

Inner Sound
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The following sites were recorded between October 1999 and May 2000 as part of the Scotland's First Settlers project. A full report has been lodged with the National Monuments Record for Scotland.

Applecross Parish

GRID REF.	SFS NO.	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE
NG64 NE			
NG 6845 4856	SFS 72	An Cruinn-leum 1	Rockshelter*
NG 6844 4855	SFS 73	An Cruinn-leum 2	Rockshelter *
NG 6848 4878	SFS 96	Meallabhan (Sand)	Open midden*
NG 6915 4561	SFS 74	Rubha na Guailne	Cave
NG 6852 4912	SFS 70	Sand 4	Cave
NG 6833 4873	SFS 71	Sand 5	Rockshelter *
NG 6844 4917	SFS 69	Sand 6	Rockshelter +
NG 6867 4627	SFS 91		Rockshelter
NG65 NE			
NG 6958 5645	SFS 60	Allt - na - h - Eirigh	Chalcedonic silica chunk
NG 6992 5839	SFS 58	Rubha Chuaig	Rockshelter + *
NG 6934 5645	SFS 62		2 rockshelters *
NG 6935 5520	SFS 63		Cave *
NG65 SE			
NG 6828 5037	SFS 68	Allt na Criche	Boulder shelter + *
NG 6837 5134	SFS 65	Ard Clais Salacher 1	Cave *
NG 6829 5123	SFS 66	Ard Clais Salacher 2	Cave + *
NG 6820 5109	SFS 67	Ard Clais Salacher 3	Rockshelter
NG 6844 5265	SFS 64	Uamh Mhor	Rockshelter *
NG73 NE			
NG 7644 3635	SFS 107	Arigh-Drishaig	Rockshelter +
NG 7906 3826	SFS 89	Coire Sgamhadail 1 & 2	Cave + *
NG7880 3820	SFS 90	Coire Sgamhadail 3 - 6	Rockshelters + *
NG 7571 3714	SFS 114	Fergus' cave	Rockshelter + *
NG 7974 3865	SFS 88	Kishorn 4	Rockshelter + *
NG 7622 3590	SFS 108		Old sea cave +
NG 7613 3580	SFS 109		Rockshelter +
NG 7590 3567	SFS 110		Rockshelter
NG 73NW			
NG 7126 3863	SFS 100	Frasers croft, Toscaig	Open midden *
NG 7124 3650	SFS 112	Loch Toscaig 1	Sea caves +
NG 7118 3696	SFS 113	Loch Toscaig 2	Rockshelter +
NG 7116 3769	SFS 106	Loch Toscaig 3	Rockshelter +

NG 73 SW			
NG 7266 3482	SFS 105	Uags 1	Rockshelter + *
NG 7239 3483	SFS 111	Uags 2	Rockshelter
NG74 SW			
NG 7077 4207	SFS 76	Camusteel 1	Rockshelter *
NG 7050 4217	SFS 77	Camusteel 2	Rockshelter + *
NG 7041 4264	SFS 78	Camusteel 3	Rockshelter + *
NG74 NW			
NG 7120 4571	SFS 75	Applecross Manse	Lithic scatter
NG 7137 4576	SFS 99	Clachan church	Open midden *
NG 7140 4455	SFS 116	Mains of Applecross	Lithic scatter
NG75 NW			
NG 7439 5917	SFS 82	Camas an Iasgair	rockshelter
NG 7375 5941	SFS 81	Fearnbeg	Rockshelter +
NG 7066 5972	SFS 59	Ob Chuaig	Old sea cave +
NG 7448 5898	SFS 83	Rubha Lachlainn	Rockshelter
NG75 NE			
NG 7846 5624	SFS 102	Ardheslaig 1	Single flake
NG 7575 5785	SFS 98	Kenmore 1	Rock shelter
NG 7605 5772	SFS 103	Kenmore 2	Rockshelter
NG 7508 5856	SFS 84	Rubha Glas	Cave
NG76 SW			
NG 7174 6092	SFS 49	Creag Na-h-Uamha	Rockshelter + *
NG 7247 6081	SFS 104	Fearnmore 1	Lithic scatter *
NG 7258 6077	SFS 80	Fearnmore 2	Rockshelter + *
NG 7230 6121	SFS 57	Rubha a Ghair	Rockshelter + *
NG83 NW			
NG 8148 3987	SFS 86	Kishorn 2	Rockshelter
NG 8062 3925	SFS 87	Kishorn 3	Rockshelter
NG84 SW			
NG 8170 4002	SFS 85	Kishorn 1	Rockshelter
Gairloch Parish			
NG76 NW			
NG 7220 6795	SFS 115	Redpoint Headland	Rockshelter +

Kilmuir Parish			
NG46 NE			
Ng 4890 6838	SFS 101	An Corran E	lithic scatter
NG56 SW			
Ng 5206 6260	SFS 94	Port Earlish 1	lithic scatter
Portree Parish			

NG64 NW			
NG6008 4849	SFS 54	Torran 1 (Raasay)	rockshelter
NG 6005 4878	SFS 55	Torran 2 (Raasay)	rockshelter
NG44 SE			
NG 4865 4400	SFS 53	Bumore	rockshelter
NG53 NW			
NG 5140 3755	SFS 95	Achnahannait Bay	lithic scatter
NG54 SW			
NG 5008 4423	SFS 52	Am Bile	rockshelter
Strath Parish			
NG 52 NE			
NG 5853 2974	SFS 12	Scalpay 2	lithic scatter
NG 5883 2920	SFS 33	Scalpay 3	lithic scatter
NG 5872 2956	SFS 56	Scalpay 4	lithic scatter
NG62 NE			
NG 6771 2657	SFS 50	Pabay 1	lithic scatter
NG 6770 2794	SFS 51	Pabay 2	rockshelter +
NG 62 SE			
NG 6922 2410	SFS 92	Ashaig 3	lithic scatter
NG 6880 2390	SFS 93	Ashaig 4	lithic scatter

Note 1: + = containing visible midden.

Note 2: * = test pitted sites

Table 1 Sites found during coastal survey

Test pitting

34 sites were test pitted. In addition to those marked * in Table 1, a further 12 sites were also test pitted (Table 2), 11 of these were sites identified during the 1999 survey (Finlayson *et. al* 1999) while Redpoint (SFS 09) was first recorded 40 years ago (Gray 1959–60).

GRID REF.	SFS NO.	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE
NG 7095 3925	SFS 38	Toscaig 6	Rockshelter
NG 7044 3975	SFS 39	Toscaig 7	Rockshelter
NG 7168 3649	SFS 19	Toscaig 1	Rockshelter
NG 6902 3415	SFS 22	Crowlin 3	Sea cave
NG 7085 3772	SFS 34	Toscaig 3	Rockshelter
NG 7071 3759	SFS 35	Toscaig 4	Rockshelter
NG 7009 3896	SFS 41	Toscaig 9	Rockshelter
NG 7010 3758	SFS 20	Toscaig 2	Cave
NG 6909 3496	SFS 23	Crowlin 4	Rockshelter
NG 6899 3535	SFS 24	Crowlin 5	Rockshelter
NG 6840 3500	SFS 26	Crowlin 7	Rockshelter
NG 7275 6855	SFS 09	Redpoint	Lithic scatter

Table 2 Additional test pitted sites.

Test pits measured 1m x 500mm. Where possible two test pits were dug at each site, one inside the shelter or site and the other at the entrance, talus, or edge of the identified site. 25 test pitted sites contained archaeological deposits and most of these were located in rockshelters or caves. The test pitted sites remain to be analysed however the radiocarbon dates for the 4 sites test pitted in 1999 (Finlayson *et. al* 1999) have now been released (Table 3).

OxA no.	Sample ref	Radiocarbon age (BP)
Ashaig 1, NG 6866 2420		
OxA-9277	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	769 ± 36
OxA-9278	charcoal (<i>Corylus avellana</i>)	771±32
OxA-9279	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	723±33
Crowlin 1, NG 691 338		
OxA-9250	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	1296±39
OxA-9251	charcoal(<i>Betula</i>)	1799±37
OxA-9252	charcoal(<i>Betula</i>)	477±35
OxA-9253	bone, deer	316±39
Loch a Sguirr, NG 6084 5286		
OxA-9254	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	2055±39
OxA-9255	bone, deer	7245±55
OxA-9305	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	7620± 75
Sand NG 6841 4934		
OxA-9280	antler	7520±50
OxA-9281	bone, deer	7715±55
OxA-9282	bone, deer	7545±50
OxA-9343	charcoal (<i>Betula</i>)	7765±50

Table 4. Radiocarbon determinations from sites tested in 1999**Excavation at Sand (NG 6841 4934).**

A major excavation was carried out at the Mesolithic shell midden site of Sand. The midden lies just outside a shallow rockshelter 500m from the present sea level at a height of 27.7m. No evidence survives to indicate prehistoric use of the rockshelter but two L-shaped trenches, Trench A (20m x 2m) and Trench B (25m x 2m) were opened downslope to excavate 90m² across the midden and the area immediately surrounding it. Preliminary results suggest that the midden (90% limpet) may have accumulated over a very short time, possibly a few seasons. The midden contains both 'Obanian' type bone artefacts and narrow blade microliths in direct association thus suggesting that these artefact types are not mutually exclusive. The relatively small number of fish bones suggests that shellfish were used for food, and not simply for bait. There were large numbers of stone pot boilers, apparently an indication of the processing of shellfish and it is likely that the bevel ended bone tools were also involved. While shellfish remain dominant, the presence of charred hazelnuts, animal bone and fish bone indicate the use

of a wide range of other resources. The presence of inedible dog whelk, harvested during the Neolithic for the extraction of purple dye, is indicative of the importance of some form of colour or art. Beneath the midden lay a non midden layer containing a large quantity of antler and animal bone. Non midden deposits are also present to either side of the midden. These include microliths and other stone tools.

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