



Archaeology for Communities
in the Highlands

**Black Isle Heritage Memories:
Remembering your Community Avoch, Culbokie and Tore**



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from the communities of Avoch, Culbokie and Tore**

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH) and the Black Isle Heritage Memories Project

From December of 2009 to May of 2010 ARCH developed and delivered a pilot oral collection and recording project to determine how best to record and make available memories of sites, features and buildings in three communities on the Black Isle in Easter Ross. It is an area which has been inhabited for at least 9,000 years, and one which has seen numerous changes to the physical environment in living memory as the growth of the nearby City of Inverness promotes development throughout the vicinity.

Thanks to funding from Awards for All and the European Community Highland LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, facilitated group collecting and recording sessions were held in Culbokie, Tore, and Avoch. There was an enthusiastic response in all three communities, from both those who had been born and brought up in each area and from those who had chosen to live in each community more recently.

173 records of sites, buildings and features cited in the Highland Council's Historic Environment Record (HER) were updated with new information. 127 new records were generated for entry into the HER.



Figure 2: Participants at Tore

2.0 Location

2.1 Map showing the location of the Black Isle



Figure 3. Map of Scotland; National Libraries of Scotland

2.2 The Black Isle

The Black Isle is, in fact, a peninsula, at the eastern extent of Ross-shire. Approximately 23 miles long and 9 miles wide at its broadest point it is situated to the north of Inverness and east of Dingwall. The peninsula is connected to the mainland at the heads of the Cromarty and Beauly Firths. The place name is believed to have been adopted as a description of the appearance of the dark, uncultivated moorland that was believed to have occupied four-fifths of the land mass of the peninsula as recently as the eighteenth century¹. However, this explanation seems at odds with the plentiful fertile farm and croft lands evident throughout the Black Isle today.

¹ Watson, W. J. 1904, *Place names of Ross and Cromarty* Inverness: The Northern Counties Printing and Publishing Company, p. xxiv

An historic Gaelic name for the entire area, *Ardmeanach*, is also known. It translates as ‘the mid-way’, presumably a reference to the peninsula’s strategic positioning between two firths². This name is preserved as a farm name at the eastern end of the peninsula.

2.3 Locations of the Remembering your Community Sessions

2.3.1 The Village and Parish of Avoch

Avoch, from the Gaelic for ‘river’ and ‘place’, is both a harbour village situated on the Moray Firth on the south shore of the Black Isle, at NH 70147 55137 (centred) and an historic parish of the peninsula. Little is known about the pre-modern period origins of the village settlement. The modern village was developed in the 18th century, combining the three settlements of Seatown, Kirktown and Milntown. Many of the listed buildings, which include ordinary houses, ships’ chandlers and warehouses, were built in the 19th century period of continuing improvement. The planned fishertown, to the east, and most of the built heritage that fills the High Street, date to that period of development.

2.3.2 The Village of Culbokie

Situated in the parish of Urquhart toward the eastern extent and on the northern shore of the peninsula, the village name is thought to derive from the original Gaelic *Cuil-bhòcaidh*, transliterated by Watson³ as meaning ‘the haunted nook’. The village is 3.5 miles north-east of Dingwall and about 12 miles north of Inverness at NH 60558 59522 (centred) and is oriented along a main street with buildings that date from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries prominent in the streetscape. Notable among these is the Culbokie Inn, which was built in 1790 and still operates as an hostelry today.

2.3.3 The Village of Tore

From the Gaelic *An Todhar*, ‘The bleaching spot’, the village is located seven miles north of Inverness at NH 60257 52487 (centred), and is positioned around a major roundabout where the A9 intersects the A832 and the A835. Whilst the current settlement of Tore is thus divided by the main road intersections, the original village is located to the east of this roundabout at NH 60507 52482 (centred) and comprises mainly of post-medieval farm and crofting buildings.



Figure 4: Participants at Avoch

² Ibid.

³ Ibid, p.116.

3.0 Aims and Objectives

The key aim of the Black Isle Heritage Memories Project's 'Remembering your Community' Sessions has been to produce a record of heritage remains of areas of the Black Isle, and make these memories accessible to the community. Additionally it was an expressed aim that the project should bring together members of the community, old and young, locally born and more recently arrived to learn about their local archaeological and built heritage.

The objectives of the project have included facilitating and recording oral recollection and knowledge sharing sessions with members of each of the communities of Avoch, Culbokie and Tore; creating a website to create a virtual archaeological community, for sharing knowledge and questions and posting results – this can be viewed at www.archhighland.org.uk, and widely publicising the project's findings in a variety of fora including an exhibition, booklet, website pages, entries to the council HER and submissions to Am Baile website.

4.0 Method

4.0.1 Preparation

The areas of study were identified as being the villages of Avoch, Culbokie and Tore and their immediate districts. Copies of the First Edition of Ordnance Survey Map sheets, at 25 inches to one mile, pertinent to the study areas were obtained from the National Library of Scotland. The digital archives of Am Baile, the Highland Council Historic Environment Record (HER), SCRAN and the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments, Scotland (RCAHMS) were searched for photographic images of sites, monuments, features and historic buildings in each area and a portfolio of visual prompts was compiled for the sessions in each community.

4.0.2 Collecting and Recording Sessions

Voluntary scribes were identified to record the contributions as participants viewed maps and photographs. At least two people recorded at each session. As individual sites, monuments, features and historic buildings were pinpointed and participants shared their recollections and knowledge the locations were pinpointed on the First Edition Map copies and marked with a unique number. This individual number is cross referenced with the written record for each entry.

Sessions inevitably took their own directions, but it was found useful to focus on four main areas of enquiry:

1. What buildings, sites or features in the landscape recorded on the maps no longer survive;
2. What buildings, sites or features in the landscape recorded on the maps have been altered;
3. What buildings, sites or features in the landscape have appeared after the maps were made;
4. Do people know of any traditions of buildings, sites or features which are not on the maps and for which there is no surviving evidence on the ground?

As a minimum each written entry noted the number signifying the location of the site, monument, feature or historic building, as placed on the map sheet and also the name of the person supplying the information.

4.0.3 Processing the Results

The handwritten tables of findings and the enumerated locations marked out on the map sheets were cross-checked and national grid references and, where possible, HER Numbers were allocated to each entry. Clarification was sought with original contributors regarding place name spellings, etc. The final results have been produced as a table included in the body of this report, below.

An index of the digital images submitted by project contributors was also compiled and is also appended to this report. A compact disk of all images is being submitted to the HER and is archived with ARCH.

5.0 Results

Black Isle Heritage Memories Project - Site and Feature Record. Area **AVOCH**

BIHM No.	Site or feature name	NGR and/or address	Site / Feature type	Date last seen	Condition - e.g. ruinous, no longer visible	Local traditions? Comments?	HER No. or Historic Scotland Listing	Name of contributor
A1	CONGREGATIONAL MANSE	7019 5512 IVO High Street	Manse		Extant	Cottage with no internal partitions; E/W oriented. Once thatched	MHG 16334	Jennifer McIntosh
A2	NEW CHURCH BUILDING	7022 5512 IVO High St.	Church		Extant	Erected 1850 New Church Hall, next to church. Built 1995. Still in use.	MHG 21711	Jennifer McIntosh
A3	4-5 HIGH ST. ELIM HOUSE	7023 5511	House and shop		Extant	Built for Captain of sailing ships. Original rafters constructed from split tree trunks. (No. 4 High Street). Shop from 1910 (No. 5 High St.)	HB 414	Jennifer McIntosh Hermione Protheroe
A4	DUTHAC HOUSE	6-7 High St. 7024 5510	House		Extant	Built for Captain of a ship.	HB 415	Jennifer McIntosh Hermione Protheroe
A5	GLENCOE HOUSE	7032 5509 IVO High St	House		Occupied	Built for Captain of a ship	HB 417	Joan MacLeman

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A6	HOUSE / SHOP	8-9 High St. 7025 5510	House and shop		Occupied as 1 house	Shoemaker's shop No. 8 : shop No. 9 : house shop on left, living room on right	MHG 21714	Joan MacLeman Hermione Protheroe
A7	AVOCH BOUNDARIES	691 551	Boundary			'The War Memorial & the Bank of Scotland House' mark the boundaries of the village, as observed locally.	None	All
A8	POLICE STATION	691 551	Police station		Dwelling house	2 cells	None	Joan MacLeman
A9	AVOCH INN	7011 5510 IVO Bridge St	Public House		Occupied	Became Station Hotel	HB 442 MHG 16656	Catriona Gillies
A10	CORN MILL	698 552	Mill		Demolished 1960's		MHG 32075 or MHG 32076	All
A11	CURLING POND	698 552 Near to Community Centre	Curling pond; Tennis court			Original curling pond was situated below the railway bridge & road bridge. The burn changed course when new school built; pond now lost.	None	Jennifer McIntosh

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A12	MILL LADE	697 552	Mill		Site of council houses	Weir was situated above the village and the line of the lade was visible in the 1950s	None but see MHG 32075 + MHG 32076	Catriona Gillies
A13	LAUNDRY	7001 5512		WWII	Demolished	Opposite Inverleod; across the burn	None but see MHG 21674	Catriona Gillies
A14	MILL HILL COTTAGE	701 551 IVO Mackenzie Pl.	Cottage		Occupied	Locally known as Mill Cottage	None	Jennifer McIntosh Catriona Gillies
A15	WWII ARMY CAMP	700 (7) 550 (5) IVO Football ground	WWII Army Camp			New bowling green. Camp for Poles & later 242 Battery HD in WWII	None	Jennifer McIntosh Catriona Gillies Alexander Leitch
A16	PIGGERY	701 (1) 549 (3) IVO Football ground		Late 1940's		Piggery once flooded at high tide during church service. Parishioners left church to save pigs. Later a boating pond - 1950's	None	Jennifer McIntosh Catriona Gillies Donald Patience
A17	TOLL FARM	699 (7) 551 (0) IVO Avoch School	Farm		Replaced by housing 1930's and school	Stones from farm used in new housing. Nos. 6 & 8 Toll Road and Nos. 1 & 3	MHG 48815	Catriona Gillies

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A18	LAVATORY	700 (8) 548 (7) IVO Westburn		1950s		Avoch's first flush toilet, flushed by the tide & housed in a tin shed, sited on the Henrietta Bridge.	None	Donald Patience
A19	COOKHOUSE	701 (5) 550 (5) IVO Avoch Play Area		1940s		Near Surgery & Gospel Hall	None	Donald Patience
A20	OLD CURLING POND	696 (0) 553 (4) IVO Fair Mede	Curling pond	1947		Near station; washed away in flooding of 1947	None	All
A21	NEW CURLING POND	701 (3) 550 (8) Adjacent to Bowling Green	Curling pond			Now the car park behind the pub	None	Catriona Gillies Donald Patience
*A22	CORONATION PARK	699 (5) 550 (5)	Park			Opened by Sir John MacLeod MP & William Logan 1953. Now football field	None – Gates listed	Donald Patience Jennifer McIntosh Joan MacLeman
A23	4 GEORGE STREET	7001 5512	House		Occupied	Birthplace of Margaret MacDonald, nanny to Queen Elizabeth II,	None	Donald Patience

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						affectionately known as 'Bobo'.		
A24	WALLED GARDEN	695 556 IVO Avoch House	Garden			Walled garden in the vicinity of Burnt House. Known as Hastie's Garden in Avoch. Housing development built on site in 1960's.	None, but see MHG 18466	Catriona Gillies
A25	AVOCH HOUSE / BURNT HOUSE	695 557 IVO Avoch House	House		Still extant 1872		MHG 18466	Jennifer McIntosh Catriona Gillies Alexander Leitch
A26	COWS GATE	707 555 IVO Newton Villa	Linear Feature	1940s	Double embanked route way still partially visible; but much overgrown	Known as the 'Coo's Gate' locally, this may have been part of a network of drove routes across the Black Isle. It is observed extending from the ruinous wall footings of an old orchard to the harbor end of the village.	None	Thomas McCourt Alexander Leitch

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*A27	ORCHARD	707 557 IVO Newton	Garden		Stonework visible	Marked on the 1 st Ed. Ordnance Survey Map for the area. The footings are still visible and members of the group remember gathering 'Geengages' (soft fruits) here in the 1940s – 1950s. The site contains the footings of what may be a building.	None	Thomas McCourt Jennifer McIntosh Joan MacLeman
A28	HARBOUR / THE OLD PIER	7045 5504 IVO Harbour	Harbour		Old pier still visible	Pier built in 1815, surveyed by Thomas TelfordThe 1 st Edition Map for the area (surveyed in the 1870s) shows an additional pier to NE of the 'Old Pier'. By 1910 there was a single pier (1901 saw fundraising for new pier built in 1903)	HB 408 MHG 8840	Donald Patience Jenny McIntosh

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A29	COAL STORES	7040 5510 IVO High Street above harbour		1940s		These became: 1 st - filling station 2 nd - Chandlery 3 rd - house (present use)	MHG 36860 MHG 8841	Joan MacLeman
A30	SCHOOL	703 (5) 551 (5) IVO School on the Braehead	School		Now dwelling house	First remembered school in Avoch, built c. 1820/1830.	None	Donald Patience Hermione Protheroe
A31	ORCHARD	703 (5) 552 (0) IVO School	Garden	1940s	Part of the wall remains.	School house garden planted with apple trees	None	Joan MacLeman
A32	MACKENZIE FOUNDATION SCHOOL	6993 5524 IVO School House	School		Occupied	Opened 1856. School founded for the children of the Mill workers and the 'deserving poor'. Had link to Episcopal Church in Fortrose	MHG 21674	Jennifer McIntosh
A33	FREE CHURCH / BENNETS FIELD	682 541 IVO 'Southside', Easter Bennetsfield Farm	Church		Arable land	Free Church site until c.1870.	None	James Leslie

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A34	FREE CHURCH	698 (5) 550 (2) IVO Free Church	Church			Built 1870, became the Village Hall in 1929. Now dwelling house	MHG 16558	Joan MacLeman
A35	CART SHED	702 (0) 550 (6) IVO Hall	Cart shed & stables	1940s		Cart shed and stables, George Street, Featherstone Cottage	None	Donald Patience
A36	SPITTAL BURNIE	697 (5) 552 (7) IVO Community Centre	Natural Feature			Burn beside the orchard (A27), known locally as the 'Spittal Burnie'. Placename may indicate the vicinity of a Medieval 'Hospital' foundation.	None	Donald Patience
A37	TRACKWAY	707 561 IVO Newton Villa	Linear Feature		Visible as crop mark (?)	This mark is visible in the Knockmuir area (The site is noted on the 1st Edition OS Mp for the area).	None	Thomas MacCourt
A38	THE WARREN	706 565 IVO Knockmuir Brae	Rubbish dump			Village dump or cowp in Knockmuir Wood	None	Donald Patience Joan MacLeman Catriona Gillies

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A39	TOURIELUM	690 544 IVO Tourielum	Woodland			Enclosed woodland The area was much larger in 1941. House with unusual appearance which was a gamekeeper's house in the 1930s/1940s on site now.	None	Joan MacLeman
A40	WYLIE'S SAWMILL	695 551 IVO Old Manse	Sawmill	1960s		Wylie was a native of Ardersier and lived at the Old Manse 1951-65. The sawmill was operational til 1960's	None	Donald Patience
A41	DRAINS	702 (2) 550 (5) + Various IVO George St + Margaret St	Drains	1950s		There were open drains behind 'each of the 5 streets'. These were filled in at same time as 'the mill came down'	None	Donald Patience Joan MacLeman Hermione Protheroe
A42	GEDDESTON / BRAEHEAD	702 (5) 551 (5) IVO Geddeston	Water pump			Site of pumps to take water up to the Braehead	None	Joan MacLeman

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A43	MASONIC LODGE	701 (2) 549 (4)	Masonic Lodge		destroyed	Established in Avoch in 1922 in Factory Lane. Wooden building	None	Donald Patience
A44	LODGE ROSEHAUGH	701 (8) 550 (6) George Street	Masonic Lodge			Extension built in 1989.	None	Donald Patience
A45	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WELL	702 (3) 551 (0)	Well			There was a well within the church building.	None	Donald Patience Jennifer McIntosh
A46	WELL	699 (0) 550 (5) IVO Toll Farm	Well			Possibly called the 'Wine Well'. Used by Toll Farm in periods of drought	None	Catriona Gillies
A47	CAPTAIN'S WOOD	668 535 IVO Ord Hill	Woodland			Legend that a Captain was buried under the tallest tree in this wood. Property of James Grant, Parkhill. Partially replanted 1987	None	Joan MacLeman Donald Patience

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A48	CRAIGACH WELL	679 531 IVO Well, on map	Well			Mentioned by the Brahan Seer (Possibly a Cloutie well); participants remembered walking to the well and tying cloots to the nearby vegetation, as children in the 1940s and 1950s.	MHG 7112	Donald Patience Hermione Protheroe Joan MacLeman
A49	GIANT'S STAFF	681 534 IVO Balloan Farm	Standing stone			Known also as 'Matheson's Stone', there is local folklore about this marriage stone being one of a number of stones that was thrown across the Moray Firth (by a giant).	MHG 8225	Donald Patience Catriona Gillies
A50	CLOOTIE WELL / HORSE TROUGH	641 537 IVO Hill O'Hirdie	Well / Trough			There is also possibly a horse trough at this site.	MHG 7109	Donald Patience Tom McCourt Catriona Gillies
A51	HORSE TROUGH	720 561 IVO Kelowna	Trough				None but see MHG 47814	All

Documentary and other references. * A22 Donald Patience has reel film (relating to Coronation Park); * A27 See: *A House of its Time*: Avoch Heritage Association.

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C1	CULBOKIE	603 593	Settlement name			There is a local tradition that the place name might be connected to a supposed chapel site in Culbokie loch (<i>Cille</i>). AM has identified 'a promontory and mound with a wall' in the wooded area around the loch.	None	Allan MacKenzie
C1A	FINDON BURN	610 591 to 597 605	Natural feature			Also known as Tinkers Burn. A witch was said to live in the burn	None	Romay Garcia
C1B	THE NOOK	602 592 IVO Broomhill	Woodland			Watson (1904) believed the latter part of Culbokie to be 'bhòcaidh', derived from the word for 'hobgoblin' or, in Scots, 'bogie'	None but see MHG 16693; EHG 3036 & MHG 52669	Derick Gordon Allan MacKenzie

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						and described the place name as meaning 'the neuk of the bogie'. This prompted memories of local tradition that this wooded area is known as the 'Nook' or the 'Haunted Nook'.		
C2	MILL	602 597 IVO Garbh an Allt, Netherton Farm	Threshing Mill			Remains of the Mill Lade still visible as earthworks.	MHG 31542	Alasdair Cameron, Romay Garcia
C3	MILTON COTTAGES	610 604 IVO Findon Mills	Houses			Accommodation for mill workers.	None	Pamela Draper Derick Gordon Maureen Rose
*C4	FINDON MILL	608 602 IVO Raven's Rock	Mill			Name recorded on 1769 Estate Map but no buildings marked (map commissioned to show agricultural suitability). Oak woods provided source of charcoal, possible site of a bloomery.	MHG 31490 & MHG 31491	Roger Piercy Derick Gordon Pamela Draper

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C5	BRIDGE COTTAGE & SCHOOLHOUSE	606 596 IVO Craiglea	House				None but see MHG 47864	Maureen Rose
*C6	SCHOOL CROFT	606 596	Croft land			The croft was formerly associated with Bridge Cottage (1930's-1974)	None but see MHG 47864 + above	Pamela Piercy Maureen Rose
C7	FORT	609 604 IVO Findon Mill Farm	Dun			Examined by David Trump in mid 1990's. He recorded a supporting wall	MHG 8190	Pamela Piercy
C8	HANNAN MILL	5968 5791	Saw mill			Site used for clay pigeon shooting	None	Maureen Rose
C9	FINDON MAINS GARDENS	6016 6066	Gardens	1960s		Soil said to have come from Holland as ballast	MHG 22204	Romay Garcia
C9A	FINDON MAINS ORCHARD	6016 6066	Orchard	1960s		Converted into horse paddock in 1960s	MHG 22204	Romay Garcia
*C10	FINDON MAINS	6016 6066	Farm			1870's McIntyres came in as tenant farmers from Ardgay & Culrain. Two yew trees at the entrance linked by tradition to the site of a 'Pictish monastery' nearby	MHG 22204	Pamela Piercy Romay Garcia

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C11	FINDON FARM COTTAGES	602 606 IVO Findon Mains	Farm cottages			Farm and cottages reputedly lit from electricity using the hydro power of turbine.	None	Romay Garcia
C12	FINDON PIER	601 610	Pier			Grain, stone and wood transported out & coal delivered in. Used until 1920's. Coal used for domestic use and for threshing mills. Railway sleepers came there for the building of the Conon to Cromarty railway.	MHG 50733	Madge Munro Alasdair Cameron Romay Garcia Derick Gordon
C13	FINDON PIER COAL DEPOT	594 603 IVO Findon Pier	Coal storage facility			Coal storage facility	None	Derick Gordon Madge Munro
C14	FINDON QUARRY (Sewage Works)	5960 6023	Site at sandstone quarry. Late 17thC			Stone from the quarry was used to build dykes in Holland. Returning vessels brought soil as ballast. Reopened to provide approach to Cromarty Bridge	MHG 33876	Romay Garcia

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C15	FINDON MILL FARM	609 602 IVO Raven's Rock	Farm		Foundations still visible of some buildings	Added since 1872 survey. Courtyard on N-facing side. An 1879 drawing of the complex exists	None	Pamela & Roger Piercy
C16	CULBOKIE INN Well & WATER PUMP	603 592 IVO Dingwall Place	Well and Water pump opposite the Inn			The deep well was surmounted by a cast iron wheel-driven pump. The opening had a concrete cover but when it was broken a sheet of corrugated iron was used to cover the opening . Pump in use until 1953/55 when mains water brought in.	None	Derick Gordon
*C17	FINDON BRIDGE	608 602 IVO Findon Mills	Bridge	1980s		Late 1980's parapets of the bridge replaced by culverts.	None	Pamela & Roger Piercy
C18	[Now merged with C16]							
*C19	SMITHY / SMIDDY	602 592 IVO Broomhill	Smithy	Pre 1930		1920's photos show a slate roof. The smiddy ran adjacent a shop and coal yard.	None	Derick Gordon Madge Munro

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C20	SHOP	602 592 IVO Broomhill	Shop	1930's		Blacksmith ran a shop and coal yard beside the smiddy in the 1930's	None	Derick Gordon
C21	CIRCUS FIELD / MARKET STANCE	603 592 IVO Dingwall Place	Market stance			Council housing now on site	None	Derick Gordon
C22	BEAUFORT HOUSE	603 592	House / shop		Occupied (as house)	Current name since 1950's. Formerly a Merchant's house & shop	MHG 16693	Derick Gordon
C23	GROCER'S SHOP	604 593 Across the road from present Telephone Exchange	House/shop			Long thatched building comprising a house and small shop. The roof fell in in the early 1940s. Now 2 semidetached houses on the site.	None	Derick Gordon
C24	SLAUGHTER-HOUSE	604 593 Opposite Telephone Exchange	Slaughter-house	1930		Slaughter -house behind the butcher's shop (C25). Originally a steading building comprising a small byre, barn and slaughterhouse. Now used for a garage and storage.	None	Derick Gordon

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C25	BUTCHER'S SHOP	604 593 Opposite Telephone Exchange	House/shop	1940'S		Shop operating from right hand side of building. Now a dwelling named Ben View which incorporates shop.	None	Derick Gordon
C26	WESTFIELD HOUSE	6033 5935 IVO Dairy House	Dairy		Occupied	As represented on current OS map, except it has since had an extension added	None	Derick Gordon
C27	COTTAGES	603 592 IVO Culbokie Inn			No longer in existence		MHG 52669 & EHG 3036	Derick Gordon
C28	DINGWALL'S SHOP	608 597 IVO School				Proprietor James Dingwall. He was originally a tailor. The shop later became an agricultural supply store and insurance brokers. The shop's strap line was: 'Why go to Dingwall when Dingwall's in Culbokie'	None	Derick Gordon

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C29	JACK'S SHOPS	609 597 IVO Woodholme			Occupied	This was once a Grocer's store and P.O. Believed to incorporate stone from mill	None	Pamela Piercy
C30	BUILDING	602 592 IVO Sandyford			Demolished early 2010	Said to be a Tailor's in late 1800's	MHG 52669	Roger Piercy
C31	HALL	609 597 IVO School	Site of timber framed hall	1970's		Timber-framed hall built c.1920. Used until 1974 when replaced by new structure	Possibly MHG 23708	Derick Gordon
C32	SITE OF CLAY PIGEON SHOOT	605 588 IVO Eight Acres		Active site in 1930's		Clay pigeon shoot moved from place to place. Used New Years Day (except when this fell on a Sunday)	None	Derick Gordon
C33	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	602 591 IVO Firth View	Site of former telephone exchange				None	Derick Gordon
C34	JOINER'S WORKSHOP	602 591 IVO Broomhill	Site of workshop			Workshop of MacLennan's – joiner and cabinet maker since 1930's	None	Derick Gordon

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C35	GORDON STEADING	599 589 IVO Spindrift	Farmstead			In use in 1930's	MHG 14132	Derick Gordon
C36	EASTER HATCHERY & ALCAIG FERRY	565 575 IVO Easter Lodge	Hatchery Ferry Point	Late 1950's		Hatchery adjacent to ferry site. Alcaig Ferry site has large foundations – possibly for distillery exports?	MHG 40794, 9090 & 50816. No specific reference	Maureen Rose Alasdair Cameron
C37	WESTER ALCAIG NOW ALCAIG FARM	5599 5660 IVO Alcaig Farm	Threshing Mill	1950's - 1970's		Dairy Farm in 1950's. Remains of chimney for steam threshing mill once visible	MHG 32603	Alasdair Cameron
C38	EASTER ALCAIG MILL	5629 5731	Corn mill			Water Mill serving large area of Black Isle. Possibly also the site of a distillery. Became knackery in 1960s (see C39)	MHG 32603	Alasdair Cameron
C39	Knackery	565 575	Knackery	1980's		Knackery and adjacent Chimney for a rendering boiler	None	Pamela Piercy Alasdair Cameron

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C40	ALCAIG POST OFFICE	567 573 IVO The Old Post Office				Building with Pan tiles owned by Forbes family. Tiles probably made at Culloden Brick & Tile works in same ownership	None	Alasdair Cameron
C41	FREE CHURCH	574 569 IVO Urquhart Free Church				The Forbes family had granted the land on a 999 year lease. There is a cast iron urinal outside, at the back of the building.	MHG 16724	Ian McIver
C42	FREE CHURCH MANSE	575 568 IVO Manse				See site No. C 41	MHG 9085	Ian MacIver
C43	THE SMITHY ALCAIG	568 572 IVO Smithfield	Site of sawmill Marked as a Smithy on 1 st Edition O.S. Map.			Site of last known Hannan sawmill. Demolished and replaced with modern housing	MHG 46384	Alasdair Cameron Derick Gordon
C44	ALCAIG RAILWAY STATION	566 572	Railway Station			Projected site of Alcaig Railway Station. Now a gap site	None	Alasdair Cameron

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C45	HANGING TREE	576 565 IVO Mulchaich	Natural feature / former gallows			Large oak tree said to have been a gallows tree, sited on route from N. Kessock to the Alcaig Ferry.	None	Allan Mackenzie
C45a	MARKET STANCE	5690 5731	Market stance			Old documents make general mention	None	Allan MacKenzie; A. Cameron
C46	FERRYMAN'S HOUSE	5646 5749 IVO Esselmont				Existing house extended in 1980's blocking access to the old ferry site. Previously a right of way	None	Alasdair Cameron
C47	HECK THE FERRY	566 572				The last Ferryman's House	None	Alasdair Cameron
C48	BALRAILAN	5884 5627 IVO Balnabeen	L – shaped House				MHG 20730	Joan More
C49	NW of BALRAILAN	581 574				Local legend that there was once a cemetery on the opposite side of the road to No. 48. It was disturbed during reclamation of the Mulchaich lands	None	Joan More Alasdair Cameron Allan MacKenzie

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C50	HORSE MILLS WESTER DUNVOURNIE	592 571	Horse powered mill			Horse-driven mill – horse 'circle' containing an engine well and drive shaft. Same construction as at Easter Dunvournie	None	Alasdair Cameron
C51	HORSE MILLS EASTER DUNVOURNIE	593 574	Horse gang			Horse-driven mill – horse 'circle' containing an engine well and drive shaft. Same construction as at Wester Dunvournie	None but see MHG 20748	Alasdair Cameron
C52	45 FERINTOSH	588 566 IVO Balnabeen	Farmstead	1930's	Ruinous mound of stones 3 or 4 courses high	This farm was created in the 1830's from 30 acres of moorland by evictees from Heights of Auchterneed. First let to Murdoch & Alexander MacDonald when it was entirely moorland, on the condition that they reclaimed so much every year and the rent would be	None	Derick Gordon

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						increased by £1 for every acre reclaimed. In 1874 they entered into a new 15 year lease with landlord Arthur Forbes of Culloden. Set out in five enclosures of c. 5 acres each. The stones cleared from this land were used for making up the modern road fill. Now eastern part of Balrailan Farm.		
C53	BALNABEEN SMITHY / SMIDDY	582 562 IVO Balnabeen	Smithy			Although recorded in 1872 as 'unroofed' on the 1 st Edition OS map, this is believed locally to be unlikely.	None	Derick Gordon Joan More
C54	WYVIS VIEW	589 566 IVO Balnabeen	House		Occupied	NW gable is inscribed 'Duncanston 1854'	None	Joan More
C55	UNRECORDED	589 567 IVO A9 / B9169 junction	House and Shop		Ruinous	DUNCAN OF DUNCANSTOWN had a shop and post office here	None	Joan More

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C56	BUILDING FARM COTTAGE	589 566 Next to Wyvis View	Farm cottage			John Simpson (d. 1920) a contractor with a mobile steam-powered threshing mill lived here. He covered most of the Black Isle area using two portable threshing mills driven by traction engines and also heavy haulage using traction engine and four wheeled wagon. His wife took in washing	None	Derick Gordon Joan More
C57	WELL	589 567 Next to Wyvis View	Well				None	Joan More
C58	BALNABEEN FARM	582 564	Farm			Divided into small holdings post WWI. Brick-built, one-storey buildings. Design copied elsewhere on Black Isle	None	Derick Gordon

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C59	WATER TOWER Easter Kinkell Balnabeen	5818 5548	Water tower			Following break-up of Balnabeen in 1930's water came from here to newly-created farm holdings. Fell into disuse in 1950's	None	Derick Gordon
C60	EASTER KINKELL farm steading	5786 5533 IVO Hotel	Farmstead / Estate Office			Marked as the 'Estate Office' on 1 st Edition OS map for the area. Had a water wheel powered mill.	MHG 20786	Pamela Piercy
C61	EASTER KINKELL MILL DAM	576 554 IVO Easter Kinkell Cottages 2 + 3	Mill dam			Truncated and filled in for new road in 1972. Oblique aerial photos exist 1960.	None	Pamela Piercy
C62	OLD URQUHART	581 584 IVO Urquhart	Church			Remains of a former parish church. Said to be 'original site of Urquhart Church + graveyard'.	MHG 46385; see MHG 9078 & MHG 16302	Ian McIver
C63	URQUHART PARISH CHURCH	5778 5789 IVO Drummond-reach	Church			In 1790 the original building costs were £580.	MHG 16274	Ian McIver Madge Munro

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C64	FERINTOSH BURN	581 576 IVO Drummond-reach	Quarry / Outdoor preaching site			Disused quarry became focus for Dissenters' services from 1843 onwards. Still used in the 1930's for services held in Gaelic, followed by communal gathering with those attending the services in spoken English, held within the Free Church building. The site was cleared of undergrowth in 1982 & has been used for outdoor services since.	MHG 29387	Pamela Piercy Ian McIver

Documentary and additional references.

C1B: W. J. Watson, *Place Names of Ross and Cromarty*, 1904.

Pamela Draper holds copy of 1769 Aitken's Survey & Estate maps from the archive of the School of Scottish Studies

*C4 Findon Mill: Pamela Piercy holds a handwritten list of miscellaneous information relating to the Mill e.g. lists of tenants

*C6 Bridge Cottage: Joan More has access to cottage deeds dating back to 1880's

*C10 Findon Mains: Romay Garcia possibly holds copy of unpublished book relating to history of the Mackenzie family

*C19 Smithy; Derick Gordon holds photographs taken in the 1920's

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T1	KILLEARNAN CURLING POND	603 525 IVO Sonas	Natural feature, modified	Late 1970's when A9 was created	Part is now beneath Tore roundabout. Bungalow garden abuts edge of former pond	Pond was used by Killearnan Curling Club. Lit by electricity in 1950's	None	Sandra Bain Alasdair Cameron
T2	LINNIE	598 517 IVO Linnie Farm	Farm site with horse mill circle		Old buildings replaced by a modern one. Improvements by Redcastle Estate included cement roof & corrugated iron	Very wet area, possibly reclaimed land from loch (the place name may be derived from <i>linhe</i> , Gaelic for loch).	None	Alasdair Cameron Graham Clarke
T3	RYEFIELD	611 527 IVO Ryefield	Roofed courtyard		Circular feature visible		None, but see MHG 39 179	Lynn Fraser
T4	[deleted after editing]							
*T5	TORE CASTLE	60783 53764 IVO Mains of Tore	Castle site.		Ruinous; possible mounded area is all that is visible. Exotic plants and trees in vicinity	Believed to be built of local stone from a variety of sources. Two stone pillars, with carved 'ball' finials, sited at the	None	Sandra Bain Alasdair Cameron Janet Skrodzka

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						end of the drive to the SSW, are recalled in living memory. The stone for the castle is believed to have come from the quarry at Kilcoy. Barracks noted here in census of 1841		
T5a	PILLARS	619 529 IVO Ryefield	Pillars		Some visible stone	7 sets of Pillars leading to Tore Castle	None	Betty Kirk
T5b	PILLARS	62053 54439	Pillars			Found in wood	None	Brian Duff
T5c	PILLARS	609 527 IVO Ryefield	Pillars			Delineating boundary of Tore Estate	None	Alasdair Cameron
T5d	GATEPOSTS	610 538 IVO Mains of Tore	Gateway			A modern gate has been sited at the location of the original pillars	None	Alasdair Cameron
T6	MAINS OF TORE	610 538 IVO Mains of Tore	Farm Steading			Former Coach House on site of Castle.	None	Alasdair Cameron Sandra Bain

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T7	BRIDGE	610 538 IVO Mains of Tore	Bridge			Bridge over burn believed to have been constructed from Tore Castle's lintels & window sills	None	Alasdair Cameron
T8	GARDENS AND WALLING	611 538 IVO Mains of Tore	Walled Garden			Hand-made bricks visible in the walls; associated with Tore Castle	None	Alasdair Cameron Sandra Bain
T9	FACTOR'S HOUSE	612 537 IVO Mains of Tore	Farmhouse			Noted in Census returns for 1871-881	None	Alasdair Cameron
T10	WW II CAMP	614 533 IVO Mains of Tore	WWII Campsite			The soldiers billeted here were believed to be Sikhs from the Indian sub-continent. Local children remember receiving chocolate from the troops and watching them training pack mules along the 'Moss Road' travelling towards the Monadh Mor.	None	Alasdair Cameron Betty Kirk Jean Cameron

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T11	WW II CAMP	Layby on the A832 596 578	WWII Campsite			Troops practised hill manoeuvres with mules. The associated mule enclosures was located on what is now the Black Isle showground	None	Alasdair Cameron Graham Clarke Betty Kirk
T12	MILESTONE	616 528 IVO Ryefield	Milestone			One of 6 milestones left on the Black Isle. It is believed that the quarry at Redcastle provided the stone for these.	None	Graham Clarke Alasdair Cameron
T13	LINNIE ISLAND	593 511 IVO The Crossings	Natural feature, possibly modified		Circular feature visible as set-aside land.	The 1725, York Building Co. map of Forfeited Estates shows a pond with an island	None	Alasdair Cameron Graham Clarke
T14	WESTER MUCKERNICH 'RONNIE'S CROFT'	591 528 IVO Well Fiorand	Croft			The MacKenzie family history is traceable to 1850. New steadings built in the 1970s (at the same time as the construction of the A9), at this time the croft was extended	None but see MHG 46316	Ronnie MacKenzie Kenne MacKenzie

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						to incorporate adjacent field		
T15	CROFT	592 526 IVO Muckernich	Croft		Ruinous	Land now in arable use	None	Ronnie MacKenzie Kenne MacKenzie
T16	GRANNIE'S CROFT	595 526 IVO Jura	Croft			Land now in arable use	None	Ronnie MacKenzie Jean Cameron Ian MacIannan
T17	CROFT	592 525 IVO Wester Muckernich	Croft		Footings of buildings visible to 30cm in height.	Land now in arable use	None	Ronnie MacKenzie Kenne MacKenzie Ian MacIannan
T18	ROADSIDE CROFT	592 534 IVO Roadside Cottage	Croft				None	Ian MacIannan
T19	ROAD	592 597 IVO Muckernich	Overgrown track			Known as Moss End Road – leading to peat cuttings. There were formerly 'dozens of roads going into the forestry in order to	None	Sandra Bain

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						give access for peat cutting'.		
T20	DROVERS ROAD	61441 50488	Possible Drove road			Formerly this route ran between two rows of beech trees. One side of this avenue was destroyed in the 1970s/1980s	None	Sandra Bain Janet Skrodzka
T21 & 22	JEAN'S CROFT	586 525 IVO Monadh Mor	Croft		Ruinous	Two ruins visible either side of 'boundary' Part of Kilcoy Estate	None but see MHG 24645	Sandra Bain Jean Cameron Betty Kirk
T23	ELDERS CROFT	591 525 IVO Wester Muckernich	Croft		Ruins visible		None	Alasdair Cameron
T24	RUINED COTTAGES	582 528 IVO Mullan's Wood	Farmstead / Croft	1835	Ruinous	Two ruined cottages. Associated with tales of murders.	None	Alasdair Cameron Graham Clarke
T25		592 522 IVO Roadside Cottage	Concrete, buildings	WWII		Two buildings with concrete frames and nashcrete panels removed here post WWII from Brahan	None	Ian MacLennan Alasdair Cameron

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*T26	CARNURNAN / CAIRN IRENAN	568 522 IVO Carnurnan	Chambered Cairn			Referred to locally as 'The Druid's Circle'	MHG 9027	Jean Cameron
T27	REDCASTLE STATION	5825 5110 IVO Redcastle Station	Railway station	Last goods trains passed through in the 1960s	Now renovated and occupied by the Nansen Society.	The boundary between the mill & the station marks the Kilcoy – Redcastle Estates' boundary. The station was extended in WWII. The post office was in the station first, then moved to the asbestos building (T31).	MHG 9020	Alasdair Cameron Ronald Mackenzie
T28	KILCOY MILL	5820 5133 IVO Millhouse	Mill			Corn & barley mill. Nissan huts were erected in the field to the S in WWII	MHG 32533	Alasdair Cameron
T29	ROSEBANK	58241 51188 IVO Rosebank Cottage	Shop/ Cottage			Grocers shop closed in early 1950's. Sold coal that had been transported in by	None	Ronald Mackenzie Alistair MacKay

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						train. The shop had a resident parrot.		Mairi MacKay
T30	ALLANGRANGE STATION	60896 51868 IVO Cotterton	Railway station	1960	Demolished soon after closure in the 1960s	Station house still extant. Cutting still clear in Croftcrunie / Cotterton Woods. It was a two minute journey from Allangrange to Redcastle	None	Sandra Bain
*T31	REDCASTLE POST OFFICE	58301 51133 IVO Redcastle Station and Post Office	Shops		Asbestos building now demolished	The Post-office was in an asbestos building.	None	Alasdair Cameron Alistair MacKay Mairi MacKay
T32	COTTERTON BRIDGE	624 524	Bridge			The road into Cotterton was made up using old railway sleepers	None	Sandra Bain
T33	COTTERTON WINDMILL	624 525 IVO Cotterton	Windmill		Extant	Not operational. Formerly used for pumping water	None	Alasdair Cameron

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T34	NISSAN HUTS	584 513 IVO Millhouse	Nissan huts	Post WWII		To S. of Redcastle station. One survives of large complex	None	Alasdair Cameron
T35	APPLE STORE REDCASTLE	597 492 IVO Corgrain Point	Store			Detonators were also stored here during WWII.	None	Alasdair Cameron Jean Cameron
T36	MILLER'S BRAE WOOD	582 514 IVO Millhouse	Woodland			Otherwise known as Ordnance Wood. Used as site of armament store in WWII	None	Ronald Mackenzie Alasdair Cameron
T37	FETTES SAWMILL	586 507 IVO Fettes Farmhouse	Sawmill			Fettes Estate offices (as marked on the 1 st edition OS map for the area). Originally known as 'Drummore Farm' on an 1836 Estate Map.	None	Graham Clarke
T38	FETTES FARMHOUSE	58611 50656 IVO Fettes Farmhouse	Farm			Shown on the 1 st Edition OS Map for the area). A farm square /courtyard is depicted.	None	Graham Clarke

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T39	CATTLEMAN'S COTTAGE FETTES	586 507 IVO Fettes Farmhouse	Cottages			Fettes Estate	None	Graham Clarke
T40	AIR RAID SHELTER	586 505 IVO War Memorial	Air raid shelter		No longer visible	Air raid shelter provided for all of the neighbourhood farms. It was of earth construction, build into field dyke as field higher than the road	None	Jean Cameron
T41	NEWTON (FARM)	583 506 IVO present Tore Art Gallery (former Free Church)	Settlement/ farm			The settlement of Newton was the principal village of Parish of Killearnan in 1760's. At the site of the P.O. there were thatched cottages, remembered here in the 1930s – 40s.	None, but see MHG 53266 + MHG 22326	Graham Clarke Helen Martin Ronnie MacKenzie Sandra Bain
T42	REDCASTLE FARMSTEAD (HOME FARM)	58609 49696 IVO Redcastle Mains	Farmstead		Well-preserved waterwheel & fragments of water turbines	The settlement included the Village Hall (1934) farm offices, worker's accommodation, farm manager's house, water wheel	MHG 53238, MHG 16192 & MHG 16220	Alasdair Cameron Ronald Mackenzie

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						& 2 water turbines (1 of these was at the steading)		
T43	GREENHILL HOUSE	58945 50130 IVO Greenhill			Well-preserved	Farm manager's accommodation in the 1860's and listed as a house in 1861 census. First appears in the Valuation Roll of 1875. It was the home of the local Grieve post WWII	HB 7979 MHG 16244	Graham Clarke
T44	GALLOWHILL	60251 49678 IVO Gallowhill	Natural feature			The flat area below the summit is said to be the site of the Gallows. There is no known documentary evidence. It is the approximate site of a former wooden fire tower.	None	Alasdair Cameron
T45	GATEWAY	602 505 IVO Westwood	Gateway			Gateway into Redcastle Estate from Allangrange Estate. It was furnished with Oak gates	None	Alasdair Cameron

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T46	GALLOWHILL STONES	60276 49698	Cairn			'Pile of stones' on summit of hill	None	Alasdair Cameron
T47	PARKTON HOUSE	59521 50673	House	WWII		Built prior to 1936. Built 'back to front', no road or amenities. Abandoned for long period. Very visible with red asbestos roof tiles. Parkton House is not on site of former farm house	None	Graham Clarke
T48	PARKTON MAINS STEADING	59376 50673 IVO Gallowhill	Steading		Visible remains	Remains of farm square and steading, furnished at one time with ornate cast-iron pillars. The sluice & remnants of other mill machinery & mill dam are still extant	None	Alasdair Cameron Graham Clarke
T49	WATER TURBINE	585 495 IVO Redcastle	Water turbine			Remains of water system which supplied Redcastle Estate & Gardner's Cottage in 1920's, with electricity. The pipework, well and	None, but see MHG 44023	Graham Clarke

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						dam are still visible		
T50	PIPEWORK	600 502 IVO Gallowhill	Water system			Pipework for Redcastle Estate water turbine 1920's	None	Graham Clarke
T51	ST. ANDREWS WELL	588 501 IVO Chapelton	Well	1965		Said to be the original chapel site of Chapelton. A bridge existed over the well and a pewter drinking ladle chained to bridge wall (1965)	None, but see MHG 16149	Sandra Bain Graham Clarke
T52	STONE TROUGH	582 495 IVO Rivulett Cottage	Stone water trough			Called a well, this was the water source for school and probably village. A date is inscribed onto the trough; 1844	None	Graham Clarke
T53	GREENHOUSES	58656 49378 IVO Gallowhill	Greenhouses and pipework		Ruinous	Foundations & pipe work of steam-heated greenhouses. These run perpendicular (SE-NW) to those shown	None, but see MHG 32550	Graham Clarke

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						on the 1 st edition OS Map of the area. Part of walled garden		
T54	BROOMHILL SAWMILL	611 516 IVO Broomhill	Sawmill / sawpit			Site of a temporary sawmill, pre 1920	MHG 46345	Sandra Bain
T55	ALLANGRANGE CURLING POND	612 518 IVO Croftcrunie	Curling pond		Overgrown	Overgrown but visible. Used from late 1920's. It was closed when Inverness Ice Rink opened 1970's	None	Sandra Bain
T56	DOVECOT	633 514 IVO Taeblair	Dovecot		Ruinous	Allangrange dovecot. Gradually being demolished 'as people remove stones'	None	Margaret Davidson
T57	ALLANGRANGE STEADING	6226 5147 IVO Old Allangrange House	Steading	Current		Steading in good condition.	MHG 48249	Margaret Davidson

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T58	BOTHY	623 514 IVO Old Allangrange House	L-Shaped bothy			An L-shaped, long byre-like building. Graffiti on lining boards relates to names and dates of tenancy of previous occupants.	None	David Mitchell Alasdair Cameron

Documentary and other references

***T5** Tore Castle

Alasdair Cameron has contributed an aerial photograph

***T31** Redcastle shop

Alistair Mackay has contributed photographs of the post office and of its demolition

6.0 Conclusion

As aforementioned, the Black Isle Heritage Memories Project's 'Remembering your Community' Sessions were designed to produce a record of the archaeological, cultural and built heritage remains of three specific areas of the Black Isle; making these recollections and memories accessible to the community. During twelve collection and recording sessions that took place in January to February 2010 (four each in each of the communities of Avoch, Culbokie and Tore) 173 records of sites, buildings and features cited in the Highland Council's Historic Environment Record (HER) were updated with new information. 127 new records were generated for entry into the HER.

The format of each session allowed people born in the community and people who had moved to the area to collaborate in new ways. At least two scribes were identified for each session, in order that they might catch the fast-flowing reminiscences and information exchange. The scribes and other more recent members of the community acted as prompters for those who had memories and information to share.

The project has been of benefit in building up the ancient and historic environment record and local awareness of the archaeological, cultural and built heritage of each of the areas in which recording took place. The communities are benefitting by understanding more about their local heritage and by preserving a record of this for the future. Additionally, people in each community have appreciated coming together in a social environment, where their memories are valued, and their knowledge is appreciated.



Figure 5: Tore Castle, A. Cameron



Figure 6: Avenue leading to Tore Castle / Mains of Tore, A. MacKay



Figures 7 and 8: Killearnan Post Office; Redcastle, A. MacKay



**Figure 9: Avoch Laundry,
C. Gillies**



**Figure 10: Avoch Dairy Cart, taken outside the Toll Farm,
C. Gillies**



**Figure 11: Old Bridge; Findon Mills,
R. Piercy**



**Figure 12: Mill building; Findon,
R. Piercy**

Appendix 1

Black Isle Heritage Memories, Remembering Your Community: Photographic Index

Image No.	NGR	Direction from	Date	Description	Contributor
Post Office 1	NH 583 581	N	28/01/10	Elevation of single storey rectangular lathe and panel Post Office building on platform at Redcastle station. Tile roof; finials at both gable ends; some ridge tiles missing, exposing timbers. Small porch with corrugated iron roof; centrally placed window, crudely shuttered. Letter box shown in 'Post Office 2' image (see below) is missing, presumably removed.	A. MacKay
Post Office 2	NH 583 581	NE	28/01/10	Lamp-type letter box c. 1940s-50s with Scottish crown, outside Post Office at Redcastle Station. Sign behind reads 'Kilearnan Post Office' in which parish the station lies.	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0068	NH 583 581	S	Scanned 28/01/10	Post Office on Redcastle Station showing gable end nearest station building. Window in gable end, with letter opening below. Mail is being collected from lamp-type letter box by Royal Mail worker using Ford Escort van. Building has roof intact	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0069	NH 583 581	E	Scanned 28/01/10	Detail of window in gable end of Post Office building on Redcastle station showing 'Use it or lose it' sticker and sign on letter opening.	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0084	NH 583 581	E	Scanned 28/01/10	Post Office building on Redcastle station showing collection vehicle (registered 1988-89)	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0086	NH	NE	Scanned	Gable end of Post Office building on Redcastle station	A. MacKay

	583 581		28/01/10	showing lamp-type letter box outside. Sign on Post Office wall reads 'Kilearnan Post office' in which parish the station lies.	
Scan 100124-0090	NH 583 581	SW	Scanned 28/01/10	Redcastle station building from track side, showing awning in angle of basic L-shape plan. Single storey (with attic?) timber with tiled roof with finials at gable ends. Station possibly originally had two platforms. Taken with fish-eye lens. Building poorly maintained, but apparently wind and weather proof.	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0091	NH 583 581	N	Scanned 26/01/10	Elevation of Redcastle station building from road side. Building poorly maintained, but apparently wind and weather proof. Gable vent for attic differs from that shown on 100124-0090	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0092	NH 583 581	W	Scanned 26/01/10	West-facing elevation of Redcastle station building. Building poorly maintained, but apparently wind and water proof. Curtilage overgrown.	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0093	NH 583 581	SE	Scanned 26/01/10	Post Office building on Redcastle station. Shows lamp-type letter box, corrugated iron porch, and telephone cable connection. Taken with wide angle lens.	A. MacKay
Scan 100124-0097	NH 583 581	S	Scanned 26/01/10	Redcastle station building from track side, showing awning in angle of basic L-shape plan. Single storey (with attic?). Timber, with tiled roof, with finials at gable ends. Taken when leaves off trees.	A. MacKay
Findon Mills 2			Scanned 24/01/1	1 ½ storey building with three dormer windows, two ground-floor windows, central door. Tile roof with chimney at each end.	R.Piercy

Findon Mills Dec. 2009 Mill Building 1	Scanned 24/01/10	As Findon Mills 2 but covered in snow.	R. Piercy
	Scanned 24/01/10	Single storey stone building by roadside. Quoined entrance in gable end, with double timber doors, both apparently with cat flaps. One or two blocked entrance(s) in side, with lintel(s). Snow. Possible sluice house or watershed.	R.Piercy
Mill Building 2	Scanned 24/01/10	As Mill Building 1, but without snow.	R. Piercy
Mill Buildings Foundations 2	Scanned 24/01/10	As Mill Building 3, but showing return of stone footings	R. Piercy
Mill building foundations 3	Scanned 24/01/10	Area of demolished building from different angle	R. Piercy
Mill building old foundations 1	Scanned 24/01/10	As mill buildings foundations 2, from different angle.	
Mill site 2	Scanned 24/01/10	Corner of building shown in Mill building 1 and Mill building 2. Shows shaped watercourse behind with stepped leat.	R. Piercy
Mill site new culvert 1	Scanned 24/01/10	Plastic culvert liner in machine-dug culvert. Possibly taken just above building shown in Mill building 1 and Mill building 2.	R. Piercy
Mill site new culvert 2	Scanned 24/01/10	Plastic culvert liner being placed in position by machine. Possible stone structure visible in section of machine-dug culvert, on right.	R. Piercy
Mills site 1	Scanned 24/01/10	Gable end of building shown in Mill building 1, mill building 2 and Mill site 2, from watercourse end.	R. Piercy
Milltown 1	Scanned 24/01/10	Gable end of stone building with corrugated iron roof.	R.Piercy
Milltown 2	Scanned 24/01/10	As Milltown 1 but square on to gable end.	R.Piercy

Milltown 3			Scanned 24/01/10	As Milltown 1 but showing side wall with entrance and window. Gable end wall appears truncated.	R.Piercy
Milltown 4			Scanned 24/01/10	As Milltown 1. Truncation of gable end wall suggests the building extended further in that direction at one time.	R.Piercy
Milltown 5			Scanned 24/01/10	Building shown in Milltown 1, from side. Little detail visible.	R.Piercy
Old Bridge 1			Scanned 24/01/10	Stone-built single-span bridge with splayed abutment at near end; carries a road over a watercourse. Banks both sides of bridge machine cleared. Taken from downstream side.	R.Piercy
Old Bridge 2			Scanned 24/01/10	As Old Bridge 1, from other upstream side. Metal pipe or support visible in right.	R.Piercy
Allangrange Mains Cottage 3636	NH 623 514	SE	20/02/10	Front elevation of 1 ½ storey, stone-built, harled cottage with red-sandstone ashlar quoins. Central porch flanked by windows, edged with tolled sandstone, slate roof, chimneys in gable ends. Lies adjacent to, and forms part of, Allangrange Mains Steading.	A. MacKay
Allangrange Mains Steading 3637	NH 623 514	SE	20/02/10	W-shaped steading built by 1872 (HER MHG 48249). Comprises three stone-built barns with alte roofs – East Barn, West Barn and Central Barn – with a considerable number of later alterations and additions. Areas between the barn are now roofed with corrugated iron.	A. MacKay
Old Allangrange House 3641	NH 6245 5139	N	20/02/10	Rear elevation of Old Allangrange House (HER MHG 16570). Two-storey, 5-bay house on raised basement. See 3643	A. MacKay

3642			20/02/10	Heraldic stone bearing inscription 'Firma Vel Ardu' and the initials SM, MK and 1 MK set on red sandstone walling. See below.	A. MacKay
Old Allangrange House 3643	NH 6245 5139	S	20/02/10	Front elevation of Old Allangrange House, set of the MacKenzies of Allangrange, built 1760. Two-storey, 5-bay house on raised basement approached by flight of stairs overlaying basement. Slate roof.	A. MacKay
Old Allangrange House 3644	NH 6245 5139	S	20/02/10	As, above, showing designed gardens at base of stairway.	A. MacKay
St John's Chapel 3647	NH 6252 5150	SE	20/02/10	Roofless eastern portion of medieval chapel dedicated to St John in walled enclosure (HER MHG 7493). East gable has triple lancet windows.	A. MacKay
St John's Chapel 3648	NH 6252 5150	SE	20/02/10	As above showing track way lying to east of the east gable.	A. MacKay
St John's Chapel 3649 1001	NH 6252 5150	SE	20/01/10	As above showing south wall standing to gable height with lancet windows.	A. MacKay
			Scanned 02/02/10	Black and white photograph with river in foreground looking towards a group of cottages with smoke issuing from the chimneys.	C. Gillies
2001			Scanned 02/02/10	The Toll Farm area. A single-storey cottage with slate roof in foreground on line of road. The Toll Farm is visible on the left of the image.	C. Gillies
3001			Scanned 02/02/10	19 th to early 20 th century photograph showing five adults (two men, three women) posed outside substantial cross-form stone cottage. Finial on ivy-clad gable end. Picket fence forms boundary with rural road. The Toll Farm area of Avoch.	C. Gillies

4002			Scanned 02/02/10	Black and white photograph (c1950s) of horse-drawn milk cart belonging to Avoch Dairy, taken outside the Toll Farm. A milkman is shown dispensing milk from metal churn in to jug.	C. Gillies
5001			Scanned 02/02/10	Black and white photograph, c1940s, showing the MacKenzie Institute in picture background. Small woodland and the corrugated iron-roofed communal laundry in the foreground with washing drying on a line.	C. Gillies
Avenue from Tore Castle	IVO Tore Mains	NW	18/01/10	Dirt, single track undulating 'avenue' bordered by young trees with right-angled bend in foreground.	A. MacKay
Tore Castle Site (1)	IVO NH 609 538		18/02/10	Vegetation-covered mound, low bank and ditch.	A. MacKay
Tore Castle Site (2)	IVO NH 609 538		18/02/10	Vegetation-covered rubble/stones with electric fence in background.	A. MacKay
Tore Castle	IVO NH 609 538	S	18/02/10	Oblique AP view of supposed site of Tore Castle. Linear and circular features visible in ploughed field to north of Tore Park.	A.Cameron
Tore Mains and Gardens	IVO NH 609 538	S	18/02/10	Oblique AP view of supposed site of Tore Castle and of Tore Mans (to the east). Linear and circular features visible in ploughed field to north of Tore Park.	A.Cameron