn (Abhainn a' Mhuilinn) near W end of Kiloran Bay. Precise stratigraphical position of the flake is uncertain but probably within blown sand that overlies a layer of organic detritus at this location. Top 5 cm of the organic detritus has been radiocarbon dated 6210 ± 60 years bp (SRR-1455).

GIGHA (Gigha and Cara p) M Brooks
Stepped Medieval Well
NR 643 481 Subsidence in a road adjacent to the old parish church of St Cathan's on the Isle of Gigha revealed a stepped well. Its condition was recorded before being covered over to allow rebuilding of the road. Record with NMRS.

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BALLYMEANOCH (Kilmartin p) A Kahane, E Proudfoot
Cup-Marked Standing Stone
NR 833 964 The cup-marked, holed stone, formerly part of the Ballymeanoch complex, excavated on behalf of SDD(AM) was reported as being used to form a drain cover : (Discovery Excav Scot, 1982, 22). This stone, which formed part of a scheduled monument, is still in the same position.

UPPER LARGIE (Kilmartin p) G Barclay, R Mercer, J Rideout, G Ritchie
Bronze Age Cemetery
NR 832 993 Gradual expansion of a sand and gravel quarry in the vicinity of a scheduled cist prompted a series of three excavations. December 1982 (G J Barclay) Large scale trial trenching to test anomalies located by a magnetometer survey showed that they were natural. A cist was found c10m NE of the scheduled cist. It was c1.00m long, c0.50m wide and c0.50m deep internally. The capstone was flush with the present topsoil and rested on the four side slabs forming the cist. The base was a large oval flat stone, the gaps between it and the sides filled by cobbles. No finds were recovered; the cist may have been disturbed.
April 1983 (J S Rideout) With the granting of Scheduled Monument Consent to the landowner, the scheduled cist was investigated and proved to have been disturbed; the capstone had been replaced. The side slabs rested on the undisturbed natural gravel and the top of the cist lay well above ground level. It may be that it had originally been covered by a cairn. The mound of stones surrounding the cist before excavation proved to be of recent date as did the fill of the cist, which measured c.1.25m long, c.0.70m wide and c.0.70m high. As one of the conditions of Scheduled Monument Consent the cist was rebuilt at MR 8.319 9921. About 60m S of the cist the remains of an inurned cremation were discovered by Dr J N G Ritchie. Only the base of the urn survived; the cremation contained a small burnt plano-convex knife. A small cist was found c.2m S of the cremation. The capstone had been displaced by topsoil stripping. The cist was c.0.35m long, c.0.25m wide and c.0.40m deep and was filled with a dark soil containing charcoal and burnt bone. It appears to have been deliberately backfilled in antiquity.

August 1983 (R J Mercer) Four subsoil features were investigated c.30m W of the scheduled cist. A much damaged cist, c.0.90m wide, had apparently been emptied in the past. Only the E and W side slabs survived in good condition. No finds were recovered. A large pit, c.1.15m by c.0.75m, was located c.7m NW of the cist. It contained a dark soil with large quantities of charcoal and some fragments of burnt bone. Burnt stones in the fill and on the pit sides suggest burning in situ. Sherds of urn-type pottery were recovered from the E side of the pit. About 2.5m NW of this was a sub-circular pit c.1.10m by c.0.75m. The fill of the pit produced part of the rim of a flat-rimmed vessel. A fourth feature, a pit c.6m NE of this pit, measured c.0.55m by 0.50m and c.0.10m deep. Its function is uncertain.

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KILMICHAEL GLASSARY (Kilmichael Glassary p) R Golightly

Cup and Ring Carvings

NR 858 935 About 50m north of the Guardianship enclosure in the village of Kilmichael Glassary is a further east facing exposure of fissured schist approximately 2m by 1m at the time of discovery; on this is a collection of rock carvings comprising one large cup 140mm in diameter and 50mm deep surrounded by five rings, the outer ring being 520mm in diameter; thirteen certain and one probable cup marks of varying diameter up to 70mm and two of which cut into the outer rings of the cup and ring formation; three putative small cup marks forming a triangle and three deep holes of unknown origin. The large cup and ring formation has one probable groove of considerable length and one possible short groove. Now re-covered to protect the carvings, which lie on an animal track.

KNOCKALAVA (Glassary p) S Carmichael, A Kahane

Rock Cut Basin

NR 917 069 Basin, 27 by 25cm across by 16cm deep, with flat bottom, cut into smooth rock face exposed on small knoll immediately to E of Knockalava farmhouse.

CORLARACH (Kilmartin p) A Kahane

Cup Marks

NR 833 994 In rough ground on E edge of gravel terrace on E slope of a mossy exposure of smooth rock, 5 single cups, of which 4 are close together and the other c2m to S.

MINARD – ACHADROMMA (Cumlodden and Lochfyneside p) P Fane Gladwin

Iron Working Site

NR 965 943 This possible bloomery is situated on the SW point of a
prominent spur and was revealed by Forestry ploughing. There is a heavy deposit of ash and a quantity of iron slag and charcoal. There is some indication of a stone shelter-wall or low structure close to the ash-heap.

MINARD - BRAINPORT
Quernstone Workings
NR 974 954 The site is 15m NW of the forestry road and approximately 250m W of the large quernstone quarry previously reported (Discovery Excav Scot 1968, 3). A number of rotary quernstones have been cut from a projecting ridge of schist.

MINARD - SRON-A-HRUAICH
Leaf Arrowhead
NR 957 937 Found in the garden of 4 Nursery Cottages by Master J Bell intact leaf arrowhead of pale-brown flint. Well patinated, of fine workmanship, 22 by 13mm. In possession of finder; photo in possession of contributor.
Sponsor: NAT HIST & ANTIQ SOC OF MID ARGYLL

DRINLIATH, Furnace (Kilmichael Glassary p)  E Rennie
Recessed Platforms
NS 009 999 Between and above Drinliath and Coatfield farms, 22 recessed platforms have been noted. Average 7-8m diameter and lie between the 150m and the 210m contour. All have earthen front lips and back banks and these range from near-flat to 1.5m high, depending on the hill gradient. One platform is deeply cut by a track, 2.5m wide which climbs the hill from Drinliath and disappears in the moor at 250m altitude.
Sponsor: COWAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

IONA (Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon p)  A Haggarty
Watching Brief and Excavation
NM 287 245 Limited excavation took place while a hole to house the underground plantroom for a new heating system was machine dug to the E of the Abbey. Layers and features, including a stone-lined drain, were noted and sampled. Finds of pottery, iron and animal bone were made.
Sponsor: SDD(AM)

GLEN MHAOIL, SCARBA (Jura p)  K Connock
Hut Remains
NM 713 043 Rubble foundations of at least three small circular huts 2.5 to 3m in diameter on SE hill slope. Photographs in possession of reporter.
Sponsor: LORN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DUN CHONALLAICH (Kilmartin p)  G Ritchie
Fort, Gaming-Board
NM 854 036 In the course of the survey of this Fort for the Inventory of Argyll a stone gaming-board, comparable to those from Buckquoy, Orkney, was discovered.
Sponsor: RCAHMS

FORD (Kilmartin p)  S Carmichael, A Kahane, N Hall
Cup Mark
NM 873 044 Single well-formed cup c5m diameter near centre of N side of roughly rectangular coping stone of wall bordering SE side of road from Torran to Ford, c7m SW of field gate.

GALLANACH BAY (Kilmartin p)
Circular Depression
NR 793 968 Very low grass covered bank, c1 to 2m wide surrounding
approximately circular depression 7.6 by 7.3m across and up to 0.6m deep.

Circular Enclosure
NR 793 968 Circular enclosure of roughly 8m diameter composed of loosely laid lump of stone up to 3 blocks high and incorporating single larger upright pieces, on flattish, formerly arable ground just N and E of N end of rocky ridge; no discernable entrance.
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**STRONTOILLER (Kilmore and Kilbride p)**

Hut, Possible
NM 905 293 Low turf-covered wall of stone enclosing an oval area of about 3.3m by 3.8m. One wall extends 3.6m from the 1m wide entrance.
Sponsor: LORN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**TORINTURK HILL (Kilmore and Kilbride p)**

Structural Remains
NM 914 282 Drystone walling about 0.5m high enclosing an area of about 6.5m by 4m.
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**TAYNUILT (Ardchattan and Muckairn p)**

House Foundations
NN 011 295 Foundations of a sub-rectangular house 6.2m by 3m consisting of large irregular boulders up to 0.5m in diameter. A narrow entrance occurs off centre in one of the long walls.
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**TAYNUILT (Glenorchy and Inishail p)**

Building Foundations
NN 013 308 Foundation rubble of building 11.4m by 3.9m external dimensions. Probably a croft cottage (rig and furrow immediately adjacent) of possibly medieval date. There is a possible stone structure immediately south, mostly covered by a trackway which dates from the 18th century or earlier.
Sponsor: ARCHAELOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cairns
NN 016 305 Three small cairns 3.5 to 4.5m in diameter approximately.
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**TAYNUILT - BRIDGE OF AWE (Glenorchy and Inishail p)**

Survey
Field work prior to afforestation noted a number of site, some damaged by ploughing. Prior excavation was possible at some sites. This is an abridged version of the report. A more detailed version has been lodged with NMRS.

NN 023 305 12 roughly circular platforms
NN 017 302 9 platforms
NN 023 303 2 platforms
NN 022 308 1 platform, 2 possible platforms
NN 022 303 1 small cairn
NN 022 302 1 small cairn
NN 017 303 Cairn
NN 023 302 Possible cairn
Sponsor: LORN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CITY OF GLASGOW DISTRICT
STRATHCLYDE

EASTWOOD (Eastwood p) T Welsh
Site of Church
NS 551 600 The site of the Old Church of Eastwood, rebuilt in 1577 and demolished in 1782, lies in its original enclosure in Old Eastwood Cemetery, under the burial place erected by the Maxwells of Nether Pollock.

DARNLKY (Neilston p)
Water System
NS 520 588 A stream on Tower Holm has been diverted into an artificial channel parallel to Aurs Burn, which itself has been artificially straightened. Between this and Aurs Burn is a raised platform 1.5 metres high, with a foundation 9 by 4 metres on top. On E is a raised triangular area, with a dry pond to N, opening off the channel.

DARNLEY MILL (Eastwood p)
Modified House
NS 529 595 Part of the mill (Listed B) is a small building with crowstep gables and a small turret at the NE angle. An illustration of this building appears in Charles Taylor’s The Levern Delineated, 1831.

CLYDESDALE DISTRICT

GLENDORCH (Crawfordjohn p) T Ward
Peel
NS 870 188 Preliminary investigation of this site suggests it fits into the category of Bastle House. The present remains are part incorporated in a small animal shelter. One wall clearly demonstrates a vaulted basement with a complete window. An original ground floor entrance appears to exist at the N end of this wall, and the remains indicate a separate room also at this end of the ruin.
A piece of early window glass was found on the site.

COVINGTON (Covington and Thankerton p)
Tower
NS 974 398 Excavation of the pit prison within the thickness of the walls produced no artefacts, but revealed dimensions and details of this complete chamber and also the garderobe in it. Similarly a complete small room in the NE corner of the tower (topmost level) was cleared, and details were revealed including an aumbry. An area at the garderobe shute outlet was opened to reveal a pit dug into the substrata 0.6m deep. This produced some late Medieval pottery and a quantity of window glass, including pieces with curved shapes.
Finds lodged in Biggar Museum

GLENCHRE (Crawford p)
Ruin
NS 946 139 Preliminary investigation of this site suggests it fits into the category of Bastle House. The ruin still has parts of four walls standing, including a gable with a window to light the vaulted basement which is collapsed. The ruin is incorporated into a sheep fold.

GLENCEITH (Crawford p)
Ruin
NS 947 166 Preliminary investigation of this site suggests it fits into the category of Bastle House. The ruins here are seen as the foundations of a sheep fold. An elongated rectangular plan is clearly visible with the springing of a vault showing.
SNAR (Crawfordjohn p)

Ruin

NS 862 200 Preliminary investigation of this site suggests it may fit into the category of Bastle House. Only a few courses of stonework survive of an elongated rectangular structure, having had an internal dividing wall.

All the above sites have associated enclosures and other foundations nearby. They complement the work currently being done at Windgate House. Sponsor: LANARK & DIST ARCH SOC

THE KERSE (Lesmahagow p)  E Archer

Edward I Penny

NS 818 423 A medieval silver long cross penny of Edward I was found by Martin Brown of Thankerton near the river Nethan. The coin was minted late in the reign of Edward I between 1290 - 1300 in the city of London. It was found two hundred yards upstream from another coin of the same period found in 1979.

Coin in possession of the finder.

HALLEBAR TOWER (Carluke p)

Latrine & Enclosure Wall

NS 839 471 Work has finished on the latrine area and the angled slabs described in last year's report were found to be part of a stone lined channel running SE to NW across the excavated area. The channel was lined with stone and bottomed with clay.

A new area was opened up on the enclosure wall at the point where the wall turns N-S across the promontory. Much of the enclosure wall was preserved in this area. The wall was found to be about 1.50 metres in thickness with squared stones on the outside and inside faces with smaller stones as packing. The area had been disturbed by the creation of a path in the last century but beneath the area of disturbance was found a layer of clay. At the western end of the area, evidence for a post being sunk into the clay was found. The post hole possibly relates to a staircase giving access to a wall walk.

Few finds were made apart from some late Medieval pottery, several fragments of a 17th century shoe buckle and a piece of a 17th century clay pipe.

CORRAMORE (Lesmahagow p)

Cist

NS 865 407 More fragment of calcined bone have been found, confirming the view that they could have been thrown out of the urns discovered earlier. Other finds include a lump of clay and several pieces of pottery, including a fragment of a Cinerary Urn. Another fragment of bracelet was discovered.

The cairn material was better preserved at the western end of the trench and it seems that there are at least two phases to the construction of the cairn. A trench was opened to try to find the exact extent of the cairn.

LANARK, CASTLEGATE (Lanark p)

Medieval Pits, Pottery, Coins

NS 880 435 Several medieval pits were found during the course of the construction of a new supermarket for William Low's of Dundee.

The largest pit on the site was approximately two metres square and about 75 centimetres in depth. A large amount of pottery of the 14th century was found including the neck of a Scarborough Ware jug, with rosette decoration
on it and orange buff pottery of a type found in Yorkshire.

In another pit, more pottery was found. With this was found a cut half penny, struck c1170 by Henry II in Winchester.

Other finds included a silver halfpenny of c1200 and evidence of metal-working.

Sponsor: LANARK AND DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CASTLEDYKES (Lanark p)

Roman Pottery

A quantity of pottery of the Antonine period was found during fieldwalking. The pottery included large fragments of several amphorae and some pieces of Samian Ware. In addition, a fragment of a light blue melon bead was found and a bronze ring with the remains of several items connected with personal hygiene on it (one of these was identified as an ear scoop by the Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh).

These items are in the possession of the Lanark and District Archaeological Society.

Sponsor: LANARK & DIST ARCH SOC

BOCHALL CASTLE (Biggar p) E Archer, T Ward

NT 040 369 A programme of consolidation work was initiated and the masonry above ground has been carefully pointed. Excavation was undertaken. The area around the staircase tower was finished off. During the course of this work more wall plaster, pottery and nails were found. The more interesting finds included a seventeenth century thimble, two Turners c1640 and an assortment of pistol and musket shot.

The staircase tower itself was dug out and a number of stone slabs were found but their arrangement suggested that they were put in at a later date than the original construction of the staircase itself.

Work commenced on the NW, cleaning the rubble to reveal the foundations of the tower and the curtain wall. The junction of the tower and the curtain wall was found but the curtain wall was almost totally robbed out. During the clearing operation, a gun loop was located which had been blocked on the outside.

Finds made during the cleaning operation included bits of agricultural equipment and domestic rubbish of the late nineteenth century, reflecting the fact that the tower was formerly used as a store for agricultural tools.

Finds of the period of the castle's occupation included lead shot, a large lump of lead, some bones and a few fragments of old window glass. In the rubble of the tower, two copper hardheads of James VI (c1580-1590) were found. One of the coins was found in the cement of the rubble.

Sponsors: BIGGAR MUSEUM TRUST : BIGGAR HIGH SCHOOL

CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH DISTRICT

TOLLPARK (Kilsyth p) L Keppie, J Walker

Antonine Wall, Military Way

NS 772 778 The search for an interval fortlet on the line of the Antonine Wall was resumed, without success. However the position of the Military Way was established: it had a width of at least 6.3m, and was laid on a raft of turf, especially thick at the S end to counteract the natural slope of the ground. (Discovery Excav Scot 1982, 26).
CUNNINGHAME DISTRICT

KILWINNING ABBEY (Kilwinning p)  
Abbey
NS 303 433  Limited excavation was carried out within the slope, and in the area of the E procession door and E cloister, in order to establish original occupation surfaces in advance of a programme of restoration.  
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EASTWOOD DISTRICT

SURVEY of sites in Eastwood by T Welsh. Many of these reports have been shortened. Complete versions lodged with NMRs give topographical and documentary details.

MEARNS LAW (Mearns p)  
Cairns
NS 507 534  Possible remains of a cairn 12 to 15m diameter, 1m high, 27m NW of 783ft spot height. Another possible cairn 8m diameter at NS 507 535.

DUNCARNOCK (Mearns p)  
Fort
NS 501 559  The original south wall of the fort is officially described as a field-bank, but the later south-east defences breach this. The S approach to the fort is defended by a steep, natural escarpment 3 to 5m high. The original wall is on the crest of this, 4m broad, with large grounders at intervals. On W, it ends within 3m of W defences, where there has been local erosion, while on E it turns sharply N, 14m before the end of the escarpment. In contrast the later wall descends to the base of the escarpment on W, where it serves to steepen the slope. The original enclosure was oval, and the later wall was an adaptation of the defences on the E flank only, excluding part of the earlier fort.

OLD DUNCARNOCK (Mearns p)  
Farm Site
NS 504 560  A range of buildings on a rocky ridge NE of Duncarnock Hill, comprises a kiln 8m across, a longhouse 16 by 7, of rough construction and more substantial building 12 by 7m, together with enclosures.

HAILEA HILL (Mearns p)  
Barrow
NS 520 534  The remains (Discovery Exca Scot, 1975, 48) appear to be a barrow 18.5 to 20m diameter, 0.5m high, traces of ditch round, and scattered spoil. It is named Hairlaw Hill on John Wilson's Plan of Mearns Muir 1798.

THE RIDGE (Mearns p)  
Mound
NS 520 535  SE of the house called The Ridge, an artificial platform projects from the slope into a marshy area. The NW end is overlain by a hedge and wall. The remaining top measures 21 by 13m over an enclosing bank 2.7m broad on NE and SE, 4m broad on SW. The mound is 2 to 3m high, with a ditch on NE, and stream on SE adding to defences.

ROUKEN GLEN (Eastwood p)  
Dams
NS 546 586  In view of the closure of Rouken Glen Park in August, a survey of the ponds which supplied Thornliebank Calico Printing Works was carried
out. In particular, there is a massive dam here, 50m long, 5m high, 25 to 30m thick at base. At the W end is a weir leading to a wheel pit. There is an elaborate system of controlling sluices, weirs and conduits. The industrial site around NS 546 590, which has been cleared for redevelopment, was also examined.

**DUMFLAT (Eaglesham p)**
Possible Motte
NS 585 508  Opposite confluence of Enoch and Polnoon Burns, 400m south of Polnoon Castle, a mound 30m across, 2m high, cut away by 10m on W by stream erosion. There is a 1m layer of rubble on top. Traces of ditch on N and E, and quarrying of slope to NE.

**POLNOON (Eaglesham p)**
Castle
NS 585 513  A survey of the remains of this late 14th century castle, refurbished for occupation in 1617, but in ruins by 1676. The motte, on a promontory, is rectangular, 30 by 22m base, 18 by 10m top, at least 4m high. It appears to have been built for an earlier castle, as the later structure encased the mound. Traces of a ditch lie across the promontory on the E. The range on the south extends E of the enclosure, and was possibly the main entry, but shows signs of post-medieval use, possibly as a free-standing dwelling. There are traces of a battered plinth along the south wall. The NW corner of the tower, and the north range rise from bedrock 3m below the base of the motte.

**NEITHERCRAIG (Eaglesham p)**
Possible Medieval Grange
NS 596 509  The remains of Nethercraig Farm (resited late 19th century, to 50m W) are noted for rock-cut foundations and dun-like appearance (Discovery Excav Scot, 1969 p 41, 1976 p 56). The remains occupy a platform, built up on either side of a ridge, to form an area about 32 by 32m, subrectangular. This is supported by a drystone wall on N and E, and masonry on SW. The main building was originally L-plan, modified as a long-house 30 by 6m. The rock-cut portion is 22m long, on an elevated rock platform; the walls excavated from whinstone, up to 1.5m thick. W of this is a late rectangular building 13.5 by 6m, part masonry, part rock-cut, but here only 70cm thick. A track runs between the buildings, but is post 1864. The Hospitallers' charters are in the Eglinton Muniments, Scottish Record Office.

**TEMPLE FARM (Eaglesham p)**
Inscribed Stone
NS 601 505  In N facing gable, a re-used stone, inscribed with a wheel or wheel-cross motif: hub, 8 radials and double rim, within a circular border.

**EAST KILBRIDE DISTRICT**

**DRIFFS (E Kilbride p)**
Moot Hill
NS 578 553  The mound (Discovery Excav Scot, 1974, 46) is described in a charter of 1371 (Praser's Maxwells of Pollock, 1863). The mound, with a stone erected on top, still visible but on NE side, was to be retained by Lord Maxwell for holding courts, in a gift of the surrounding land to Nether Pollock.

**KINTROCHSIDE (E Kilbride p)**
STRATHCLYDE

Possible Cairn
NS 620 561 Mound on shoulder of hill, 7m from edge of quarry, 14m diameter, 1m high.

TORRANCE (E Kilbride p)
Motte
NS 653 531 The remains of a rectangular motte are situated on a promontory in the north angle of Torrance Park. Ditch, and possibly an outer ditch, on SW and SE. Remains of enclosing wall, and small foundation in S angle. Masonry found in places below collapsed portion.

HAMILTON DISTRICT

CADZOW (Cadzow p) M Wallace, E Talbot
Earthwork
NS 734 534 A single trial trench in the SW corner disclosed a U-shaped ditch 1m deep, to the N was a low bank approximately 4.5m wide composed of a mixture of compact sand and clay. The northern edge of this was marked by a line of small stones set on edge. To the S was a 5m wide bank composed of soil and clay and covered by a scattering of stones. There was no evidence of any postholes nor any small finds.

KYLE AND CARRICK DISTRICT

TODS WOOD, DORNAL (Colmonell p) A Haggarty
Cairns and Rectangular Structure
NX 293 783 The Royal Commission Field Surveyors had noted up to seven cairns and a rectangular structure on this site (South Carrick 14, 1981, No. 92 15). In advance of forestry ploughing one cairn was excavated which proved to be of field clearance type and a planetable survey was drawn at 1:250 scale of the rectangular stone structure and surrounding features. Sponsor: SDD(AM)

KILLANTRINGAN (Colmonell p)
Cairns
NX 269 809 The Royal Commission Field Surveyors had recorded eleven small cairns at this site (South Carrick, 14, 1981, No. 83, 14). In advance of forestry ploughing a planetable survey of the area was drawn at scale 1:250. One large cairn 6.5m in diameter was excavated and proved to be of field clearance type. A feature which appeared to be a very small cairn was also excavated and turned out to be a large posthole 0.70m in diameter with the uppermost packing stones breaking the surface giving the appearance of a cairn. Two other features, an L-shaped stone alignment and a hollowed area were investigated with trial trenches but did not yield sufficient information to warrant further excavation. Sponsor: SDD(AM)

RENFREW DISTRICT

GLANDERTON WOODS (Neilston p) T Welsh
Possible Motte
NS 496 563 On E end of a small ridge, near S angle of wood, a mound 20 to 25m across, 2 to 3m high, has on top remains of a building 9m square, within a small enclosure.

Castle
NS 499 563 The remains, on a rectangular knoll, were rebuilt on a T-plan in 1698, but incorporate a substantial foundation, probably the late 15th century tower, 11 by 9m, over 2.5m wall of rough stone. The 1698 range,
lying across this, is 20 by 7m, built of dressed sandstone, it rests partly on a substantial plinth 5m broad, 1m high, extending N and S of tower, probably also part of earlier castle.

OLD HALL (Neilston p)
Remains
NS 499 566 On a promontory ridge, remains of possible building 13 by 12m, of which a bank 3.5m wide on W is main feature.

GLANDERSTON (Neilston p)
Possible Barrow
NS 500 567 On a small triangular elevation, a possible barrow 20m diameter, 1.5m high.

STRATHKELVIN DISTRICT

BAR HILL (Kirkintilloch p) L Keppie, J Walker
Stone Slab
NS 707 757 A broken sandstone plinth, 1.2 by 0.7m, with an oblong slot to receive a stone upright or a timber beam, has been ploughed up in the field immediately S of Bar Hill Roman Fort.

Roman Temporary Camp
NS 707 757 Continued investigation of a linear cropmark S of Bar Hill Roman Fort (Discovery Excav Scoil 1982, 29) has established that it belongs to a temporary camp. Work in November 1982 confirmed the course of its N ditch, but failed to detect the W side of an alignment suggested by aerial photographs. Fragments of worked wood, recovered from the bottom of one ditch-section, are currently undergoing treatment.

TAYSIDE REGION

ANGUS DISTRICT

AP RESEARCH (Glenisla p) J Rideout
Possible sites noted on existing vertical aerial photographs
NO 215 602 Kirkton of Glenisla Cropmark hut circle
NO 206 590 Redlatches Cropmark enclosure
NO 232 572 Scruschloch Enclosure
NO 233 572 Scruschloch Cropmark enclosure
NO 234 566 Scruschloch Enclosure
NO 233 569 Scruschloch Two hut circles
NO 233 567 Scruschloch Cropmark enclosure
NO 197 603 Auchenleish Enclosure
Sponsor: SDD(AM) - GEA

BALDUFF HILL (Glenisla p)
Cultivation Terraces
NO 222 576 Set of possible terraces on the NW side of Balduff Hill. Sponsor: SDD(AM) - GEA

INVERQUHARITY (Kirriemuir p) G Maxwell
Roman Fort
NO 405 581 The position of the SE defences of the newly-discovered Roman Fort at Inverquharity, by Kirriemuir, was ascertained by excavation. The fort, which appears to be approximately 60m square over the rampart, lies at the higher, NW end of a sand-and-gravel plateau at the mouth of
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Glen Clova and immediately to the W of the confluence of the Prosen Water and the River South Esk; it thus occupies a roughly intermediate position between the Flavian forts of Stracathro and Cardean. No artefactual evidence of date was recovered, but the gate of a presumed annexe lying to the SE of the fort appears to be protected by a clavicle. There was evidently only one period of Roman occupation, but a shallow construction trench lying immediately within the innermost ditch on the SE side probably represents part of an earlier native settlement, whose presence is also indicated by a ring-ditch cropmark recorded on air photographs within the interior of the fort.

Sponsor: RCAHMS

ARBROATH (Arbroath and St. Vigeans p) D Pollock

High Street
Bronz Tripod Ewer, Inhumation
NO 642 413 A small excavation immediately inside the Abbey Precinct recovered a medieval tripod ewer (bronze), buried in ground previously under cultivation. Medieval cultivation in the Precinct had disturbed a burial pit with fragmentary remains of a crouched inhumation.

Co-op J Cannell
NO 642 411 Trenches beside the medieval streets of Applegate and Lordburn intercepted traces of buildings no older than early 18th century. Continuous truncation during occupation, and particularly during the 20th century, had largely destroyed evidence of buildings.

Bottle Bank J Cannell, D Pollock

Medieval Pottery
NO 643 410 A small excavation in a gap site fronting Hill Place recovered a quantity of medieval pottery in water-lain silts associated with fish ponds or a mill pond.

CHAPELTON (Inverkeilor p) D Pollock

Enclosure, Kilns
NO 625 477 Continuing excavations on a site noticed from aerial survey in July have produced a large medieval ditched enclosure and a collection of medieval drying kilns in the field W of the burial ground at Chapelton. The ditch had an external bank and contained domestic debris. The kilns were possibly for grain, but three are large (bowls exceeding 2m diameter), and at least two of these three were in use simultaneously. The latest kiln, the smallest, included re-used dressed stone.

DOUGLASMUIR AND KINBLETHMONT (Inverkeilor p) D Pollock

Cultivation Ridges
NO 613 490 On rough ground and in woodland a large swathe (1km x 0.1km) of upstanding cultivation ridges and head-dyke were surveyed on the edge of the 'Muir'.

NO 646 465 More upstanding rigs were surveyed in rough ground.

CORBIE KNOWE (Inverkeilor p) A Gibson, D Pollock

Postholes, Ditch, Pottery
NO 691 490 Following an auger survey on Machair overlooking Lunan Bay, excavations uncovered a pair of early ploughed (with mould-board) field surfaces sealed by sand. The best preserved was not ploughed in regular strips and had no rig formation; the surface below was ploughed on a different alignment, and truncated postholes and a shallow ditch. Pottery, probably early medieval, was recovered from the lower plough-soil.

NEWBARNs (Inverkeilor p) A Gibson, D Pollock
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Enclosure, Pits
NO 686 488 During early 1983 an oval ditched enclosure 8m by 20m was excavated. Ploughing had removed an upstanding bank, but a series of pits along the main axis survived, cut by scoops containing likely domestic debris. Debris is probably late prehistoric.

IRONSHILL (Inverkeilor p) D Pollock
Foundations, Flooring, Cist, Pit, Ditches
NO 671 500 During the winter of 1982/83 two late pre-historic circular buildings were excavated beside the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line. The smaller (ring-ditch) house is one of many on aerial photographs of the area. The larger (post-ring) house had an external diameter of almost 20m, a single ring of supporting posts for the roof, an entrance porch with evidence of a hinged door, an outside stone pavement and traces of a stone wall 1m thick increasing to 2m thick at the entrance.

Rectangular settings of 5 and 6 postholes were investigated, together with a patch of pebble flooring with no sign of superstructure, and an infant's cist. A large pit filled with boulders and a parallel pair of linear ditches closely post-dated the large building.

RED CASTLE (Inverkeilor p) A Gibson, D Pollock
Ditches
NO 687 511 Contour, Auger and resistivity surveying of the knoll around the Castle produced indications of two ditches, one running straight to cut the knoll in two, the other running concentric to, and just outside the 13th century upstanding curtain wall, with a narrow causeway.

A narrow (but deep) excavation across the linear ditch uncovered an original medieval (12th/13th century) ditch with dump rampart cutting and sealing ploughsoil which in turn truncated a collection of scoops and postholes related to early medieval/dark age occupation.

Sponsor: TFAC, MSC

MAINS OF COULL (Tannadice p) J Sherriff
Surface Finds
NO 44 59 Three spindle whorls, a flint barbed and tanged arrowhead and a piece of waste flint which were almost certainly found on Mains of Coull Farm were donated by Mrs Anne Martin to Angus District Museums.

SANDYFORD (Kirriemuir p)
Possible Enclosure
NO 417 535 Approximately 400m SE of Sandyford steading in a pasturefield is a roughly circular enclosure defined by a broad bank and measuring 25 - 30m in overall diameter. The low earth bank is up to 5m broad and what may be two rectangular structures are set into the bank on the N and NW arc. 50m NW of the earthwork are two possibly artificially levelled platforms.

LUNANHEAD (Forfar p)
Spearhead
NO 475 525 An iron spearhead of probably 17th or 18th century date was found at Lunanhead and donated to Angus District Museums. It measures 296mm long by 41mm broad and has a 34mm diameter socket.

TILLYBIRNIE (Lethnot and Navar p)
Rectangular Structures
NO 510 659 Stone-walled building measuring 5m by 2m internally, aligned NW - SE, no apparent entrance.

NO 509 659 Two-roomed building measuring 9.5m by 2m internally within
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Stone-walls, aligned NW - SE, no apparent entrance.

NO 509 659  Stone-walled building measuring 4m by 2m internally, aligned N - S, no apparent entrance.

NATHRO FARM (Lethnot and Navar p)
Deserted Settlement
NO 514 695  On the N side of the farm road, 600m E of Nathro Farm, there are remains of two rectangular buildings on either side of a disused track. The buildings measure 33 and 40m long by 5m wide and are each divided into three compartments defined by turf covered wall footings. The N building has an attached enclosure.

ENGLISHMAN'S HILLOCK (Menmuir p)
Cairns
NO 526 653 & NO 524 650 Two cairns lie in pasture; one measures 10m in diameter and 0.6m high, the other is oval measuring 3m EW by 1.6m and 0.6m high.

CORNESCORN FARM (Edzell p)
Round House and Cultivation
NO 565 743  An addition to the previously recorded group of round houses lies in pasture south of the moorland containing the known settlement. The house measures 10m in diameter and has an entrance in its S arc. W of the group of houses are the remains of narrow rig cultivation. The rigs measure about 1.5 - 2m wide and arc, in some instances, overlain by small cairns.

MARGE (Edzell p)
Rectangular Structure
NO 570 702  Two-Roomed structure measuring 11m by 3.5m, aligned E - W with an entrance in S side.

BRECHIN (Brechin p)
Flint Tool
NO 596 608  A flint or scraper measuring 34mm long, triangular section was found in a garden; donated to Angus District Museums.

RED CASTLE (Inverkeilor p)
Kitchen Midden
NO 687 510  Re-examination of the continually eroding kitchen midden below Red Castle, (see also Wilson, J. 1961, PSAS 94, 325), resulted in the recording in situ of numerous shell species as well as post-medieval pottery, bone, baked clay and roofing tiles; in Montrose Museum.

BLACK JACK CASTLE (Craig p)
Midden Finds
NO 709 535  Several finds from the midden below Black Jack Castle were found in 1982 and donated to Montrose Museum.

MAINS OF DUNNINALD (Craig p)
Rotary Quernstone
NO 711 544  A top stone of a rotary quern was ploughed up in March 1983 and donated to Angus District Museums. The irregularly-shaped stone measures 0.39 x 0.24 x 0.18m high. On the top surface a 110mm diameter feed-hole accompanies a 35mm diameter handle socket. The lower surface has a narrow, flat grinding surface surrounding an irregular concave hollow.

MONTROSE BURGH AND PARISH
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32 Castle Street
Medieval Excavation
NO 712 576  Redevelopment of No. 32 Castle Street, Montrose, allowed seven
weeks for archaeological examination in March and April 1983. The front of
the site produced two superimposed floor levels containing hearths and late
13th century pottery. A series of pits occupied the centre of the site
whilst the rear of the site was covered with a series of midden deposits
dating from the 13th to 15th centuries. The medieval deposits lay on wind-
blown sand deposits which in turn lay on a fossil plough-soil which pro-
duced one sherd of prehistoric pot from its lower level.

29 Bridge Street
Watching Brief
NO 712 576  The digging of foundations for an extension to No. 29 Bridge
Street, showed that the midden deposit partly excavated at 32 Castle Street
extended at least another 20m westwards. Amongst several sherds of medi-
eval pottery recovered from the spoil of the foundation trenches was one
piece of Scarborough Ware.

Baltic Street
Watching Brief
NO 716 577  Complete renewal of the road foundation and surface of Baltic
Street resulted in the uncovering of 18th or 19th century building front-
ages as well as the early 19th century street level. Finds included a
small area of possible late medieval midden and stray finds of later bone,
pottery and glass.

41 Rutland Crescent
Stone Axe
NO 713 586  A crudely shaped stone axe measuring 128mm by 54mm by 42mm was
found in garden. One end of the stone has been fashioned to form a crude
blade: now in Montrose Museum.
Sponsor: ANGUS DISTRICT MUSEUMS

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DUNDEE CITY AND PARISH

Crescent Lane
Well
NO 409 309  Domestic draw well of dry stone construction, probably 19th
century domestic. Destroyed by redevelopment.

PERTH AND KINROSS DISTRICT

GLEN COCHILL (Amulree p)
Cruck Slot
NN 910 405  Single cruck slot surviving in wall of southernmost of group
of ruined houses, now linked and serving as sheep shelter, on raised
terrace to W of Sochill burn.

ENOCHDHU (Moulin p)
Hut Platform
NO 054 639  A small scale excavation and extensive survey work took place
at the unenclosed platform settlement in Tulloch Field. Two sections were
cut through the 'banked' material surrounding the hut platform excavated
over the past three years (Discovery Excav Scot, 1980, 41; 1981, 46; 1982,
34) to determine its composition and this work completed the excavation of
the platform. There were no finds from the sections. The five platforms
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making up the settlement were surveyed and planned at scale 1:100 and the platforms remaining unexcavated were planned at scale 1:50. Sponsor: DUNDEE MUSEUM, SCOTTISH FIELD STUDIES ASSOCIATION

HATTON OF CARGILL (Cargill p)

Roman Finds
NO 166 379 A quantity of Roman pottery, iron nails, pieces of quern etc. discovered at the site of the Roman Fort have been donated to Dundee Museum.

WESTER DRUMATHERTY (Caputh p) G Maxwell, J St Joseph

Inchtuthil Quarry - Roads
NO 115 411 Further investigation of the Roman roads detected by aerial photography (Discovery and Excav Scot 1982, 33) revealed that the cambered agger of the main N - S alignment was reasonably well preserved beneath an old field-boundary; its width was about 8.3m and it consisted of layers of sandy soil, gravel and stones, surviving to a height of 0.3m above the old topsoil. A section through the branch leading to the NW indicated a similar width and style of construction, but the agger was only 0.2m high; on the NE of this branch, and some 7m distant from it, there lay a side-ditch, about 1.0m wide and 0.5m deep. A similar ditch may be detected as a cropmark on the E side of the N - S alignment to the S of the road-junction, but excavation confirmed that it had not originally been continuous. Sponsor: RCAHMS

NEITHERMUIR OF PITTENDREICH (Lethendy p) D Lye

Flints
NO 158 411 A knife, related to the plano-convex type, two scrapers, two probable cores, two core trimming flakes, two flakes of flint, and a piece of deliberately flaked indurated sandstone have been added to the finds already reported from the farm (Discovery and Excav Scot 1977 & 1982). They conform to the pattern of these earlier finds, and serve to confirm a later Neolithic to Early Bronze Age date. It is now apparent that the finds come from a restricted area, making it probable that a domestic or industrial site exists. Flints and full report in Perth Museum.

CRAIGHHEAD (Alyth p) J Rideout

Hut Circle
NO 195 549 A forestry road had passed through a settlement of Dalrulzion-type and single walled houses, destroying half of a small, roughly circular house. The remaining half was investigated in August. The house was c7.0m in diameter crest to crest and survived as a low rubble bank c2.5m wide and c0.3m high. Several small rounded boulders may represent a foundation core and a short line of large flat stones may be the remains of the inner wall-facing which has collapsed inwards. A short length of shallow ditch c0.7m wide and c0.2m deep and filled with upright flat stones may be the remains of a foundation trench for the wall. One stone-packed posthole c0.2m in diameter and c0.2m deep was found within the house. About 1.0m to the SE of this lay a shallow pit c0.5m long, c0.4m wide and c0.15m deep. To the N of the house a large number of sherds of coarse pottery were found. They are probably all from one vessel. Sponsor: SDD(AM) - CEU

TULLYMURDOCH (Alyth p)

Cultivation Terraces
NO 202 523 Set of possible terraces running SE for c500m from known group. Sponsor: SDD(AM) - CEU
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DRUMKILBO (Meigle p) P Strong
Cropmark Enclosure
NO 300 453 Subsequent to photo survey of 1972 (John Dewar PT 6965/CN) the site was investigated and stripping by machine revealed that this apparent cropmark site was created by the juxtaposition of gravel ridges in the otherwise level clay soils of this area.
Sponsor: SDD(AM) - CEU

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PERTH BURGH AND PARISH
Whitefriars Street D Hall
Carmelite Friary, Foundations, Burials, Glass, Sherds
NO 107 238 Excavations in advance of a factory development in July 1982 revealed the foundations of the Eastern end of the Carmelite friary of Tullilum. The buildings excavated are part of the eastern end of the chancel of the Friary Church and the eastern edge of the E range. A total of twenty one human burials were recovered, eleven of them buried inside the chancel. Two of the internal burials lay in perfectly preserved wooden coffins. Other finds included the official seal matrix of the Friary and a large group of painted window glass. The pottery from the site has been dated as 13th century thus suggesting that the excavation had revealed the remains of the original 13th century Carmelite foundation.
Sponsor: SUAT, MSC, SDD(AM)

Meal Vennel L Blanchard, L Ross
Furnaces, Building Remains, Ditch
NO 116 236 An excavation at the Central District School, March to July 1983, revealed a sequence of deposits spanning the 13th to 17th centuries. Notable features included a sequence of medieval furnaces, a medieval timber building, a medieval stone building and a post-medieval building with an associated smithing complex. Evidence of a recut north-south ditch along the east edge of the excavation was also recovered. Finds included a wide range of domestic artefacts, a number of coins, a gold finger ring and an amber finger ring.
Sponsor: SUAT, SDD(AM)

80 South Street
Medieval Pottery
NO 117 234 A small trial excavation - August to September 1983 - established stratified deposits survived 10m from the street frontage. A quantity of medieval pottery was found.
Sponsor: SUAT, SDD(AM)

WESTERN ISLES AREA

LEWIS

BOSTA (Uig p) R Ponting
Metal Object
NB 136 403 Found in eroding sand dune, a rusty metal object of twisted or knobbed metal bent into a ring 114m diameter with overlapping ends. With finder.

DALMORE (Uig p) B, R, G and M Ponting
Redeposited Artefacts and in situ Stone Structures
NB 214 451 Excavation has continued (Discovery Excau Scot 1978, 46; 1980, 45; 1981, 50) to the sea ward of the sea wall, with numerous finds of a similar nature and a small area of prehistoric soil surface. Equinoctial
storms 1982 caused collapse of the sea wall and the Western Isles Islands Council undertook reconstruction work allowing access behind the sea wall. Parts of 5 stone structures were excavated and numerous associated finds, e.g., over 4,000 sherds with over 25% of them decorated; a few Neolithic, one Iron Age and the rest Beaker; vast quantities of quartz with six arrowheads, four arrowhead roughouts and over thirty scrapers; flint with one arrowhead roughout, and eighteen scrapers; 'mylonite' with one spearhead, four arrowheads, four arrowhead roughouts and twenty scrapers; one broken axehead; 135 plus potboilers; twenty three plus rubbing stones; thirty six bone artefacts and a painted shaped bone object.

SOUTH SHAWBOST (Barvas p)  M MacRae, M and R Ponting
Stone Circle
NB 233 461 To the N of Loch Raoinavat on the NE slope of Cnoc Laeirin, are the remains of a stone circle reported by Richard Cox. Known to have been robbed of stones for lintels after World War II, only two monoliths remain erect and two prone monoliths. Up to fifteen groups of shattered monolith fragments, socket holes and other stone settings. Ground survey suggests a ring of 28.6m diameter with internal stone settings.

BRAGAR (Barvas p)  G Ponting
Rubbed Quartz Stone
NB 288 489 A quartz stone rubbed on up to eight faces was found while digging a grave in Bragar cemetery by Colin Maclean. With finder.

ACHMORE (Lochs p)  M Ponting
Stone Circle
NB 317 292 Previously suspected megalith on circle perimeter exposed during peat cutting 1982. The crofter, David Maxted, did not cut this section of his peat bank in 1983 in order that the megalith should be supported by the peat against its collapse by livestock. (Discovery Excav Scot, 1981, 50).

ARNOL (Barvas p)  M MacRae, M Ponting
Erosion Material
NB 302 493 Erosion of stone buildings (site of old Arnol Village) and midden material by man and the sea. Finds include numerous pottery sherds, plain and decorated, and some Iron Age; two quartz and two other rubbed stones; metal slag; a sherd of reduced grey late Medieval pottery with green glaze; a bronze Highland ring brooch.

CRRESS (Stornoway p)  M Ponting, M MacRae, A Graham
Souterrain
NB 491 415 Road re-alignment exposed a stone structure under several metres of clean sand. Preliminary investigation via a hole left by a capstone disturbed by JCB showed two tunnels c0.5m high and 0.75m wide, with rough stone walling and irregular large capstones. The flooring was of sand with lime encrustation. One tunnel, 6m long, had two bones in a crevice between wall stones. The other tunnel, was not investigated, as grass or pine needles were scattered at the entrance and bones (possibly) were visible further down the tunnel floor. Covering the capstones was a soil layer c0.25m thick containing bone, shell, pottery and small stones. Drawn to our attention by Alec Graham.

HIGH BORVE (Barvas p)  M MacRae, M & G Ponting
Pumice Artefact
NB 420 555 Mr MacKenzie found a broken pumice disc, 5cms across, with a hole drilled in the middle and thumb-sized depression on one side, in ruins.
by Borve river, possibly a float. With finder.

Field Walls
NB 420 557 Peat cutting has exposed c25m of field wall. A rubbed quartz stone was found in the vicinity. Drawn to our attention by Mr MacKenzie.

'Bog Butter'
M MacRae, G & M Ponting, D Caldwell
NB 420 557 Two balls of cream coloured fat with clear yellow flecks and a suet smell were found during peat cutting by Mr MacKenzie. When removed, the first ball was found to be partly covered with thin skin and fibrous vegetable matter, identified as animal gut or bladders and straw, by NHAS laboratory, where both are being conserved and analysed.

GRESS (Stornoway p)
Lodge Souterrain
NB 494/5 419 Erosion of midden material in area of souterrain. Finds include antler, a bone tool and Iron Age pottery sherds.

DUN AIRNISTEAN, DELL (Barvas p)
D Vaughan, M Ponting
Erosion Material
NB 490 628 On the tidal stack, walls and eroding midden material including complete pot, and decorated pottery held by D Vaughan.

SWAINBOST (Barvas p)
M MacRae
Metal Working
NB 505 637 In erosion hollow, slag and bowl furnace bottoms. Walling and midden material are also being exposed.

ENSAY (Harris p)
NF 975 859 Erosion of sand dune with cemetery on it. Finds include quantities of bone; pottery, plain and decorated; metal slag; a rubbed stone; a bronze/copper object 16.5cms long by 1.5cms wide by 1mm thick, slightly curved, possibly a blade.

NORTHTON (Harris p)
C MacLeod, R M & R Ponting
Cup Marks
NF 989 589 On coastal bedrock at high tide mark, four cup marks c20cms across.

BORVE (Harris p)
M Ponting, M MacRae
Erosion Material
NG 026 945 In erosion gulley two stone structures and midden material, including shell, pottery, metal (metal slag, nails, pieces of thin bronze/copper sheet, other pieces of meal), bones (some human - five human skeletons had been reinterred nearby), flint. A medieval belt buckle was found a few years ago.

NORTH UIST

BALELONE (N Uist p)
M Brooks, P Strong
Iron Age Midden Deposits
NF 719 741 Sampling of the midden at Balelone, North Uist was undertaken in response to threat by coastal erosion. The extent and stratigraphy of the midden were investigated and recorded. The site is composed of a mixture of humic occupation deposits and agricultural horizons. Pottery found from levels throughout the site seem to confirm the expected Iron Age date. In conjunction with this work the soils of the surrounding area were mapped to place the archaeological evidence in the perspective of the changing machair landscape. Pollen samples were taken from nearby peat deposits to give a vegetation history for the site and the surrounding area.
Sponsor: SDD(AM - CEU
National Archaeological Survey

1. Ground Survey

Lists of Archaeological Sites and Monuments were issued for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre (Orkney Islands Area) and Papa Westray and Westray (Orkney Islands Area), both compiled by R G Lamb; North Carrick (Kyle and Carrick District, Strathclyde); Central Angus (Angus District, Tayside), compiled by J R Sherriff. Lists for Rhum (Lochaber District, Highland); North Kincardine (Kincardine and Deeside District, Grampian); Medieval and Later Central Angus (Angus District, Tayside) and West Wigtown (Wigtown District, Dumfries and Galloway) are in preparation.

Among sites surveyed were: chambered tomb, Holm of Papa Westray, South Orkney Islands Area); hut-circles and field-systems, Tullymurdoch (Perth and Kinross District, Tayside); fermtoun and fields, Boyken (Annandale and Eskdale District, Dumfries and Galloway); Early Christian sculpture, Rhum and Canna (Lochaber District, Highland).

2. Aerial Survey

There were exceptionally good results from the main summer season, in which more than 800 sites were recorded, including: unenclosed settlements, mainly associated with souterrains; square-barrow cemeteries; long timber houses; Roman military installations of all types, including a new fort at Inverquharity (Angus District, Tayside).

A catalogue of sites recorded in 1981 was issued in May 1983 and preparation of the 1982 material for publication has begun. Prints of sites recorded in previous seasons may be inspected in the National Monuments Record of Scotland.

3. Industrial Monuments Survey

Among monuments surveyed were beam-engine, Garlogie (Gordon District, Grampian); aircraft hangar, Stannergate, Dundee (Dundee District, Tayside); Keiss Harbour (Caithness District, Highland). Liaison was maintained with the Scottish Industrial Archaeology Survey (University of Strathclyde), for which the Commission assumed financial responsibility in April 1982.

Systematic Topographic Survey

Volume 5 (Islay, Jura and Colonsay) of the Inventory of Argyll went to press in the late summer. Field survey continued for volume 6 (Mid Argyll and Knapdale). Many of the large Iron Age forts of the area were planned, while among the later monuments surveyed were Kilmartin Castle and Old Iron Furnace, Furnace. A guidebook to the antiquities of Iona was published in May.

Threatened Buildings etc.

During the period October 1982-September 1983 181 notifications to demolish listed buildings (excluding those in Category C) and 31 notifications of applications to demolish unlisted buildings in Conservation Areas were received. During the same period 36 applications are known to have been granted Listed Building Consent. Many other buildings were reported to be at risk through progressive decay, vandalism and other agencies. Notification was also received of numerous proposals to alter.
or restore listed buildings. The total number of statutory and non-
statutory surveys initiated was 200 (including some covering groups of
buildings), the more important of which were as follows:

**Borders**

Ayton Castle
28-30 Market Place, Coldstream
Fisher’s Tower, Darnick
6-20 Howegate, 1-3 Drumlanrig
Square, Hawick
Paxton Brick/Tile Works, Hutton
Glencorse House, 5-7 Northgate,
Peebles
Halliwell’s Wynd, Market Place,
Selkirk
1-8 Sinclairshill (near Duns)

**Central**

Craigieburn Farm, Lochgreen Road,
Falkirk
Kelliburn Cottages, Muckhart Road,
Dollar
Black Bull, Kippen
The Smiddy, Kippen
Muirhall Farm (Carron Valley)
Allan Park House, Allan Park,
Stirling
Gazebo to rear of 24 Broad Street,
Stirling
Sheriff Courthouse, Stirling (cell
block)
39 Victoria Place, Stirling

**Dumfries and Galloway**

Old Bridge, Beattock
Black Horse Hotel, Newton Stewart
(stable block)
13-15 Church Street, 22-23 Maxwell
Street, Dumfries
3-5 Market Street, Dumfries
Dovecot, Kirleton House, Middlebie
Port Logan Pier
69-81 George Street, Stranraer
The Kinema, Stranraer

**Fife**

Bakehouse, ‘Bandar Abbas’, Low
Causeway, Culross
Red Lion Inn, Low Causeway, Culross
Dalgety Church, Dalgety Bay
Donibristle House (W wing),
Dalgety Bay
1-11 Bonnar Street, 124-140 High
Street, 71-77 Queen Anne Street,
Dunfermline
Marine Hotel, Links Place, Elie
Kilmarnock Castle (near Cupar)

**Grampian**

Berryden Meal Mill, Aberdeen
36-50 Castle Street, Aberdeen
(7 items)
42-46 Castle Street, Aberdeen
4-6 Castle Terrace, Aberdeen
(2 items)
Central Market, George Street/
Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen
67-81 King Street, 4-8 West North
Street, Aberdeen
30 Marischal Street, Aberdeen
5-9 Market Street, Aberdeen
Regent Shed, Regent Quay, Aberdeen
30-34 St Nicholas Street, Aberdeen
36-42 St Nicholas Street, Aberdeen
46-56 St Nicholas Street, Aberdeen
10-12 Boyndie Street, Banff
Corskie (by Banff)
St Palladius Chapel, Fordoun (con-
tinued)
Hallgreen Chapel, Fordoun (con-
tinued)

**Highland**

4 Friars Place, Inverness
Grant Street/Friars Street photo
survey, Inverness (8 items)
Huntly House, 1-2 Huntly Place, Inverness
24 Lower Kessock Street, Inverness
13 Low Street, Clachnaharry, Inverness

Pickfords Warehouse, Riverside Street, Inverness
Kess Harbour, Lybster, kipper kilns
Skelbo Castle
Teaminich House
Thurso, kipper kilns

Fairburn House, Urray (in collaboration with SDD Historic Buildings Division)
Lochdu Lodge, Westerdale Wick, kipper kilns

Islands
St Kilda, various buildings

Lothian
Cinema House, South Street, Armadale
Church of Christ, Main Street, Blackridge
13 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh
Bonnington, Mill/Granary, Edinburgh
5-6 Droughton Place Lane, Edinburgh
16 Burgess Lane, Edinburgh
Milton House School, Canongate, Edinburgh
52 Castle Street, Edinburgh
53-55 Drum Street, Edinburgh
Alexanders Garage, 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh
St Luke's Church, East Fettes Avenue, Edinburgh
14-16 Edinburgh Road (South Queensferry), Edinburgh
131 George Street, Edinburgh
Gray's Mill, Inglis Green Road, Edinburgh

Rear Annex, Playhouse Theatre, Greenside Lane, Edinburgh
St Bernards Davidson Church, 89-93 Henderson Row, Edinburgh
19 Heriot Row, Edinburgh
217-219 High Street, Edinburgh
Tanfield Works, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh
Wardie Cottages, Lower Granton Road, Edinburgh
13 Magdala Crescent, Edinburgh
Malleny Mills (Balmoral), Edinburgh
15 Manor Place, Edinburgh
Macdonald Muir Warehouse, Maritime Lane, Edinburgh

224 Morrison Street, Edinburgh
240 Morrison Street, Edinburgh
36-42 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh
Carlton Hotel, 3-13 North Bridge, Edinburgh
Arnotts, 15-31 North Bridge, Edinburgh
Portobello Swimming Pool
C and A Store, 35-39 Princes Street, Edinburgh
Rear Block, 147 Princes Street, Edinburgh
Royal Arch Halls, 75-76 Queen Street, Edinburgh
22 Royal Circus, Edinburgh
Air-raid shelter, 85-88 St Stephen Street, Edinburgh
Ashburnham, Station Road (South Queensferry), Edinburgh
5 Union Street, Edinburgh
4-6 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh
36 Victoria Street, Edinburgh
Wardie Primary School, Edinburgh
Windsor Lodge, 18 Windsor Place, Edinburgh
Chapel, Convent of Good Shepherd, Woodhall Road, Edinburgh (continued)
1 Young Street, Edinburgh
Goatfield Tollhouse, Dunbar Road, Haddington
Gosford House Mausoleum
Loganlea House, Milton Bridge
Summerhouse, Rosebery House, Temple

Strathclyde
23-25 Wellwynd, Airdrie
Arden House (near Balloch), Darlington New Church, Ayr
Cathcart Church, Ayr
Hallbar Tower, Carluke
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Freeland Steading, Bishopton
Chatelherault
Crawford Castle, Crawford
Keil School, Dumbarton
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Ferry Lodge, Erskine Hospital, Renfrew
Cardowan Colliery, Stepps
Strathleven House
Underwood House, Tarbolton
Vale of Leven Industrial Estate
Waygateshaw House (near Lesmahagow) (continued)

**Tayside**

Birks Cinema, Dunkeld Street, Aberfeldy
Mill of Balhary, Alyth
Mill of Fyal, Alyth
Dalreoch Old Bridge, Auchterarder
Birchcraig Chapel, Ballinluig
Balmullo Steading, Dron
Flax Kiln, Atholl Bank, Blair Atholl
Balhall Lodge, Brechin
Camperdown Works, Dundee
Old Sinderings Tollhouse, Perth
Road, Dundee
Aircraft hangar, Stannergate, Dundee
Garden Cottage, Lundie Castle
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Governor's House, Perth Prison
20-22 South Street, Perth

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4. Interim report and photographs of a cist at Tavelty Farm, Kintore, Gordon District, Grampian Region, 1983. (Mr I B M Ralston and Mr W Watt).

5. A resistivity survey of the defences at Bannockburn, Stirling District, Central Region, by Mr S J Dockrill and Mr G M Edwards, October 1982. (CEU per Mr G Barclay).

6. Reports produced by the Viking and Early Settlement Research Project on the excavations and field survey at the Brough of Birsay and the Brough of Deerness, Orkney, and Freswick Links, Caithness District, Highland Region, 1982-83. (Mr C Morris).

7. Note of the excavation of the enclosure at Drumkilbo, Perth and Kinross District, Tayside Region. (CEU per Mr P Strong).

8. Letter and map of the well at Achamore, Gigha, Argyll and Bute District, Strathclyde Region. (BBC Engineers per Dr N Fojut).

9. Various reports of the excavations and field survey at Birsay, Orkney, 1976-80. (UESAR project per Mr C Morris).

10. Notebook of Mr A O Curle containing miscellaneous notes, 1931-34. (Mrs C Curle).

11. Aperture cards containing microfilm of 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 Antiquity Model maps of Scotland. (NMR, England, per Mr A Aberg).

12. An archaeological survey and report of features at Newbigging Farm, Widewall, White Sands of Breckon, Yell, Shetland, by D Fraser, 1983. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Dr N Fojut).


14. Correspondence, notes, plans, photographs and colour slides of the excavation at the broch of Carn Liath, Golspie, Sutherland District, Highland Region, by Dr J W X P Corcoran, 1972, and a summary report by Mr P Love. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Dr N Fojut).


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17. Volume of archaeological papers, with annotations, by Mr J M Corrie, 1912-34. (Miss P Corrie).

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18. Report on the royal burgh of Roxburgh, Roxburgh District, Borders Region, 1982. (School of Physics and Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, per Dr J R Hunter).

19. Resistivity survey of the site of the Episcopal Palace at Monimail, North-East Fife District, Fife Region, December 1982. (School of Physics and Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, per SDD).
20. Newspaper cuttings relating to the life and work of Henry Ramsay Taylor between 1895 and 1917 including designs for libraries for Andrew Carnegie and the Nelson Trustees. (Purchased).


22. Two press cuttings files relating to the demolition of country houses in Scotland, 1945-60. (Dundee Museums and Art Galleries).

23. Collection of catalogues of sale particulars for Scottish country houses and estates between 1883 and 1920. (Estates Exchange, London, per NMR (England)).

24. Site notes, plan and negatives of the excavation at Castle Street, Forfar, Angus District, Tayside Region, 1979. (Urban Archaeology Unit).


26. Description of the ceiling of the Eight Winds over the staircase at the House of Falkland, North East Fife, Fife Region, by Andrew W Lyons, 1898. (Glasgow Archaeological Society per Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery).

27. Two albums comprising photographs, newspaper cuttings and samples relating to the Hebrides, Western Isles, 1950-63. (Miss W Shand).

28. A dissertation on the building history of Ballochkie House, North East Fife District, Fife Region, including measured sketch plans and details, 1983. (Mr D Cope).

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29. History and report on the present condition of Archerfield House, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, 1982. (Mr Andrew Townsend and Mr David Lumsden).

30. Sale catalogue of the Lands, Lordship and Barony of Fyvie, Banff and Buchan District, Grampian Region, 1885. The catalogue includes a set of floor plans by James Russel Mackenzie. (Sir Andrew Forbes Leith per Mr H Gordon Slade).


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32. Ink drawing of profiles of treb dykes on North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 1982. (Dr R Lamb).

33. Plan, colour slides and a note on an 'Aisled house' at Ceann nan Clachan, North Uist, Western Isles, 1980. (Mr J Finlay).

34. Dyeline plan of stone mounds at Broom Hill, Glen Ogilvie, Angus District, Tayside Region. (Mr G Mechan).

35. Plans of the excavation of the palisaded enclosures at Harthill and Beckton, Lockerbie, Annandale and Eskdale District, Dumfries and Galloway Region, carried out by Mr W F Cormack in 1963 and a pottery report by Dr J W X P Corcoran. (Mr W F Cormack).

37. Physical and distribution map of the Parish of Deerness, Orkney, relating to the survey of the parish of Deerness, by Mr K Steedman, 1982. (Miss C Batey).

38. Plans, negatives, colour prints and a report on the excavations at the chambered cairn at Tresness, Sanday, Orkney, by Miss B Smith, 1983. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Dr N Fojut).


40. Plans, site notebooks, photographs, colour slides, card indexes, and draft reports of excavations of a henge and barrow at North Mains, Strathallan, 1979, and a cropmark site at Huntingtower, 1977, Perth and Kinross District, Tayside Region. A cairn at Pitcairn, North East Fife District, Fife Region, 1977, and a palisaded settlement at Myrehead, Falkirk District, Central Region, 1981-82. (CEU per Mr G Barclay).

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41. Pencil drawing of the symbol stone at Clach Ard, Tote, Kyle and Lochalsh District, Highland Region, by Dr J S Richardson, 1927. (Mr John MacLeod of MacLeod per SRO).

42. Watercolour of Callanish stone circle, Lewis, Western Isles, by Sam Bough, 1867. (Mrs Harrison Maxwell).

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43. Site plans, negatives, colour slides, record books and report of the survey of the sites and monuments on the island of Fara, Orkney, by Dr J R Hunter, University of Bradford, 1982. (Dr J R Hunter).

44. Plans, negatives, colour slides, notebooks, correspondence and pottery drawings of the excavation of a motte at Roberton, Lanark District, Strathclyde Region, carried out by Mr C Tabraham in 1979. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Mr C Tabraham).

45. Miscellaneous collection of drawings including plans for Castle Stuart as existing and proposed, by George Gordon and Co., 1948, and the conversion of the Royal Academy Buildings, Inverness, by Duncan Cameron, 1895, Inverness District, Highland Region. Alterations to Allangrange House, Ross and Cromarty District, Highland Region, 1908, and measured drawings by Mr Edward A Meldrum, including plans for Glenbuchat Church, Gordon District, Grampian Region, 1949, houses in Shiprow, City of Aberdeen, Grampian Region, 1947-48, and the Chapel of St Palladius, Fordoun, Kincardine and Deeside District, Grampian Region, 1941. (Mr Edward A Meldrum).

46. Miscellaneous collection of mid-19th- to 20th-century plans from the Highways Department, Lothian Region. The collection includes plans of buildings affected by road widening proposals and drainage schemes. (Highways Department, Lothian Region per SRO).

47. Thirty-five pencil drawings by Colin Gibson of country houses in Scotland demolished in the 1940s and 1950s, based on photographs taken at the time of demolition. (Dundee Museums and Art Galleries per Mr Adrian Zealand).

48. Photographic copies of pencil sketches from the sketch book of Elizabeth F Henderson, 1835-35, including views of Tranent Manse and Preston Tower, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, the Ferry House, Roseneath, Dumbarton District, Strathclyde Region, and Middleton, City of...
Glasgow District, Strathclyde Region. (Mr R Ian Jack).

49. Lithographed plan of the Barony of Gorbals, City of Glasgow District, Strathclyde Region, showing the divisions between the City Corporation Trades House and Hutcheson's Hospital, by Andrew McDonald, CE, 1881. (Anon).

50. Engraved plan of a proposed square of fifteen houses in the garden of the Trades Maiden Hospital, Bristo Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, c. 1772. (Purchased).

51. Plans, photographs, correspondence, colour slides and site notebooks from the excavations at Kello Abbey, Roxburgh District, Borders Region, 1971 and 1973-76. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Mr C Tabraham).

52. Two albums of pencil sketches of architectural subjects in Tayside Region by David M Walker, 1967, drawn as an aide-memoire for listing purposes. (Mr D M Walker).

53. Photographic copy of an estate plan of Greenbank House, City of Glasgow District, Strathclyde Region, including a vignette of plans and elevations of the house as existing. Surveyed by Robert Allason, junr., 1772. (National Trust for Scotland).

54. Dyeline copies of survey plans of C and A Modes, 33-38 Princes Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, designed by Messrs North and Partners in the late 1950s. (Leach Rhodes and Walker).

55. Ink perspective view of St Luke's Parish Church, East Pettie Avenue, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by P MacGregor Chalmers, 1907. (General Trustees of the Church of Scotland).

56. Mid 19th-century lithographed plans and perspective view of Inchrye Abbey, North East Fife District, Fife Region, and a plan of the estate by R H Nimmo, lithographer. (Purchased).

57. A brown and wash drawing of Blackfriars Wynd by Daniel Somerville, 1825, and an unattributed pencil drawing of Portobello, 1841, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. (Purchased).

58. Dyeline with colour wash, of a perspective view from the south of the Gogarburn Institution, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by Stewart Kaye, c. 1930. (Purchased).

59. Plan of the choir of Iona Abbey, Argyll and Bute District, Strathclyde Region, by Dr Honeyman, and two photographs of Iona Abbey, 1905. (Glasgow Archaeological Society per Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery).

60. Colour photographs of watercolours of Seton Church, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, and Stirling Castle, Stirling District, Central Region, by Peter de Wint, 1839, Mary Queen of Scots' Bedchamber at Holyroodhouse, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by his wife Harriet de Wint, 1839, and a view of Portree, Skye and Lochalsh District, Highland Region, attributed to Peter de Wint, 1845. (Mr R M Pryor).


63. Coloured feuing plan for a new street at Dalkeith, Midlothian Dist-
rict, Lothian Region, by William Burn and David Bryce, 1848. (Purchased).

64. Plans for a farm steading at Glencorse Mains, Midlothian District, Lothian Region, by James Tait, builder, 1891. (Purchased).

65. Two pen and wash drawings of an elevation of a design for a country house, c. 1830. (Purchased).


67. Six pencil and wash drawings including views of Greyfriars Church, Stirling, Stirling District, Central Region, and Falkland Palace, North East Fife District, Fife Region, by A N Paterson, 1880s. (Purchased).

68. Watercolour perspective for an addition to Dunrobin Castle, Sutherland District, Highland Region, c. 1840. (Purchased).

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69. 18th-century plan and elevation showing proposed additions to Castle Cary, Falkirk District, Central Region. (Mr Hugo B Millar per Simpson and Brown).

70. Plans for additions and alterations to Dunvegan Castle, Kyle and Lochalsh District, Highland Region, by Robert Brown, 1840, an undated drawing showing repairs to the Forbes tomb in Dunvegan graveyard, by John Batchen, stonecutter, and a pencil sketch of a view of Dunvegan Castle and Loch, on Bristol paper, probably a sketch for a watercolour or oil painting. (Mr John MacLeod of MacLeod per SHO).

71. Two watercolours of the foghorn on the Isle of May, 1898, and cottages at the East Neuk, North East Fife District, Fife Region, 1896. (Miss J M Errington per Mrs E Proudfoot).

72. Plan and elevation for alterations to 90 George Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by David Ramsay Hay, 1837, to adapt the building to a picture gallery and colour shop. (Building Control, City of Edinburgh District Council).

73. Unexecuted drawings for a new manse for the minister of South Leith Parish Church, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by Thomas Hamilton, 1839. (South Leith Kirk Session per SHO).

74. Measured survey of Archerfield House, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, 1983. (Mr Andrew Townsend and Mr David Lumsden).

75. Pencil drawing of Sweetheart Abbey, Nithsdale District, Dumfries and Galloway Region, c. 1800. (Mr Charles Strang).

76. Plan, elevation and section for Broughton School, Broughton Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. Designed by Alexander Black for Heriot's Hospital, 1853. (Building Control, City of Edinburgh District Council).

77. Collection of drawings of buildings in Tain, Ross and Cromarty District, Highland Region, including plans for St Duthus Church, 1881, and the Carnegie Free Library, 1902, by A Maitland and Sons, and the Public Shambles, 1884. (Tain Museum per Mrs R Mackenzie).


79. Five plans and elevations for an addition to Olrig House, Caithness District, Highland Region, by David Bryce, 1859. (Mr J Morris).
80. Collection of drawings relating to Arniaton House, Midlothian District, Lothian Region, including plans for an addition by John Adam, c. 1762, late 18th-century designs for bridges near Purveshill, and plans for alterations to the Oak Room by David Cousin, 1861. A folio of estate plans including a plan of Arniaston Enclosure by D Dundas, 1732, and unsigned plans of the estate for 1726 and 1791, and a plan of the estate of Braidwood, Temple, Midlothian District, Lothian Region, by James Turnbull, 1763. (Mrs A Dundas-Bekker per SRO).

81. Plans of the Lazaretto at Inverkeithing Ness, Dunfermline District, Fife Region, by James Craig, 1771, an elevation of the Melville Column, St Andrew Square, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by William Burn, 1820, and of a church proposed for the east end of Princes Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. (City of Edinburgh District Council).

82. Folio of plans for Daniel Stewart's Hospital (School), City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, by David Rhind, 1848. (The Merchant Company of Edinburgh).

83. Two colour-washed measured drawings of Traquair House, Tweeddale District, Borders Region, by R A C Simpson and K S Fox, 1928. (Mr James Simpson).

84. Pen and wash drawing of Barony House (Lasswade Cottage), Midlothian District, Lothian Region, attributed to John Clerk of Eldin, c. 1810, and a watercolour of the house as existing by P M Cran, c. 1912. (Sir John Clerk, Bt, per Simpson and Brown).

85. Pencil sketch of Cumstoun House, Stewartry District, Dumfries and Galloway Region, by David Maitland of Dundrennan, before a fire in 1872. (Mrs Maitland).

PHOTOGRAPHS

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86. Photographs of the excavation of the Antonine Wall at Tollpark, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District, Strathclyde Region, carried out by Mr I MacIvor in 1964. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Dr D J Breeze).

87. Photographs, bone report and X-rays of the excavation of a burial at Lockerbie, Annandale and Eskdale District, Dumfries and Galloway Region, 1961. (Mr W F Cormack).

88. Colour slide of an aerial view of the broch at Suisgill, Sutherland District, Highland Region, taken in 1982. (CEU per Mr M Brooks).

89. Colour slides of the excavation at the chapel at Deerness, Orkney, 1975-79. (Miss C Batey).


91. Photographs and drawings of the finds from the excavation at the Brough of Birsay, Orkney, excavated by Mrs C Curle, 1937-80. (Ancient Monuments, SDD, per Mr T Borthwick).

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93. Album of late 19th-century photographs of Dunvegan Castle and estate,
94. Colour prints of jougs at Kilmours Tolbooth, Cunningham, Kilmarnock and Loudoun District, Strathclyde Region, and Kirkcudbright Tolbooth, Stewartry District, Dumfries and Galloway Region, 1982. (Mr K Sporne).

95. Photographs of 27A Nicolson Street and 93 George Street, City of Edinburgh, Lothian Region, 1982. (Mr J Rock).

96. Copy negatives and prints of two photographs of Mauldslie Castle, Lanark District, Strathclyde Region, c. 1864. (Irish Architectural Archive).

97. Twenty-four aerial photographs of Scottish and English castles and country houses taken by Air Vice-Marshall A MacGregor in the 1930s. (Sheriff Peter McNeill).

98. Two albums of photographs of St Fort House, North East Fife District, Fife Region, relating to the house, garden, policies and estate buildings, 1893. (Purchased).

99. Two photographs of Roslin Chapel, Midlothian District, Lothian Region, by George Washington Wilson, c. 1890. (Surrey Record Office per SKO).

100. Photographs of Linlithgow Palace, West Lothian District, Lothian Region, and the Holy Rude Church, Stirling District, Central Region, taken by H M Office of Works between 1900 and 1910. (Anon).

101. Two albums of photographs belonging to John Wilson covering his student travels in France and work by George Washington Browne, to whom he was apprenticed. The albums include copies by Browne of his designs for 91 and 93 Buchanan Street, City of Glasgow, Strathclyde Region, for Miss Cranston, 1896, and for 51 and 52 Princes Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. (Purchased).

102. Album of photographs dating from the 1860s including views of Dunbeath Castle, Caithness District, Highland Region, and Thornton Castle, Kincardine and Deeside District, Grampian Region. (Purchased).

103. Two albums of photographs, one dating from 1872, includes views of thatched houses at Luss, Dumbarton District, Strathclyde Region, and Loch Awe, Argyll and Bute District, Strathclyde Region. The other dating from 1893 includes views of Banff, Gardenstown, Alvah and district, Banff and Buchan District, Grampian Region. (Purchased).

104. Early 20th-century photograph of a Jubilee or Coronation arch at the west end of Princes Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. (Purchased).

105. Thirty glass slides dating from the 1860s of subjects in Fife and Kinross, including views of the Schoolhouse, Guardbridge, North East Fife District, Fife Region. (Mrs D Lye).


107. Negatives taken by Sir John Summerson recording his visit as a journalist with The Architect and Building News to the preview of the 1938 Glasgow Exhibition in Bellahouston Park, City of Glasgow District, Strathclyde Region. (Sir John Summerson, per Mr Neil Baxter).

109. Six colour photographs of Burnbank School, 50 Anderson Street, City of Glasgow District, Strathclyde Region, taken before and after the fire which destroyed the building in August 1983. (Ian Robertson and Partners).

110. 19th-century collotype photograph of Edinburgh Castle, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region. (Mr Neil Bonham per Mr D McLees).

111. Collection of glass slides of sites in the Hebrides, Western Isles, including the islands of Barra and St Kilda, c. 1930. (Miss W Shand).

112. Late 19th-century glass negatives of the interior of Darnick Tower, Ettrick and Lauderdale District, Borders Region. (Mr W G Scott).


115. Three photographs of Fetteresso Castle, Kincardine and Deeside District, Grampian Region, c. 1900. (Purchased).

116. Two photographs of Inveresk Village, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, c. 1910. (Miss Renton).

117. Collection of photographs of Dryburgh Abbey and Melrose Abbey, Ettrick and Lauderdale District, Borders Region, taken at the time the buildings were taken into guardianship, c. 1920. (Mr H Gordon-Slade).

118. Photographs of general views of Glencoe and Oban, Argyll District, Strathclyde Region, c. 1880. (Carnegie Library, Ayr).

119. Seven colour prints of the Café Royal, West Register Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, 1970s. (Mr A Monteath).

120. Album of late 19th-century photographs, taken by Valentine of Dundee, including general views of Auchterarder, Perth and Kinross District, Tayside Region, North Berwick, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, and Kirkcaldy, Kirkcaldy District, Fife Region. (Archive Department, Central Regional Archives).


122. Fourteen sepia photographs, completing the set of twenty-three photographs (see previous entry), of the College Wynd area, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, taken for Sir William Chambers, c. 1872. (Mr A S Chambers per Mr D Shaikleton).

123. Album of late 19th-century photographs, mostly by George Washington Wilson, of buildings on the Duke of Sutherland's estates, including Loch More Lodge, Lochinver Village and the Culag Hotel, Scourie Lodge and Dunrobin Castle, Sutherland District, Highland Region. (Purchased).

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124. Two photographs of the premises of Robert Morrison and Co., St Giles Street, Leith, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, 1900, and a photograph of the staff, 1914. (Miss A Morrison).

125. Late 19th-century photograph of Sandgate House, Ayr, Kyle and
Carrick District, Strathclyde Region. (Mrs J Kerr).

126. Three late 19th-century postcards of Mair and Son, Horticulturists, Ayr, Kyle and Carrick District, Strathclyde Region. (Mrs Mair per Carnegie Library, Ayr).

127. Photograph of New Prestwick, Kyle and Carrick District, Strathclyde Region, c. 1920. (Mr W Adamson per Carnegie Library, Ayr).

128. Early 20th-century postcards of Ayr, Kyle and Carrick District, Strathclyde Region, including views of the Racecourse and Prison. (Mrs J Kennedy).

129. Three late 19th-century photographs of the interior of 98 George Street, City of Edinburgh District, Lothian Region, and four striped fabric samples for slip-covers for the Assembly Rooms, George Street, 1796. (SRI).

130. Two negatives showing drifters in Nairn Harbour, Nairn District, Highland Region, c. 1930. (Mr Alan Barron).

131. Late 19th-century photographs of Burn's Cottage, Alloway, Ayr, by H Murdoch, and Drongan House, Kyle and Carrick District, Strathclyde Region. Photographs of the demolition of the County Prison, clearance of the site and erection of the new extension to the County Buildings, Ayr, 1935-36. (Carnegie Library, Ayr).

132. Four postcards of views of Belton House and Dunglass House, East Lothian District, Lothian Region, Brunl House, Banff and Buchan District, Grampian Region, and Benmore House, Argyll and Bute District, Strathclyde Region, c. 1920. (Mr P M Reid).

133. Collection of late 19th-century photographs including views of Mount Stuart, Argyll and Bute District, Strathclyde Region, Gilminscroft and Sorn Castle, Cumnock and Doon Valley District, Strathclyde Region, and Ellock Castle, Sanquhar, Nithsdale District, Dumfries and Galloway Region. (Mr T Harrison per Carnegie Library, Ayr).

134. Late 19th-century photographs of the house and garden at Lawrence Park, Falkirk District, Central Region. (Mrs J Newell).

135. Photograph of Kilgavaston House, Perth and Kinross District, Tayside Region, taken after the fire in April 1872, when the house was being gutted for rebuilding. (Sister Healy).

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This is the last report from the Ordnance Survey as its archaeological and historical functions transferred to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland on 1 April 1983. Fieldwork was terminated in Ayrshire and Caithness, before those former counties could be completed, and the records of parts of Grampian and Dumfries and Galloway Regions were updated.

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ORKNEY ISLANDS AREA

TUQUOY (Westray p) O Owen

Late Norse and High Medieval Structural Remains

HY 454 431 Excavation of a trial trench on Tuquoy farm, which commenced in the summer of 1982, was continued and completed during the 1983 season. The earliest building phase within the trial trench was represented by a long and massively constructed, rectangular, hall-like building, which survives, for the present, untouched by the sea. Its full extent was not located, but it had minimum internal dimensions of 6.65m by 3.75m. Extensive traces of external lime plastering were found on one wall face. The walls were nowhere less than one metre thick, and the exceptionally broad, truncated end of one wall (1.42m) may have served as a reinforced entrance to the building. Since there was no evidence among the excavation finds to suggest that this grand construction was ever, in fact, defended from attackers, the monumental nature of the edifice may well be an indication of the high status of the patron of the builders, rather than of a serious defensive intention.

The interior of the building was paved over at least three times with large, well cut flagstones, right across the floor; but generally internal features were rare, although finds were of a high quality. This massive structure was partitioned on at least three different occasions. It can thus be conjectured that the large size of the building was subsequently found to be impracticable, and that the building evolved to serve a different function or functions. A re-used slab, incorporated into the latest partition wall, was inscribed with a complete and legible runic inscription.

A second, large and probably rectangular structure, slightly later in date but of similar construction, was appended to the first. It was severely damaged by sea erosion, and again, its full extent was not defined within the trial trench. One of its component walls was dismantled, and a more solidly built, replacement wall was constructed over the remains of the foundations of the earlier one. The interior, though badly eroded, was packed with internal features and rich archaeological deposits.

At least four other, less substantial, building phases were also represented within the excavation area, suggesting continuous re-building and occupation over a period of time. An exceptionally rich depth of midden material, probably from a medieval settlement immediately adjacent to the trial trench, filled into the ruins of the earlier phases of building.

The finds were exceptional both in quantity and quality. They included complete and fragmentary objects of bone, stone and steatite, copper alloy and iron; a large collection of coarse pottery, and a notable assemblage of imported medieval pottery, originating from several European countries, as well as from other parts of Britain, and testifying to the widespread connections of this important, high status settlement site. Fuller accounts of the excavation results can be found in the Durham and Newcastle Universities' Archaeological Reports for 1983.

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Earth House

NB 491 415 Re-alignment of the Back-Tolsta road, to the north of Gress river, resulted in the exposure of the capstones of a well preserved
souterrain. On examination this proved to have a complex plan with two main passages merging into one. There was a maximum 10m exposure of the longest passage, and all three ends were blocked by sterile sand which had come in through the roof. Animal bone with unambiguous signs of butchering was present, on the floor, and it is hoped that this will provide a radiocarbon date for the souterrain's use.

DALMORE (Uig p)
Early Bronze Age Settlement
NB 215 451 Small scale excavations behind the recently collapsed sea wall revealed a complex and largely undisturbed sequence of occupations. At least four constructional phases are involved, starting with a large oval house which is reduced considerably in the following phases. Finds include large quantities of quartz and decorated pottery of beaker and food vessel forms. A small quantity of carbonised grain came from the floor of the phase 2 structure.

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NL 21 65 Bones of an adult and child found in dunes. Examined by NMAS staff.

STRATHCLYDE REGION
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NR 285 715 Maintenance work has been completed. Stone to be re-erected in original position.

CENTRAL REGION
Dunaverig Farm, Ruskie
NN 62 01 Farmer reported finding probable corn-drying kiln.

FIFE REGION
Kirkcaldy
NT 28 91 Examination of pottery works in Esplanade area.

STRATHCLYDE REGION
City of Glasgow
Excavation of two major sites.
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