

During May to July 1983, an Archaeological Survey was made by a team from the Scottish Development Department (Ancient Monuments) – D.W. Ross and S.E. Finlay – of the area defined for ploughing and afforestation in the Dornoch district, to be designated the Achormlarie Forest. The S.D.D. issued this as a Report in October, 1983, under the authorship of Duncan W. Ross, Lily Linge and Patrick Ashmore.

It lists the following sites, and its site enumeration scheme has been followed on this panorama, for ready identification:-

Site No.	Forestry Commission 1:10 000 sheet 62 or O.S. Grid Ref No.	S. D. D. Reference No.	Description of Site.
1 SMR	NH6495 9636 NH69 NW0016	NH69 NW16	<u>A SMALL HUT CIRCLE</u> on a terrace measuring 5.5m internally within a spread stone wall up to 2.5m wide. Entrance not visible. Up to 15 contemporary field clearance cairns lie on a terrace to N. and E.
2A	NH6555 9627	NH69 NE3	<u>A HUT CIRCLE</u> approximately 10.0m in diameter between centres of a peat overgrown wall. Entrance S.S.E.
2B			<u>A HUT CIRCLE</u> , denuded, 8.5m in diameter between wall centres, situated on a built-up, levelled platform 12.0m summit diameter. The hut wall is partly overlain by a later dyke. A roughly oval annexe 5.5m x 3.5m is attached to the west arc.
2C SMR NMRS	NH6535 9618 NH69 NE0026 NH69 NE0003		<u>A HUT CIRCLE</u> , 12.0m NE-SW by 11.0m overall partially obscured by peat. The wall is only distinguishable in the SW arc where, at its most pronounced, it is a heather covered rubble spread 2.0m wide by 0.2m high.
2D	NH6560 9625		<u>A HUT CIRCLE</u> situated on a terrace and obscured by peat, with walling visible on the S. and W. Some internal and external facing stones in situ by the entrance on the SE giving a wall width of 1.6m.
2E			<u>FIELD SYSTEM</u> . About 30 small clearance cairns up to 4m in diameter and 1.2m high. One short length of substantial stone bank ending on a clearance cairn. Some small field “plots” visible.
2F SMR NMRS	NH654 963 (centred) NH69 NE0003 NH69 NE0025		<u>SHEILINGS (2)</u> . Two rectangular building foundations and a small sub-rectangular “field”. Probably contemporary with recent phase of NH69 NE16. (See “3” below).
3 SMR NMRS	NH659 961 (centred) NH69 NE 0016 "	NH69 NE16	<u>FARMSTEADS (2): ENCLOSURES: FIELDS AND KILN</u> . Farmstead of four recent rectangular buildings around yard overlying earlier building foundations contemporary with nearby corn-drying kiln. Three phases of field dyking. To NW recent bothy and enclosure. To SE farmstead of three rectangular building foundations and associated incomplete field banking and clearance.

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4 SMR NMRS	NH664 964 (centred) NH69 NE0017 "	NH69 NE17	<u>GROUP OF THREE RECENT RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS</u> and small enclosure probably contemporary with recent farmstead NH69 NE16 (see "3" above)
5 SMR NMRS	NH6601 9577 NH69 NE0018 "	NH69 NE18	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> , situated on a terrace and obscured by peat. Measuring 8.6m internally within a wall up to 2.5 wide at the entrance on SE. An occasional outer facing is visible on S. A gap in the wall on the SW is probably a mutilation; several peat-covered clearance cairns lie to the S. Peat obscures positive identification of lynchets or banks.
6 SMR NMRS	NH6614 9566 NH69 NE0019 "	NH69 NE19	<u>CORN-DRYING KILN AND FIELDS (Md)</u> . A well preserved corn-drying kiln measuring 1.9m by 1.6m, internally, and 0.8m deep. Flue 1.2m long and 0.4m wide. It is contemporary with, and surrounded by, partially cleared "fields".
7 SMR NMRS	(A)NH6634 9581 NH69 NE0020 " (B)NH6639 9582	NH69 NE20	<u>HUT CIRCLE: ENCLOSURE: CLEARANCE CAIRNS</u> . Hut circle (A) almost totally obscured by peat measures 9.0m in overall diameter, and a depression in the walling on the E.S.E. indicates the entrance. <u>ENCLOSURE (B)</u> is an oval enclosure on the edge of a terrace. It measures 7.5m N-S by 12.0m E-W within tumbled walling on W. and S. Difficult to interpret due to peat and heather cover, but almost certainly pre-historic due to condition and proximity to several clearance cairns to N. contemporary with the nearby hut circle (A).
8 SMR NMRS	NH665 954 NH69 NE0021 "	NH69 NE21	<u>FARMSTEAD</u> . At least three rectangular building foundations, also enclosures and fields. Modern sheepfold. Rectangular bothy 100m to NW. Extensive lengths of head dykes on N. and E.
9 SMR NMRS	NH6656 9581 NH69 NE0022 "	NH69 NE22	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> . On gently sloping land a hut circle measuring internally 9.5m N-S by 9.0m E-W. Outer facing stones are visible for some of the perimeter, but no inner faces. Wall height up to 0.6m. Entrance on E.N.E. No positive trace of contemporary cultivation.
10 SMR NMRS	(A)NH6663 9563 NH69 NE0023 "	NH69 NE23	<u>HUT CIRCLES (2)</u> . On a dry shelf are mutilated remains of a hut circle, measuring overall 13.5m x 11.5m. Close to the entrance on SE the walling is 2.0m wide and 0.9m high. The interior and E. segment of wall have been mutilated and robbed.
11	(B)NH6661 9561		<u>A HUT CIRCLE</u> is indicated by two short lengths of curvilinear wall flanking a depression representing the entrance. Some outer facing stones and wall core give a wall width of 2.1m and 0.3m high. Peat covers the remainder of the area, but the hut circle probably measured about 11.0m in diameter.

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12 SMR NMRS	NH6695 9552 NH69 NE0012 "	NH69 NE12	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> . Situated on a shelf on a S. facing hillside, it measures approximately 9.5m NE-SW by 8.5m, within a wall reduced to a peat covered rubble spread 2.0m wide, and up to 0.3m high. The entrance is not discernable and there are no traces of associated land use.
13 SMR NMRS	NH69 NE0013 "	NH69 NE13	<u>ALLEGED HUT CIRCLES (2) – NATURAL</u> . Short lengths of peat and covered banks of unusual shape, but of natural origin.
14 SMR NMRS	NH674 980 (centred) NH6 NNE0024 "	NH69 NE24	(A) A long rectangular building foundation 15.5m by 2.8m internally, with annexe. Corn drying kiln and "fields". To SW contemporary rectangular building (B) and sheepfold (C).
15 SMR NMRS	NH6893 9483 NH69 SE0011 "	NH69 SE11	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> . Situated in open moorland, this solitary hut circle is overgrown with peat and heather. It measures 7.0m in diameter within a wall spread to 2.0m wide and 0.3m high. The entrance is in the SE.
16 SMR	NH690 945 NH69 SE0012	NH69 SE12	<u>HUT CIRCLES (4)</u> . On a natural terrace on a S. facing slope is a settlement of four hut circles (A-D) obscured by peat and overgrown with heather and bracken. Hut circle (A) is of different character to the others; it measures 8.5m in diameter within a collapsed wall surviving to a height of 0.3m and spread of 2.0m. The entrance is on the SW arc. Huts (B), (C) and (D) are similar, being smaller and of slight construction in comparison to (A). They are distinctly oval, measuring 5.0m E-W by 4.0m transversely within a rubble wall reduced to 0.3m high, and spread to 1.5m wide. The entrance in each case is in E. arc on the line of the longer axis. An apparently contemporary sub-rectangular enclosure 7.0m E-W by 4.0m transversely with entrance in E. is attached to the N. arc of hut (D). There is no evidence of contemporary agriculture.
17 SMR	NH6895 9441 NH69 SE0013	NH69 SE13	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> . A single oval hut circle 7.0m E-W by 5.5m transversely within a collapsed wall 0.2m high and spread to 2.0m wide, lying on a natural terrace on a S. facing slope. Entrance is in the E. arc. The immediate vicinity has been partially cleared of stones, and one or two clearance heaps are visible.
18 SMR	NH6743 9493 NH69 SE0014	NH69 SE14	<u>HUT CIRCLE</u> . On a W. facing slope is a solitary hut circle measuring 12.5m NE-SW by 10.5m transversely within a collapsed wall 0.2m high spread to 2.0m-3.0m. There is an entrance of simple form in the SW arc.

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19 SMR	NH6756 9463 NH69 SE0015	NH69 SE15	<u>HUT CIRCLE:FIELD SYSTEM.</u> Situated on a terrace on a SW facing slope is a hut circle measuring 11.0m in diameter within a wall surviving to a maximum 0.6m in height and spread to a width of 2.0m-2.5m. The entrance is to the SE. The field system comprises a number of lynchets and stone clearance heaps fringing cleared ground.
20 SMR	NH6777 9449 NH69 SE0016	NH69 SE16	<u>HUT CIRCLE:FIELD SYSTEM.</u> Built up and levelled into a SW facing slope is a hut circle measuring 10.0m in diameter within a wall 0.4m high. The entrance, of simple form, is in the E.S.E. arc. Occasional lynchets and stone clearance heaps fringing cleared land occupy an area of about 1ha. in the vicinity.
21 SMR 21A 21B 21C 21D	NH679 944 NH69 SE0017	NH69 SE17	<u>HUT CIRCLES (4):FIELD SYSTEM.</u> On a natural terrace on a S. facing slope a group of four hut circles within a minor field system. <u>HUT CIRCLE (A):</u> An oval hut circle 7.5m NW-SE by 6.0m transversely. Entrance in SE. <u>HUT CIRCLE (B):</u> A circular hut circle 7.5m in diameter. Entrance in SE. <u>HUT CIRCLE (C):</u> A circular hut circle 9.5m in diameter. Entrance in SE. The best preserved of the four; several outer facing stones, the rubble core and the portal stones on either side of the entrance are exposed. <u>HUT CIRCLE (D):</u> A circular hut circle 9.5m in diameter. Entrance in SE. <u>THE FIELD SYSTEM:</u> extends to about 1 ha. around the huts, and comprises some lynchets and several stone clearance heaps fringing cleared ground.
22 SMR NMRS	NH680 942 (centred) NH69 SE0024 NH69 SE0025 S.A.M.	NH69 SE20 scheduled	<u>FARMSTEAD Md.</u> Situated just above flood plain. One rectangular building, four rectangular enclosures of two constructional phases. One corn drying kiln, yard, "fields" and lazy beds to W.
23 SMR	NH6975 9475 NH69 SE0018	NH69 SE21	<u>HUT CIRCLE.</u> Situated on a terrace is a hut circle measuring internally 8.5m E-W by 7.5m N-S within a wall, best preserved on the W. where large inner and outer facing stones give a wall width of 1.3m. Entrance lies on the W. Two short stretches of low stony banking about the entrance on each side indicating an annexe. No trace of contemporary land use.

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24 SMR	NH6917 9475 (centred) NH69 SE0019	NH69 SE22	<u>ENCLOSURES.</u> (A): Rectangular building foundation 10.5m by 3.8m internally. (B): D-shaped enclosure 12.3m N-S by 13.0m E-W internally. Inner face 1.3m high. Interior lies below ground level. The wall is spread to 3.0m wide. The entrance on S.S.E. measures 2.3m in length and 2.0m wide. (C): Adjoins (B) on S. Seven sided enclosure, 25.8m N-S by 21.5m E-W. Inner face 1.2m high. Entrance on W. Several subsidiary enclosures are attached to the walls of (B) and (C).
25	NH706 954 (centred)	NH79 NW20	<u>HUT CIRCLES (6): FIELD SYSTEM.</u> A settlement of six stone walled hut circles within a field system. All the huts are oval except (A) which is larger and better preserved. <u>HUT CIRCLE (A):</u> It measures 13.5m N-S by 11.5m transversely between wall centres. The wall is spread to around 2.5m all round, but occasional outer facing stones are visible. Simple entrance in S. <u>HUT CIRCLE (B):</u> A hut circle measuring around 10.0m W.N.W.-E.S.E. by around 8.0m between wall centres. The wall is spread to around 2.0m and the NE arc has been destroyed. Simple entrance in E.S.E. <u>HUT CIRCLE (C):</u> A hut circle 10.5m NW-SE by 9.5m between wall centres. The wall is spread to around 2.0m, with a simple entrance in SE. <u>HUT CIRCLES (D) AND (E):</u> These hut circles measure around 9.0m NW-SE by around 7.5m but are too ill defined for the walls thickness to be determined. Simple entrances in SE. <u>HUT CIRCLE (F):</u> Situated around 3.0m E. of hut circle (E) it measures around 9.5m NE-SE by around 8.0m but again it too ill defined for the wall thickness to be determined. Simple entrance in SE. The field system is defined by clearance heaps and lynchets, best preserved in the area between huts (B), (C) and (E).
26 SMR	NH706 955 (centred) NH79 NW0027	NH79 NW30	<u>FARMSTEAD</u> Rectangular house foundation with annexe, 14.0m c3.0m internally. Corn drying kiln. Also rectangular house foundation, enclosure and clearance cairns of recent date.
27 SMR	NH7054 9555 NH79 NW0028	NH79 NW31	<u>CAIRN.</u> The remains of a cairn, 7.1m in diameter with kerbing intermittently visible for most of the circumference. Large boulder 1.1m high lies within kerb on E.

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28 SMR	NH7043 9630 NH79 NW0029	NH79 NW32	<u>HUT CIRCLE.</u> A large hut circle levelled into the slope. Measuring 13.0m in diameter between wall centres. The peat covered wall measures up to 2.5m wide and 0.5m high. Two large outer facing stones on SE mark entrance. There is little trace of contemporary cultivation.
29 29A 29B	 NH7063 9630 NH7068 9632	NH79 NW33	<u>ENCLOSURES (2).</u> Two enclosures of uncertain date and purpose. (A): D-shaped enclosure on knoll. It measures 10.7m N-S by 8.9m internally within a wall; where double faced 1.1m wide and 0.9m high. Entrance on SE. (B): Remains of an amorphous stone walled enclosure measuring approximately 8.0m in diameter. On its N. side an entrance leads to a sub-rectangular annexe measuring 6.5m by 3.5m internally. An old field dyke lies to the N.
30 SMR	NH7060 9621 NH79 NW0031	NH79 NW34	<u>FARMSTEAD Md.</u> One long rectangular house foundation and annexe, corn drying kiln, yard, enclosures, field banks. A five sided enclosure lies 30m to NE.
31 SMR	NH711 945 (centred) NH79 SW0007	NH79 SW7	<u>HUT CIRCLES (3).</u> (A): An oval hut circle, built up on an E. facing slope. It measures 10.0m N-S by 9.0m between wall centres. The wall is spread to 3.0m with the entrance in S. (B): A poorly preserved hut circle measuring approximately 11.5m in diameter. The entrance is not evident. (C): A poorly preserved hut circle around 8.0m in diameter. Entrance not evident. The only traces of agricultural activity are one or two stone clearance heaps in the vicinity of hut circle (A).
32 32A SMR NMRS 32B SMR NMRS 32C SMR NMRS	 NH7020 9463 NH79 SW0021 NH79 SW0018 NH7016 9465 NH79 SW0022 NH79 SW0017 NH7009 9463 NH79 SW0019 NH79 SW0014	NH79 SW15	<u>HUT CIRCLES (3):FIELD SYSTEM.</u> (A): Levelled into the hillside. This hut circle measures 6.5m by 5.5m internally, within heather covered tumbled walling up to 1.0m high on SE, and up to 3.0m wide. The entrance is on the S.S.E. (B): A hut circle levelled into the steep slope and measuring 8.0m by 6.5m internally within a spread of heather covered wall up to 2.5m wide and 0.4m high. The entrance is on the S. (C): An oval house platform has been constructed on a steep slope. It measures overall 9.5m NE-SW by 13.5m NW-SE. Slight traces of inner and outer wall faces on NW give a wall width of 1.3m. A tumbled revetment exists on the downhill side but the site has been robbed for a nearby dyke. <u>FIELD SYSTEM:</u> Up to thirty substantial clearance cairns surround the hut circles over an area of almost 1½ ha. Some cairns are adjoined by lynchets.

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33 SMR NMRS	NH7091 9429 NH79 SW0020 NH79 SW0019	NH79 SW16	<u>HUT CIRCLE.</u> The remains of a hut circle, levelled into the slope. It measures 7.0m in diameter between walls which have been disturbed and spread by rabbit burrows. The entrance in on the E. Cleared land lies nearby, but there is little trace of contemporary land use.