

REST AND BE THANKFUL
WALKOVER SURVEY

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1. NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

1.1 An archaeological survey, comprising a rapid desk-based assessment and walkover was conducted over a parcel of land at the Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll. The programme of archaeological work was commissioned by Forestry Commission Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland. Twelve sites (some of these comprising multiple structures) of archaeological or historical significance were recorded within the given boundary. The recommendations in this report follow the Forestry Commission Scotland Archaeological Survey Guidelines (Ritchie 2012).

1.2 It is the recommendation of this report that all the sites identified within any areas to be afforested (with the exception of all those sites comprising quarries) should be preserved *in situ* and protected from damage by a site specific buffer zone of no physical disturbance (see Appendix 1) and this buffer zone should be maintain prior to and during all preparatory and planting works.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The site (Fig. 1) lies within Argyll and Bute Council Administrative Area. The centre of the area is at NN 24032 06848 and lies within the parish of Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich. The archaeological walkover survey was undertaken the week beginning 12th March 2018.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The archaeological objectives were to:
- a. determine the presence or absence of surface archaeological features within the confines of the proposed scheme;
 - b. propose further stages of archaeological work as required;
 - c. propose suitable mitigation.

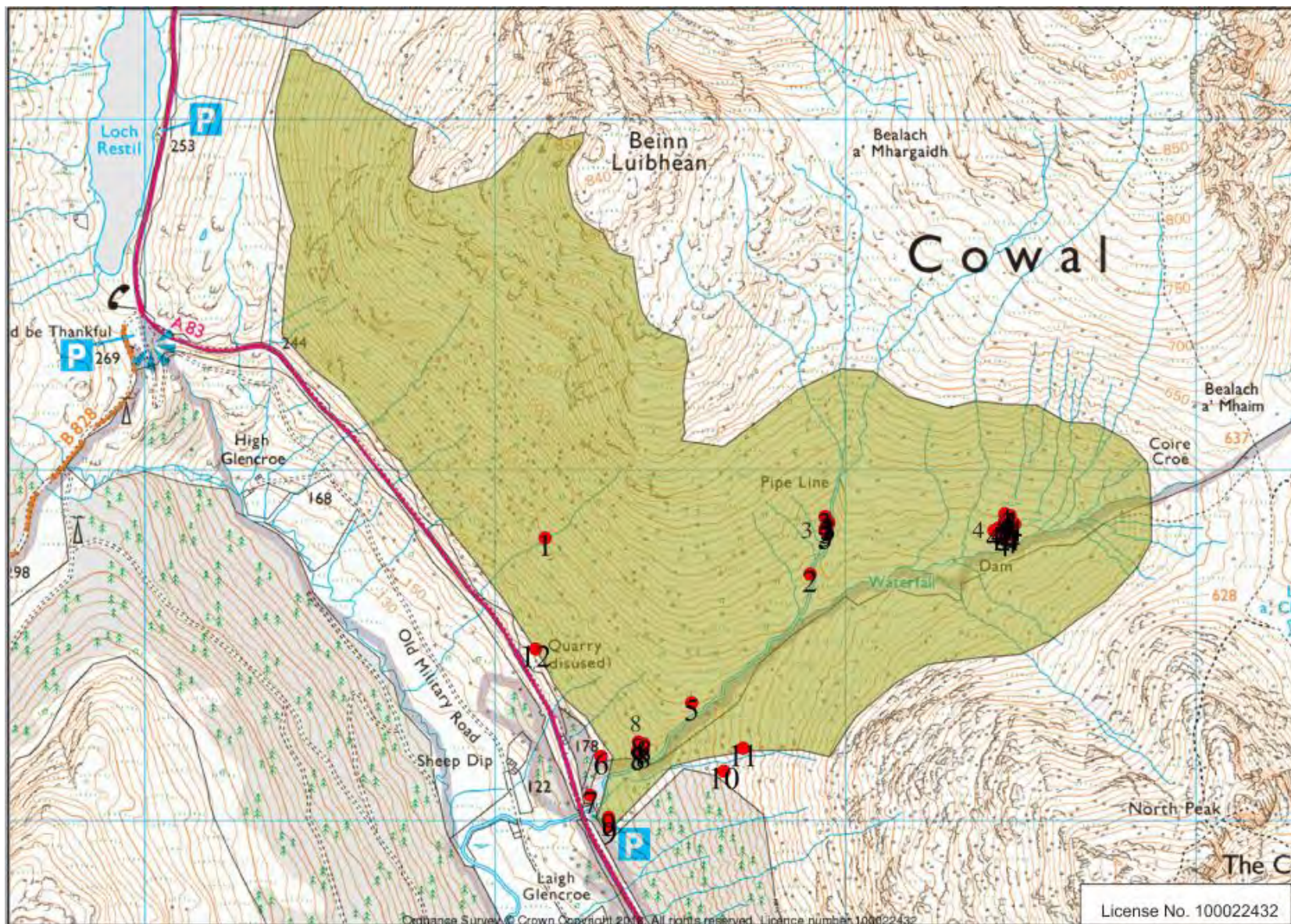


Fig. 1. Location plan of archaeological features recorded within the boundary of the proposed planting and natural regeneration scheme (shown in green).

4. METHOD

- 4.1 A rapid desk-based assessment was undertaken prior to the walkover survey. This comprised the online consultation of historical maps, satellite images, Pastmap, Canmore, The OS Name Book, Old and New Statistical Accounts and the Site and Monuments Record (SMR).
- 4.2 Where ground conditions allowed the area was walked over in a series of transects. All site locations were recorded using a handheld gps, photographed and a brief description made (Appendices 1 & 2). The ground conditions were mixed and comprised rough grazing, upper steep rocky outcrops (these were too steep and covered in snow and therefore not walked) and some deep ravines. The weather was mixed and cold.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 A description of each site is given in the Gazetteer (Appendix 1). There were three previously recorded sites. Sites 4 and 8 in this report appear in the local Sites and Monuments Record as WoSAS pin No.s: 48765 and 43329 respectively. The SMR states there are 13 individual structures at Site 4, although 14 were recorded during this survey and 7 at Site 8 but only 5 could be located during this survey. The third site recorded in the SMR, WoSAS pin No.: 43328 comprised two piles of stones thought to be the remains of shielings. However, during this survey no features could be identified at the given national grid reference and two piles of stone located just to the west on the north side of the tributary burn are clearly natural in origin.

5.2 Shielings

- 5.2.1 Four groups of shielings were identified and recorded during the survey as well as a number of isolated shieling type structures.
- 5.2.2 Site 1 comprises a platform of stone located adjacent to a burn (Plate 1). The ground around it is extremely steep and it is not clear whether this is the remains of a shieling or a natural pile of stone. Site 2 comprises what appears to be a much denuded bank attached to a large natural boulder; again it is not clear whether this is the remains of a shieling or a fortuitous arrangement of natural materials (Plate 2). Site 3 comprises 6 shieling type structures arranged in an irregular row on the west side (south facing) of an unnamed burn (Fig. 2). These shielings are predominantly constructed from stone, with the larger ones probably providing shelter for people and the smaller for stock or storage.



Plate 1, Site 1, possible shieling.



Plate 2. Site 2, possible shieling.

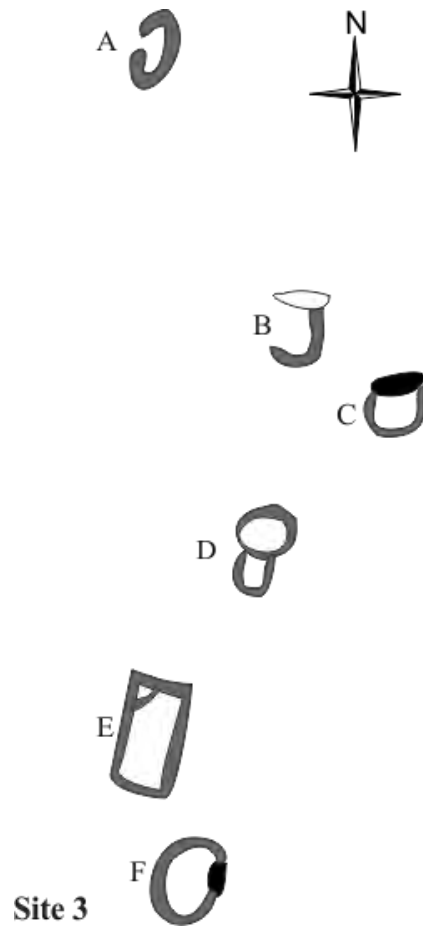


Fig. 2. Sketch plan of the shielings of Site 3 the relative positions of structures as per GPS readings.



Plate 3. Site 3, Structure A.

5.2.3 Site 4 comprised a group of 14 mainly stone shieling type structures (Fig. 3). These are located on the northern side of the main burn on a southeast facing slope.



Plate 4. Site 4 Structure B, with C in the background.

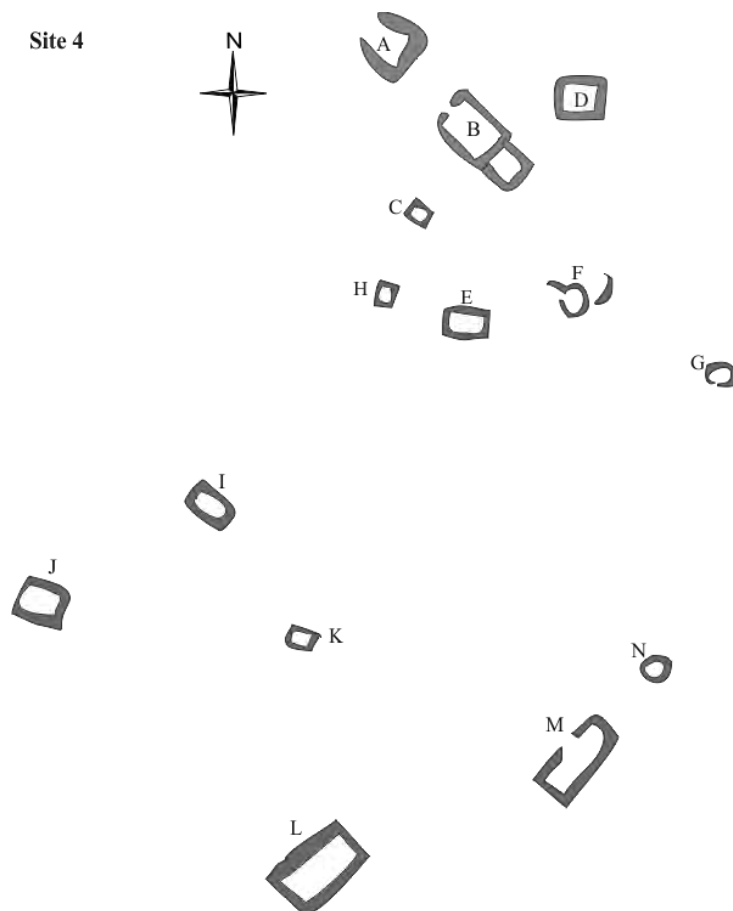


Fig. 3. Sketch plan of Site 4, the relative positions of structures as per GPS readings.

- 5.2.4 Site 5 comprised another possible shieling mound, though again it may be a fortuitous area of flat ground adjacent to a burn (Plate 5). Site 6 is the remains of a boulder built stone wall which is not shown on the 1st Edition OS map (Argyllshire Sheet CXXXIV 1874). The wall lies just to the south of the land management boundary and is paralleled by the modern fence that encloses an area of plantation. Similarly Site 7, a shieling, lies just to the south of the land management boundary but this could accidentally be impacted upon depending upon the location of new access routes on to the hill.



Plate 5. Site 5, possible platform base of a former shieling.

- 5.2.5 Site 8 comprises a group of 5 shielings, only two are readily visible as the others are much denuded (Fig. 4 & Plate 6). The SMR record states there are at least 7 structures, but despite an extensive search only 5 were identifiable at the time of this survey.

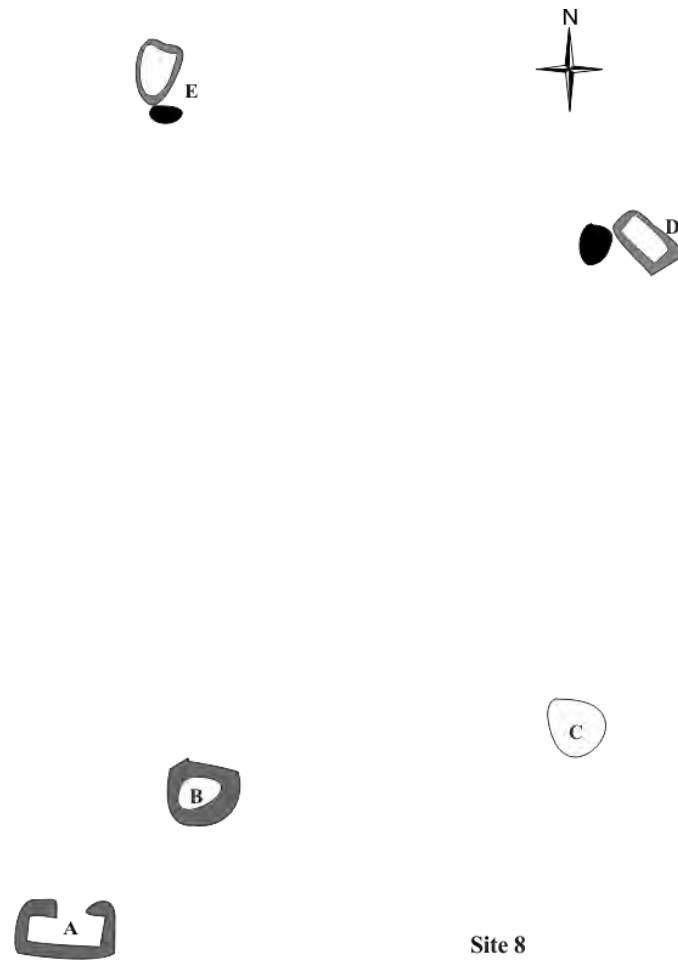


Fig. 4. Sketch plan of Site 8, the relative positions of structures as per GPS readings.



Plate 6. Site 8, Structure A.

5.2.6 Site 9 comprises two possible platform bases for shielings and although these are located on the southeastern side of the burn they do maintain a southeasterly aspect (Fig. 5).

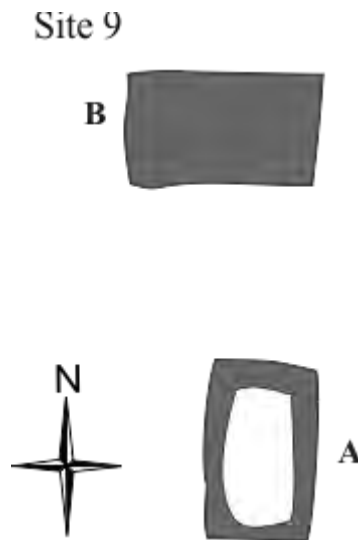


Fig. 5. Sketch plan of Site 9, the relative positions of structures as per GPS readings.

5.2.7 Site 10 comprised an isolated and much denuded shieling and Site 11 a probably shieling platform (Fig.6). Site 12 is a disused stone quarry, this is shown on the modern map and is probably associated with the construction of the modern road.

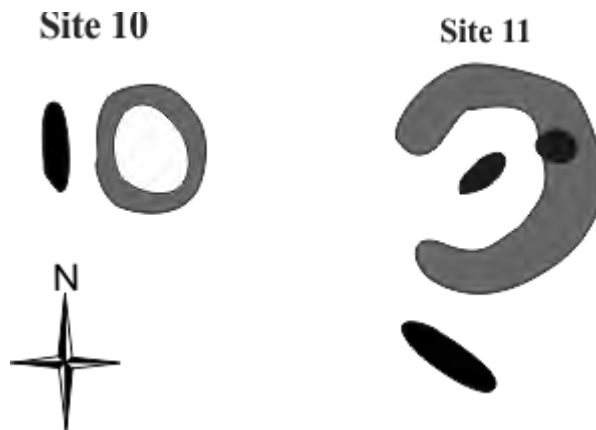


Fig. 6. Sketch plan of Site 10 and Site 11.

6.0 MITIGATION

6.1 In line with the guidance of the Forestry Commission Scotland Archaeological Survey Guidelines (Ritchie 2012) a buffer zone of 10m of no physical disturbance during all preparatory and planting works should be left around all the structural features as identified. However, in the case of Sites 3, 4, 8 & 9 it is recommended that there is a 10m buffer zone left around of the whole site,

rather than the individual feature components of the site, in order that each structure is visible with its neighbour. A 5m boundary is recommended in relation to the stone wall, Site 6. There is no requirement to protect the quarry, Site 12.

- 6.2 There is no level land within the boundary of the management plan and as all possible platforms have also been recorded there is no area of ground thought likely to conceal buried archaeological deposits.

Appendix 1: Gazetteer of archaeological and historical sites

The gazetteer has been compiled from a walkover survey. Each site No. is unique and corresponds to the numbered sites shown in Fig. 2.

FORMAT

The format of each site entry in the gazetteer is in the order given:

- Name
- Location - National grid reference (NGR)
- Site type
- Character
- Date
- State of preservation
- Significance
- Mitigation

Criteria used to quantify archaeological and historic sites

The description of *Character* and *Extent* of the sites is taken from documentary and cartographic records, where they exist, and/or from direct observation.

Determination of the *State of Preservation* of an archaeological site is often hard to ascertain without the aid of intrusive archaeological works. A site that has been previously attributed some regional or national significance is regarded as in a good state of preservation, unless there is documentary or visual evidence to the contrary. For a site of Local Importance/Significance the *State of Preservation* refers to the physical condition of the visual remains and the degree to which the original site appears to be intact and unaltered, Table 1. Where no assessment can be made as to the current condition then the *State of Preservation* is referred to as Unknown.

Table 1. The definition of the State of Preservation

<i>State of Preservation</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
Good	World Heritage Site; Scheduled Ancient Monument or Regionally Important site. Local site with good physical preservation.
Moderate	Local site with limited denudation/erosion etc
Poor	Local site with significant denudation/erosion etc
Unknown	No assessment can be made (cropmark etc)

Sites are assigned a level of *Significance* on a scale of ‘less than local’ to ‘international’ (Table 2). The level assigned is based upon statutory designation and/or assessed cultural heritage importance. Many sites of cultural heritage significance are not currently afforded any statutory protection through designation. For the purposes of this assessment, these undesignated sites were assigned a level of importance using professional judgment.

Table 2: Definition of the Significance of an archaeological site

<i>Significance</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
International	World Heritage Site
National	Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM)
Regional	Some undesignated sites assessed as being of Regional Importance
Local	Some designated sites assessed as being of Local Importance
Less than local	Sites either already badly damaged destroyed or whose historic value is too slight for inclusion in a higher class.

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1	224143	706807	Possible structure	Possible structure/platform. Sub-rounded pile of stones with flat top to the feature. Fan of rubble on SW side. 5m x 3.3m, front of platform up to 1m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
2	224899	706704	Possible structure	Possible structure, low stone and earthen bank, sub-oval, incorporates a natural boulder. Bank 0.50m high and 2m wide. 4m x 6m.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224942	706868	Structure	Set of 6 shielings set on west side of burn in a line down the side of the burn. Structure A: Boulder wall up to 0.90m wide and 0.50m high, oval structure. 5m x 4m.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224949	706854	Structure	Structure B: Natural boulder with low drystone wall leading off to the south. 0.50m wide x 0.20m high. 3m x 3m.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224953	706850	Structure	Structure C: 2.30m x 3.10m drystone U-shaped wall set against natural boulder. Wall 0.90m wide and 0.30m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224947	706843	Structure	Structure D: 2.30m x 2.40m drystone wall, 0.50m high x 0.50m wide. Small cell on south side (store?).	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224942	706833	Structure	Structure E: 4.5m x 7m. Slight rounded corners to drystone walls.).80m high and 0.90m wide. Twinning pen in one corner.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
3	224943	706827	Structure	Structure F: Drystone oval wall against the natural boulder wall 0.80m high and 0.80m wide.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		

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4	225470	706871	Structure	Structure D: 5m x 5m. Drystone wall, very collapsed.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
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4	225483	706847	Structure	Structure G: 3m x 4m. Drystone wall, 0.75m high x 0.70m wide.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225454	706854	Structure	Structure H: 2m x 2m, 0.50m wide x 0.60m high. Sub-oval.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225438	706836	Structure	Structure I: 4m x 3m drystone structure, 0.70m x 0.40m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225424	706828	Structure	Structure J: 3.5m x 4m, drystone wall, 0.60m wide and 0.50m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225447	706824	Structure	Structure K: 5.5m x 5m. Oval structure, 0.90m wide and 0.80m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765

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4	225448	706806	Structure	Structure L: 5m x 5m drystone structure 0.80m wide and 0.40m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225470	706815	Structure	Structure M: 6m x 7m, leaning drystone wall 1m high wall x 1m wide.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
4	225477	706822	Structure	Structure N: 4m x 3m drystone oval structure.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		48765
5	224561	706337	Possible structure	Possible shieling mound, 8m x 4m, flat platform with sloping sides.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
6	224303	706184	Wall	Boulder wall 0.75m wide x 0.40m high. On OS map.	19th century?	Poor	Local	5m buffer zone of no disturbance		
7	224272	706073	Structure	Rectangular structure 6m x 4m. Wall 0.60m wide and 0.40m high.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
8	224406	706196	Structures	Set of 5 shielings set on relatively flat piece of south west facing ground with burn in gorge below. (SMR states there a 7 shielings but only 5 could be found in this survey) Structure A: low stone wall 5m x 3m with north facing entrance. Wall 0.40m high and 0.60m wide.	18th century?	Moderate	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance	NN20NW15	43329
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8	224423	706202	Possible structure/platform	Structure C: Possible oval structure/platform 3m x 3m.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance	NN20NW15	43329
8	224425	706219	Structure	Structure D: Rectangular structure 6m x 4m. Natural boulder in one corner.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance	NN20NW15	43329

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8	224409	706225	Structure	Structure E: Not very well preserved. 5m x 3m low platform with vaguely visible stone wall.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance	NN20NW15	43329
9	224327	705985	Structures	2 possible shieling structures. Structure A: 3m x 4m platform c. 0.50m high.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
9	224324	706010	Structure	Structure B: 4m x 3m platform/shieling. 0.60m high.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
10	224653	706142	Structure	Low circular shieling 4m x 4m. Bank 0.40m high.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
11	224708	706207	Possible structure	Possible shieling platform. Low bank on south and west sides. 6m x 6m. Bank 0.50m high.	18th century?	Poor	Regional	10m buffer zone of no disturbance		
12	224116	706490	Quarry	Disused quarry. On OS map	19th century?	Good	Less than local	None		

Appendix 2: photographs

No.	Site	Description	Taken from
1	1	Possible shieling	N
2	2	Possible shieling	E
3	3a	Shieling	NW
4	3b	Shieling	NE
5	3c	Shieling	SE
6	3d	Shieling	SE
7	3e	Shieling	NW
8	3e	Shieling	W
9	3f	Shieling	W
10	3	Site with recent landslip	S
11	4	Shieling	NW
12	4i	Shieling	SW
13	4m	Shieling	N
14	4g	Shieling	E
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22	4j	Shieling	NE
23	4k	Shieling	W
24	3	Site with recent landslip	S
25	5	Possible platform	N
26	8a	Shieling	N
27	8b	Shieling	N
28	8c	Shieling	N
29	8d	Shieling	NW
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31	6	Shieling	N
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Appendix 3: References

Ritchie, M 2012 *Archaeological Survey Guidelines for work to advance the Heritage module*

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Appendix 4: DES Entry

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9	224324	706010	Structure	Structure B: 4m x 3m platform/shieling. 0.60m high.
10	224653	706142	Structure	Low circular shieling 4m x 4m. Bank 0.40m high.
11	224708	706207	Possible structure	Possible shieling platform. Low bank on south and west sides. 6m x 6m. Bank 0.50m high.
12	224116	706490	Quarry	Disused quarry. On OS map
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:			None	
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:				

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