

**WOODEND FARM, CULTER HOUSE ROAD,  
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STANDING BUILDING SURVEY**



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## SUMMARY

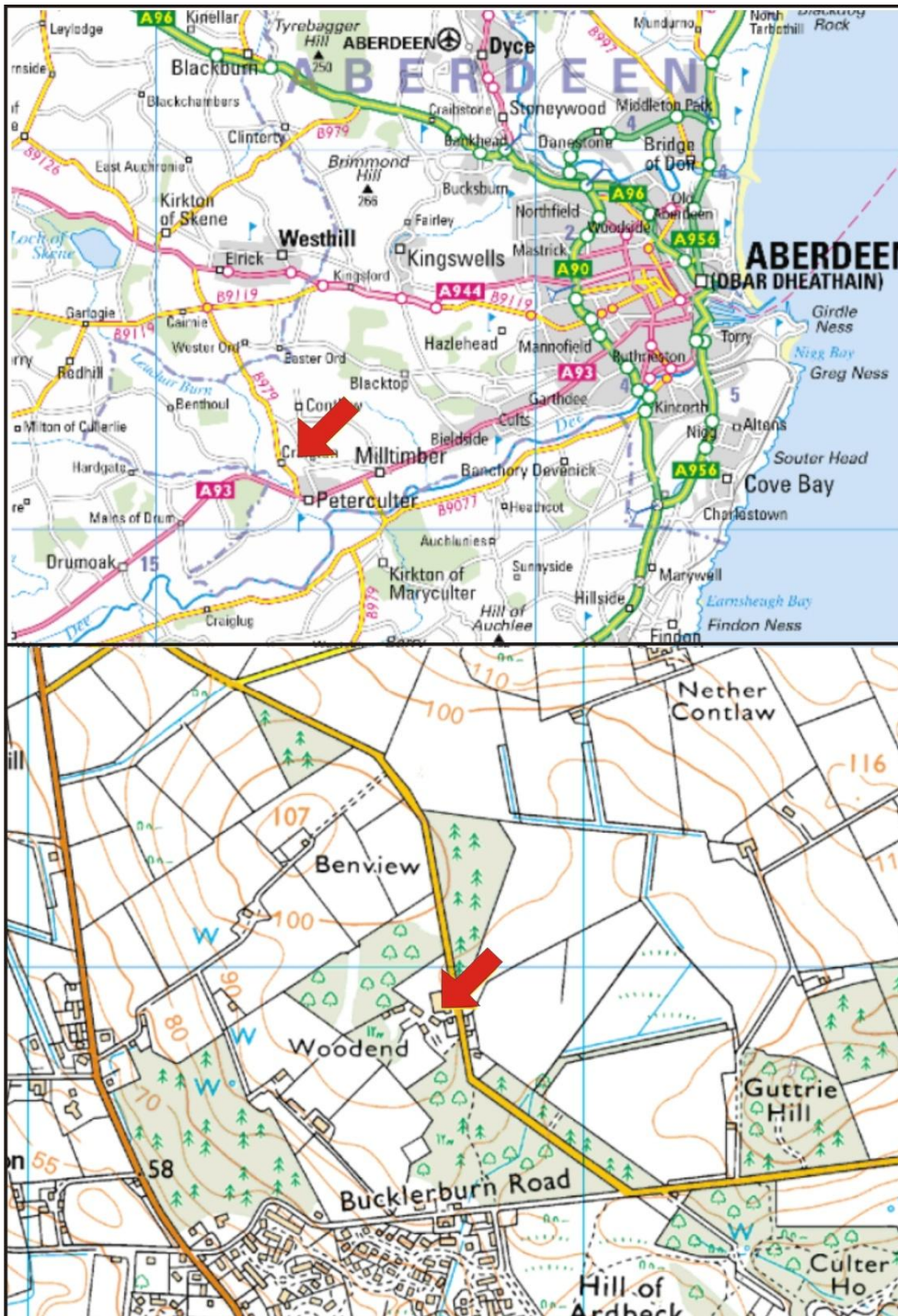
A Level 2 standing building survey was carried out at Woodend Farm prior to conversion of the steading buildings. It is recommended that no further work is required during this current development.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Aberdeen City Council planning application P100905 for the conversion of traditional steading buildings to two dwellings, including the demolition of all other non-traditional farm buildings within and adjacent the site, and minor extensions passed on 28.1.2011. The planning permission has a standard archaeology condition (condition 5) and requires the Level 2 standing building survey on the farm buildings to be converted. The site is located at 90-100m OD, NJ83748 01926 and the local postcode is AB14 0NS.

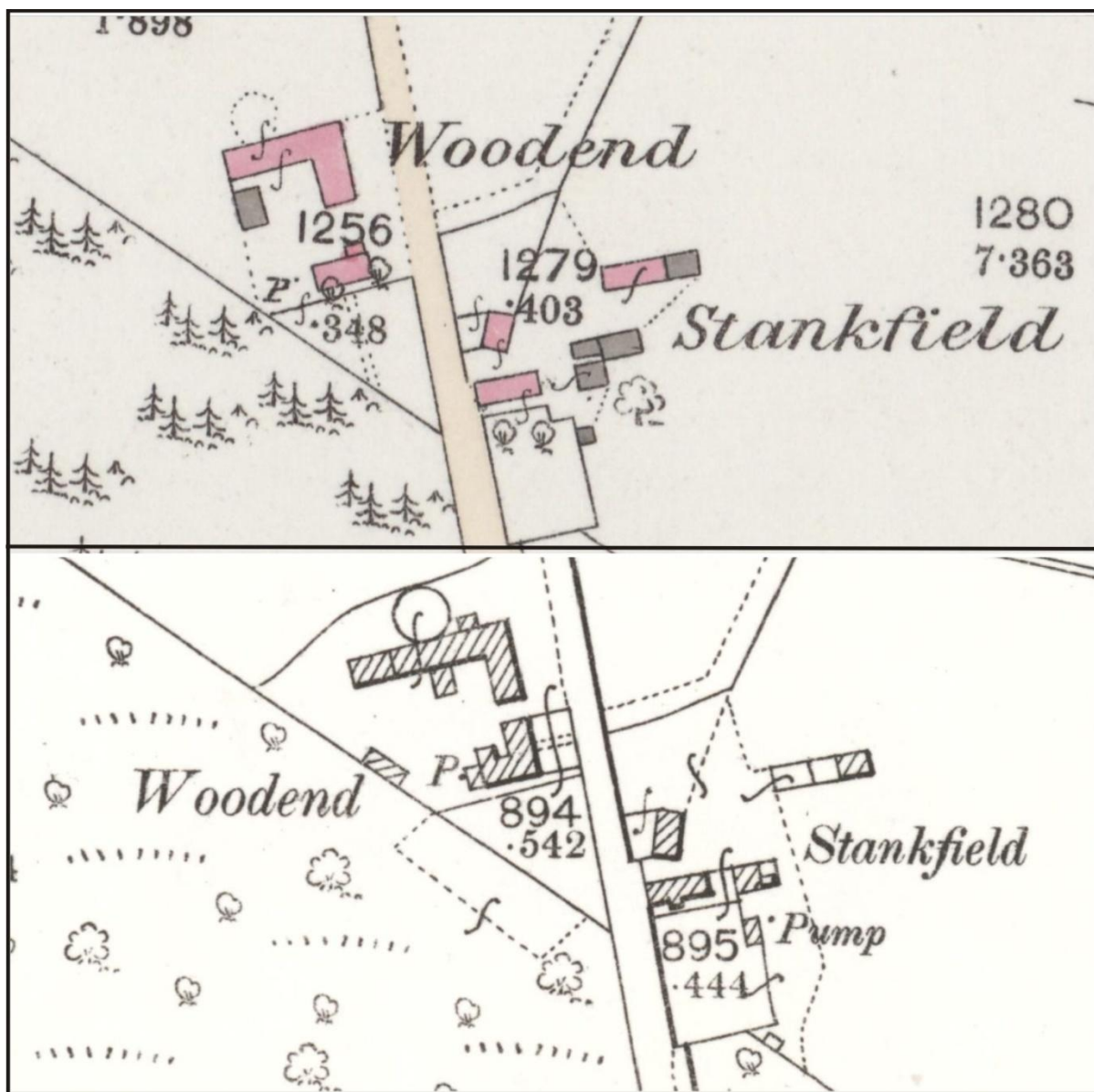
The standing building survey was carried out on 15 August 2012 in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note (PAN 2/2011) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2012).

## 2 BACKGROUND

Blaeu's map of 1654 shows Tillyoch, Lasts and Countesswells but no mention of Woodend or Stankfield and neither are they marked on Roy's mid 18th-century maps. Woodend Farm was part of Culter Estate until 1982 when the Adam family bought the farm. They had been tenants from 1935 when they had 14 cow stalls, 3 horses, a barn, a loose box (for young horses up to 3 years), a cart shed and a bothy where 2 young unmarried farm workers lived. The farm workers (charmers) ate their meals at the farmhouse and one worked as a horseman and one as a cattleman. At that time the farm was mainly dairy with some turnips and oats. The current kitchen of the farmhouse was at that time the dairy (Mr Adam pers comm).



Illus 2 Ordnance Survey maps (top) First Edition 1869 and (bottom) Second Edition 1900

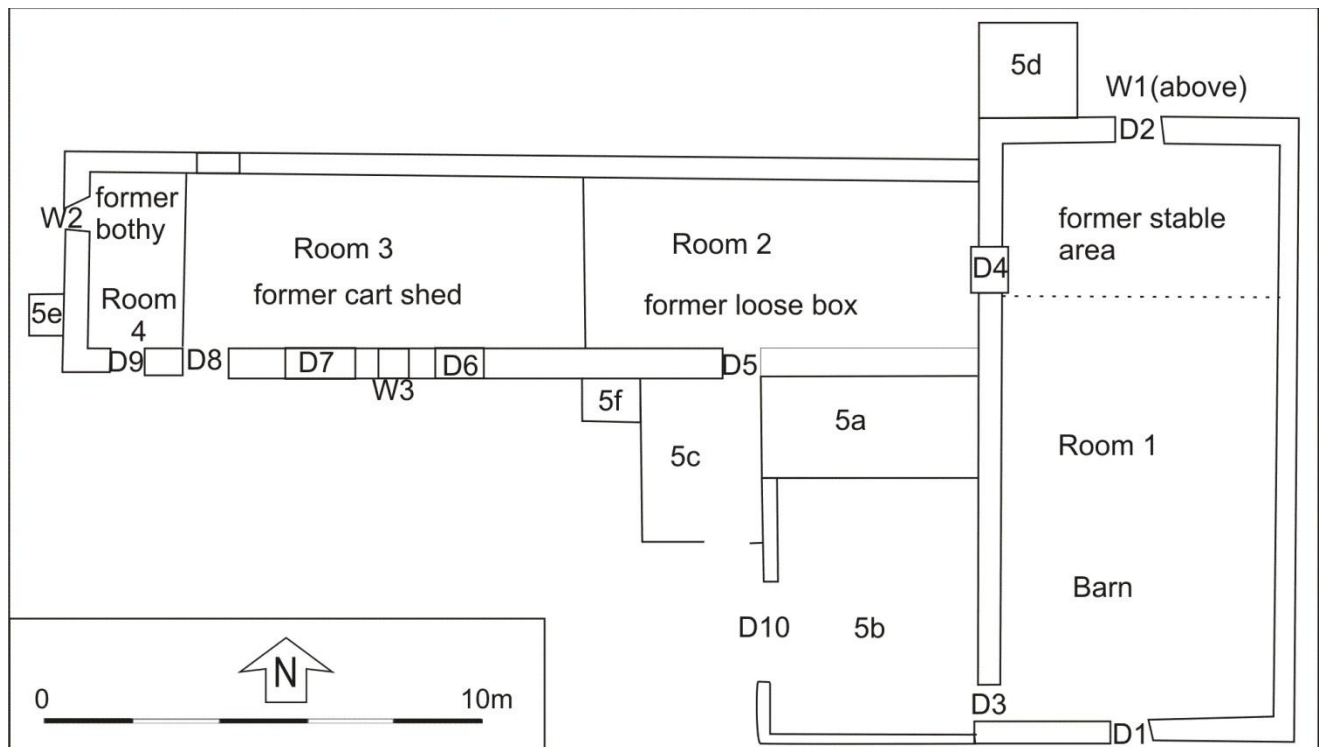
### 3 THE STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

Woodend Farm steadings comprise Room 1 the cattle barn and former stables (at the north end), Room 2 the former barn/loose box (for housing young horses under 3 years), Room 3 the former cart shed and Room 4 the bothy for staff accommodation. Modern extensions 5a-5e are not detailed in this report.

Room 1 is 16.3m long and 8.5m wide (Illus 1) and is constructed of granite rubble with granite window and door lintels, sill and jambs. The whole room was converted in 1948 to a cattle byre with the installation of reinforced concrete partitions, troughs and floor with open runnels (Illus 2) which drained to the north where a muck heap was situated in the courtyard. Fireclay fittings are well preserved and these include pipes through the east wall towards the road and internal ventilation in the west partition wall (Illus 6). The north end of this room was stables in the mid 20th century and access through Door 4 led to a further barn area (Room 2) which was used as a milking parlour.

Rooms 2, 3 and 4 have all been heavily converted and there are no preserved internal fittings. Blocked Door 6 originally led to the loose box and blocked door 7 to the cart shed. Original doors D9 and D8 as well as Windows W2 and W4 have granite lintels, sill and jambs. Rooms 2-4 are 24m long and 5m wide; the walls stand 2m high and the roofs are in poor condition. All the walls are harled but they are of rubble construction.

A horse mill can be seen on the First and Second Edition Ordnance Survey maps (Illus 2) but a modern building is now in this location.



Illus 3 Plan of steadings to be converted (*copyright Grampian Design Associates*)





Illus 4 Room1 showing Door 2 (left) and ventilation pipes in east wall facing NW



Illus 5 Room 1 showing reinforced concrete partitions, facing north



Illus 6 (left) reinforced concrete partitions, trough and fireclay pipes to external wall (right) fireclay ventilation through partition wall

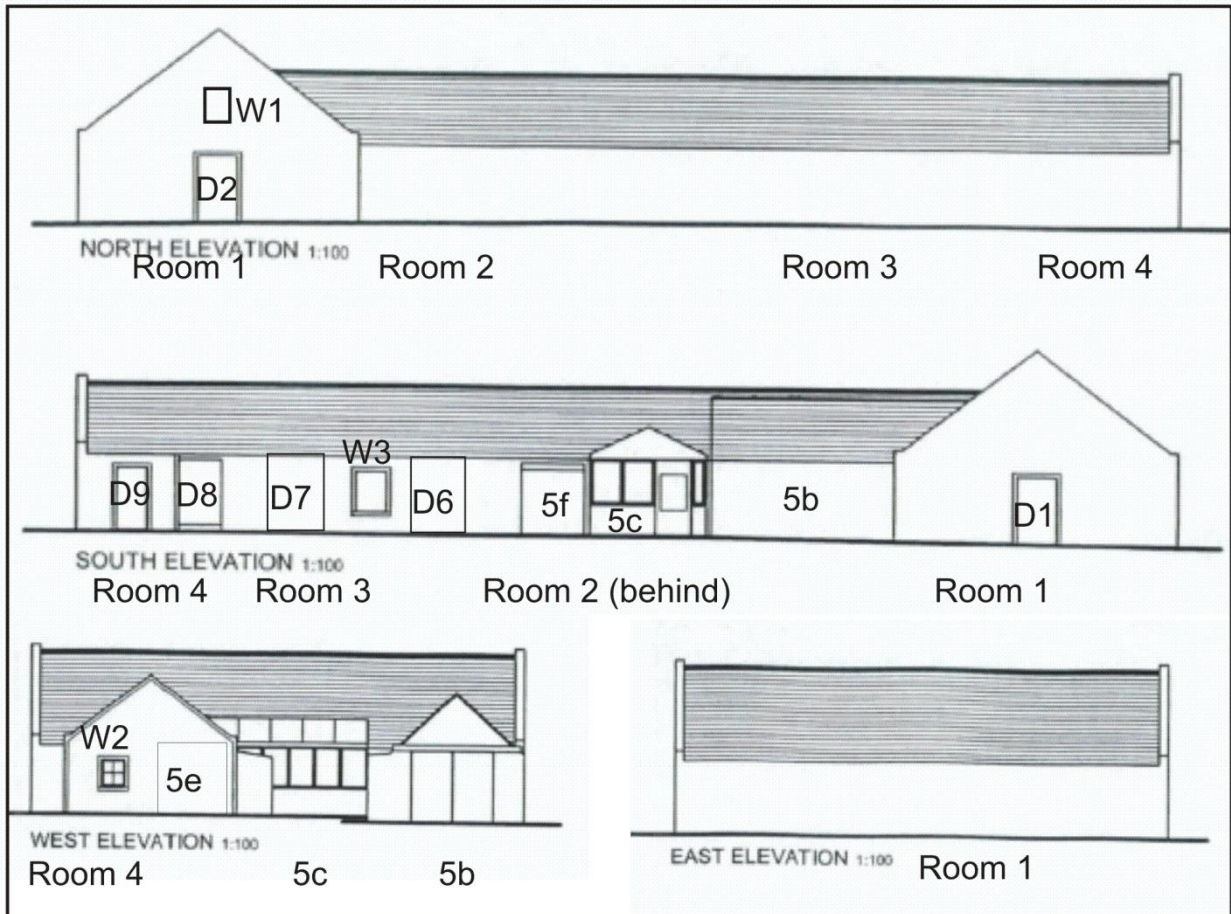




Illus 7 Rooms 4 (left) Room 3 (centre) and Room 2 (right) facing north



Illus 8 Room 4 (bothy; left) facing ENE



Illus 9 Elevations (copyright Grampian Design Associates)

#### 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that no further work is required at this site during the current development.

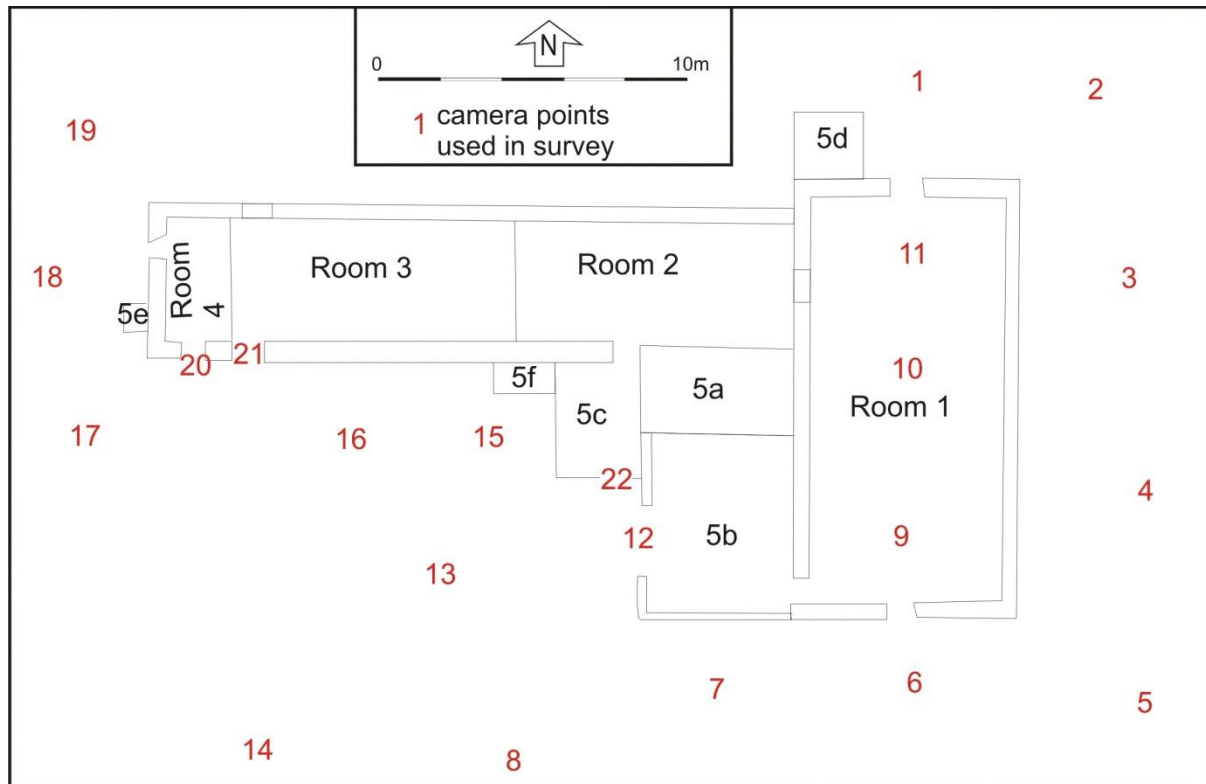
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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 10 Plan showing camera points (copyright Grampian Design Associates)

Photo number	Description	Facing
DSC_0494-499	Room 1 north end D2 (below) Window 1 (above)	S
DSC_0500-505	NE corner Room 1	S
DSC_0506-512	Room 1 north end D2 (below) Window 1 (above)	N
DSC_0513-521	Room 1 with farmhouse in background	SW
DSC_0522-528	Room 1 north end	W
DSC_0529-536	Room 1 south end	W
DSC_0537-547	Room 1 SE corner	W
DSC_0548-555	Room 1 with Door 1 (left)	NW
DSC_0556-567	Room 1 with Door 1 (left)	NNW
DSC_0568-573	Room 1 Door 1	N
DSC_0574-579	Room 1 interior south wall showing Door 1	S
DSC_0580-587	Room 1 reinforced concrete stalls installed 1948 showing fireclay troughs and ventilation pipes	E
DSC_0588-594	Room 1 fireclay trough stamped 'Preston Grange'.	N
DSC_0595-601	Room 1 reinforced concrete stalls installed 1948 showing fireclay troughs and ventilation pipes	E
DSC_0602-607	Room 1 reinforced concrete stalls installed 1948 showing fireclay troughs and ventilation pipes	N
DSC_0608-614	Room 1 north wall with Door 2 and Window 2 (above)	N
DSC_0615-621	Room 1 concrete trough for mucking out cows twice per day	SE

DSC_0622-633	Room 1 reinforced concrete stalls installed 1948 showing fireclay troughs and ventilation pipes	SW
DSC_0634-636	Room 1 fireclay ventilation	SW
DSC_0637-643	Room 1 reinforced concrete stalls installed 1948 showing fireclay troughs and ventilation pipes	NW
DSC_0644-650	Room 1	N
DSC_0651-658	Room 1 south wall with Door 1	NE
DSC_0659-673	Room 5b	NE
DSC_0674-681	Room 5b Door 10	E
DSC_0682-688	Room 5b showing original exterior wall Room 1	E
DSC_0689-694	Room 5c showing original South wall Room 2	N
DSC_0695-700	Room 5c showing original South wall Room 2	N
DSC_0701-705	Room 5c (right) Door 6 (centre) Window 3 (left)	N
DSC_0706-711	Room 3 Door 6 (centre) Window 3 (left)	N
DSC_0712-717	Room 3 Window 3	N
DSC_0718-723	Room 3 Door 8 (left) Door 7 (centre) Window 3 (right)	N
DSC_0724-729	Room 4 (left) Room 3 (right)	N
DSC_0730-734	Room 4 (left) Room 3 (right)	N
DSC_0735-739	Room 4 (left) Room 3 (right)	N
DSC_0740-742	Room 3 interior	E/ENE
DSC_0743-747	Room 4 interior	N
DSC_0748-762	Room 4 west end with Window 2 (left)	ENE
DSC_0763-768	Room 4 west wall with Window 2 (left)	E
DSC_0769-774	Room 4 Window 2	E
DSC_0775-790	Room 4 west wall with Window 2	SE
DSC_0791-796	Room 4 west wall with Window 2 and large stone foundation at NW corner	SE
DSC_0799-813	South facing facade with Room 4 (left) Room 3 (centre) Room 2 (right)	N





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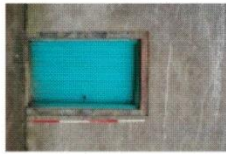
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