

**Slampton Park Steading, Auchnagatt, AB41 8UH
Aberdeenshire
Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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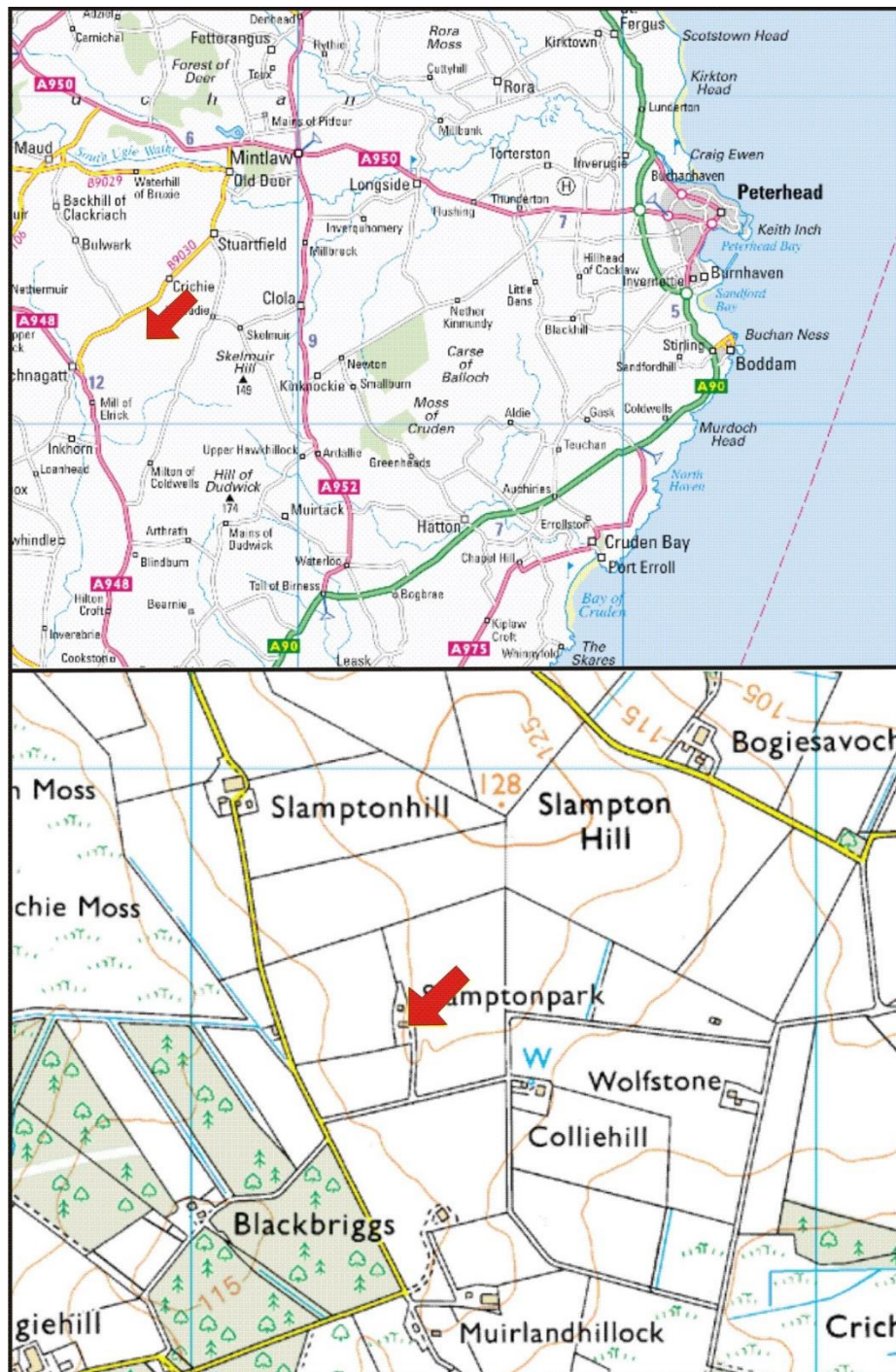
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SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 16 September 2014 at Slampton Park Steading (NMRS no NJ94SE 59). Several phases of building were recorded including fittings associated with the former horse mill. It is recommended that no further work is required during the current development.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the south side of the B9030 between Auchnagatt and Stuartfield. It is centred on NGR NJ 95343 42591, at 120-125m OD.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Anne Chalmers. Aberdeenshire Council planning application 2014/2510 for erection of a dwellinghouse (Illus 2) was passed on 22.08.14 with archaeology condition (condition 3) for Level 1 standing building survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work was carried out 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.

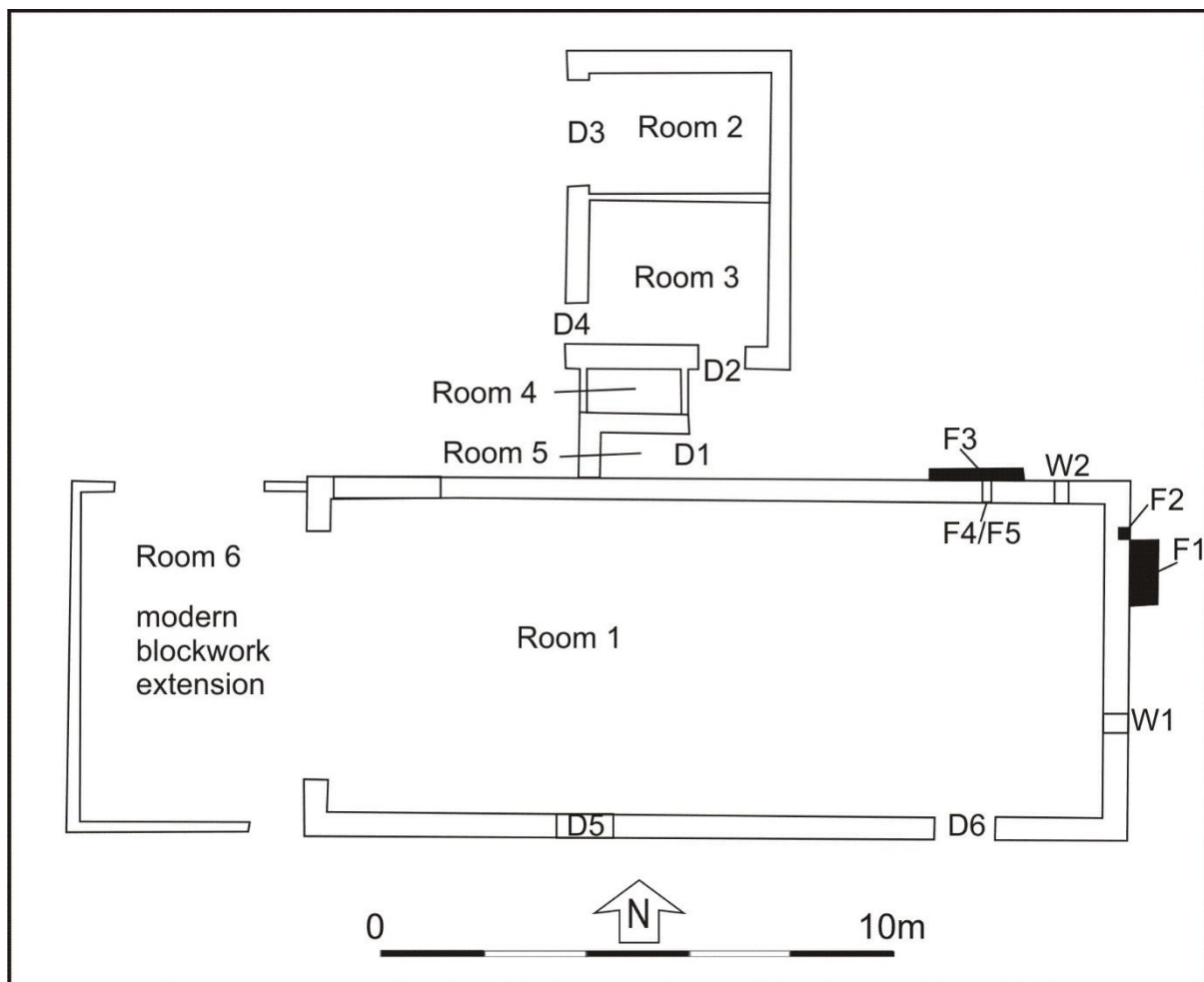


Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2014)

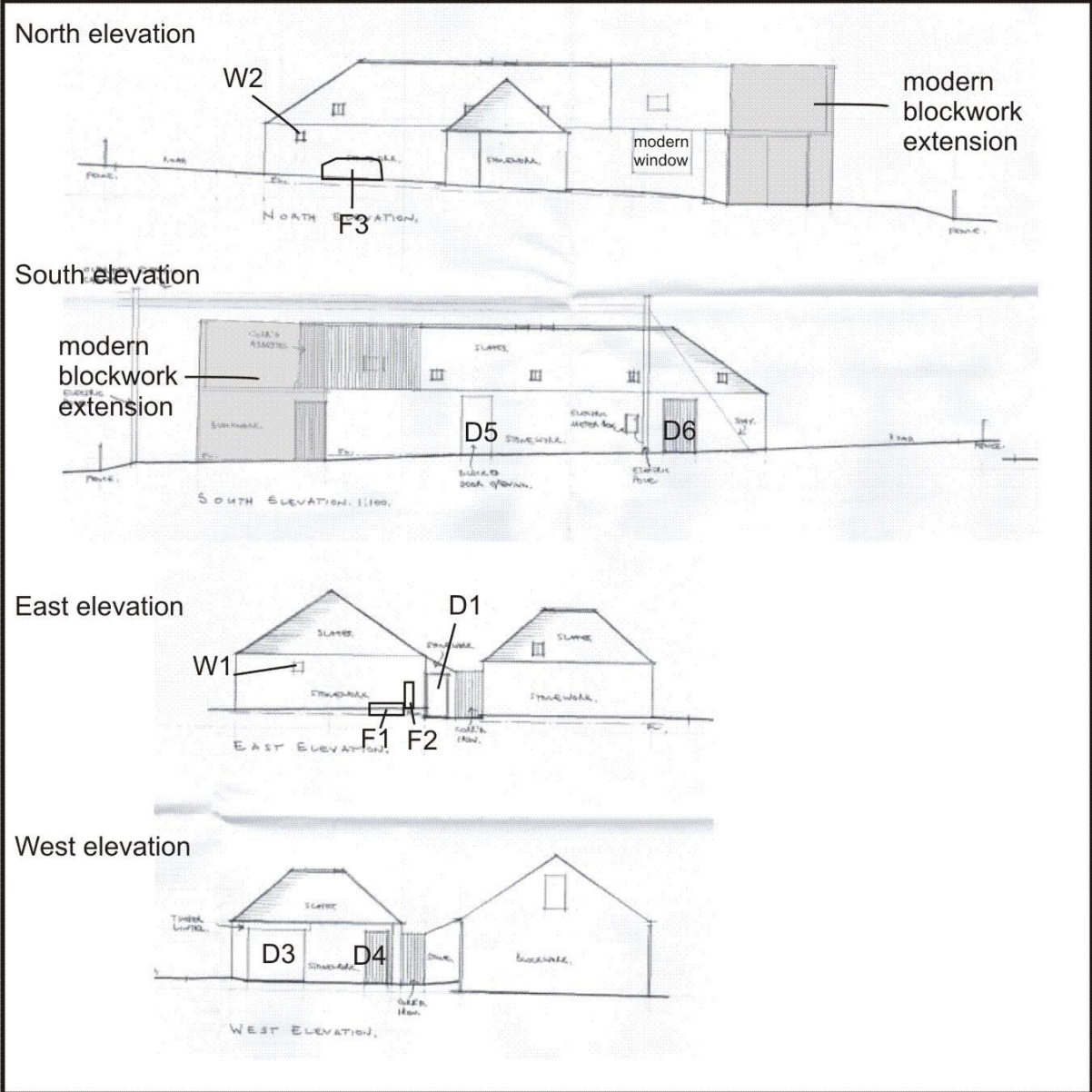
2 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

The Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 17 September 2014; the weather was clear and partly cloudy. Most of the building were accessible but some are very overgrown and some areas were inaccessible. A full photographic survey was carried out and architects plans (Robert J Brand) were annotated. The site consists of a large steading 7.2m wide and 12.55m long. There is a modern breeze block extension on the west end. The building is granite rubble construction with granite lintels, sills and quoins throughout most of the building and has been converted for animal use with concrete and whitewash walls internally. There are two doors in the south wall, one blocked with breeze blocks and these are probably original, Phase 1 doors. At the east end a horse mill was present on the north side of the building and a mortared stone wall attached to the external wall (F3; Illus 6) is where the horse mill attached to the main building. There are two square apertures (F4 and F5; Illus 4, 5) visible inside which would have taken the drive shaft through the wall to the millstones on the interior.

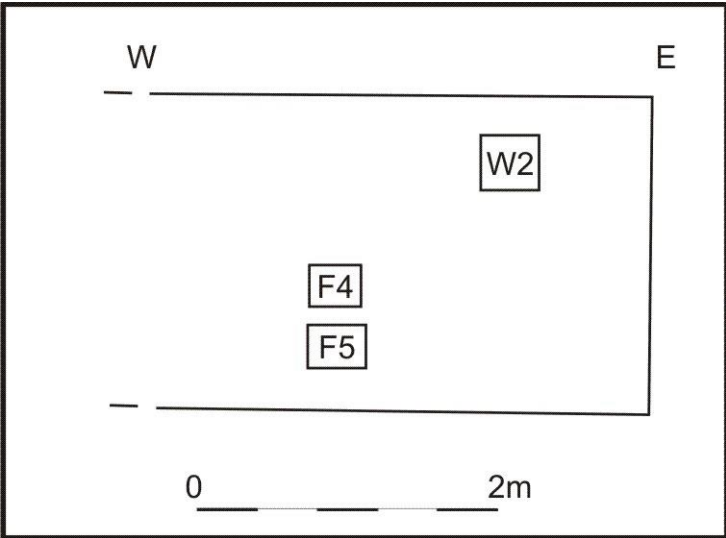
North of this building are three small buildings; Rooms 2/3 the cart shed and Room 5 the lean-to shed were constructed between the First and Second Ordnance Survey maps. Room 2 is the former cart shed and is 6.4m wide and 4.6m long with the cart doors on the west façade (Illus 7). Room 4 is a modern corrugated iron shed and Room 5 a stone lean-to shed 1.3m wide with the door in the east gable.



Illus 2 Plan showing buildings recorded and features identified (redrawn from *copyright Robert J Brand*)



Illus 3 Annotated elevations (copyright Robert J Brand)



Illus 4 East end of north wall (interior) of Steading Room 1 showing apertures F4 and F5 for horse mill driveshaft



Illus 5 East end of north wall of steading showing Window W2 (top right blocked) and F4 and F5 (centre) the apertures for the horse mill driveshaft.



Illus 6 Mortared stone extension on north wall of steading where horse mill attached to the main building; F4 and F5 are heavily mortared on the exterior and not visible

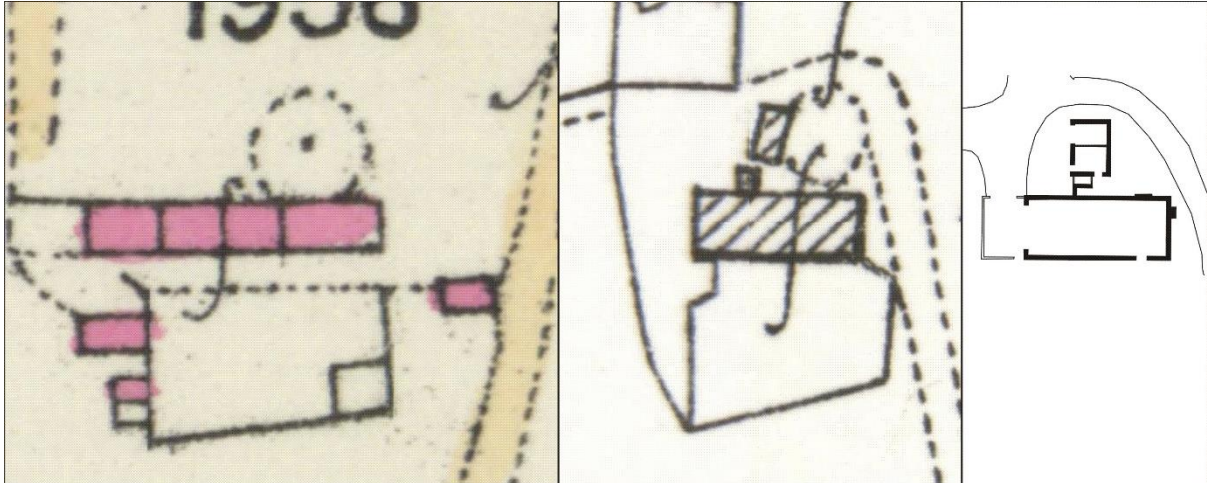


Illus 7 Cart shed west wall with Door D3 (left) and D4 (right)

3 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 17 September 2014 and the buildings were recorded. The building seen on the First Edition OS map is substantially longer than the current building and at least one third of the length was removed prior to the Second Edition. The horse mill is present on both maps and a small building (the cart shed) was added in the late 19th century prior to the Second Edition. Several structures to the SE and SW of the steading were present on the First Edition and they appear to have been completely removed by the Second Edition.

A full record of the structure has been recorded and it is therefore recommended that no further archaeological work is carried out during the current planning application.



Illus 8 Phase plan showing First and Second Edition OS maps (*copyright National Library of Scotland*) and 2014 plan (right). First Edition Aberdeen Sheet XXI.15 (Old Deer) Survey date: 1870 Publication date: 1873. Second Edition Aberdeenshire, Sheet 021.15 Publication date: 1901 Revised: ca. 1899 (*copyright National Library of Scotland*).

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APPENDIX 1 FEATURES RECORDED IN THIS SURVEY

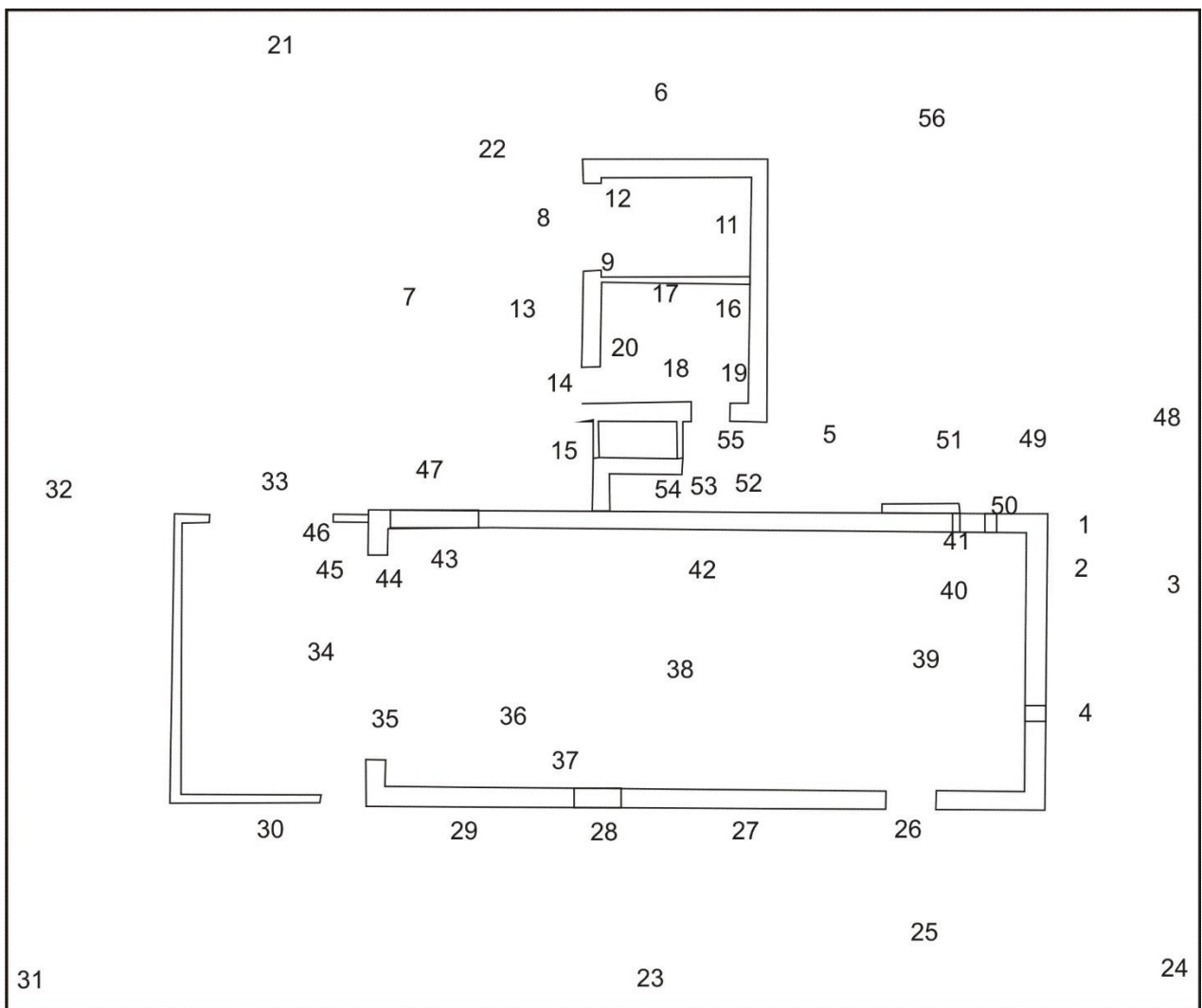
Feature no	Description	Size
W1	Small square window on east gable Room 1 with wooden lintel	0.5m high 0.35m wide
W2	Small square window on north wall Room 1 adjacent to F3, stonework for former horse mill structure	0.3m wide, 0.35m high
D1	Door in east wall lean-to stone shed Room 5	0.9m wide, 1.5m high
D2	Door in south wall cart shed Room 3	1.9m high, 1m wide
D3	Cart door in west wall cart shed Room 2	2.1m wide, 2m high
D4	Door in west wall Room 3	0.9m wide, 2m high
D5	Door in south wall steading Room 1, blocked with breeze blocks	1.1m wide, 2.1m high
D6	Door in south wall steading Room 1, east end	1.2m wide, 2m high
F1	Concrete plinth with metal fittings	1.35m wide
F2	Scar adjacent to F1 where dwarf wall attached	0.35m wide, 1m high
F3	Stone plinth on north wall Steading Room 1 where horse mill attached to wall	1.7m wide, 0.5m high

APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC0001-3	Steading Room 1 east wall exterior Wall scar F2	W	1
DSC0004-8	F1 concrete base for machinery with iron fittings	W	2
DSC0009-14	F1 concrete base for machinery with iron fittings	W	3
DSC00015-19	W1 east wall Room 1	W	4
DSC0020-25	Cart shed Room 2	NW	5
DSC0026-30	Cart shed Room 2 north wall	S	6
DSC0031-35	Cart shed Room 2 west wall with Doors D3 (right) D4 (left)	E	7
DSC0036-40	Cart shed Room 2 west wall D3	E	8
DSC0041-51	Cart shed Room 2 interior N wall	NE	9
DSC0052	Cart shed Room 2 interior N wall	N	9
DSC0053-55	Cart shed Room 2 interior	ENE/E	9
DSC0056	Cart shed Room 2 interior N wall	N	9
DSC0057	Cart shed Room 2 interior N wall	NW	11
DSC0058	Door 3 interior lintel	W	11
DSC0059-65	Door 3	SSW	12

DSC0066-70	Room 3 west wall with D3 (left) Door 4 (right)	E	13
DSC0071-76	Door 4	E	14
DSC0077-82	Corrugated iron shed Room 4	SE	14
DSC0083	Room 3 west wall with Door 4 (left)	W	16
DSC0084	Room 3 south wall with Door 4 (right) and door D2 (left)	S	17
DSC0085	Room 3 south wall with Door 4 (right)	SW	17
DSC0086	Room 3 south wall with Door 4 (right) and door D2 (left)	S	17
DSC0087	Room 3 south wall stones removed from wall adjacent to Door D2	S	18
DSC0088	Room 3 Door 2	S	19
DSC0089	Room 3 east wall	E	20
DSC0090	Room 3 wooden partition between R2 and R3	NE	20
DSC0091	Room 3 wooden partition between R2 and R3	NE	20
DSC0092	Room 3 concrete floor	NE	20
DSC0093-98	Cart shed (left) and steading (right)	S	21
DSC0099-104	Cart shed	SE	22
DSC0131-132	Cart shed (left) and steading (right)	S	21
DSC0810-814	Steading room 1	N	23
DSC0815-819	Steading room 1	NW	24
DSC0820-824	Room 1 east end with Door 6	N	25
DSC0825-830	Room 1 Door 6	N	26
DSC0831-835	Room 1 south wall central area	N	27
DSC0836-840	Room 1 south wall blocked door D5	N	28
DSC0841-845	Room 1 west end	N	29
DSC0846-850	Room 1 west end with modern breeze block extension	N	30
DSC0851	Room 1 west end with modern breeze block extension	SE	32
DSC0852-856	Room 1 west end with modern breeze block extension	S	33
DSC0857-858	Room 1 west end with modern breeze block extension	W	34
DSC0859-863	Room 1 west wall stump	S	35
DSC0864-868	Room 1 south wall west end	S	36
DSC0869-873	Room 1 south wall west end	S	37
DSC0874-878	Room 1 south wall with blocked door D5 (centre)	ESE	36
DSC0879	Room 1 interior east gable	E	38
DSC0880	Room 1	W	38
DSC0881	Room 1 north wall east end with blocked window W2 (top right) and F4 and F5 (centre)	NW	39
DSC0882	Room 1 north wall east end with blocked window W2 (top right) and F4 and F5 (centre)	WNW	39
DSC0883	Room 1 north wall east end with blocked window W2 (top right) and F4 and F5 (centre)	N	40
DSC0884-7	F4 (top) and F5 (bottom) apertures for driveshaft for horse mill	N	41
DSC0888-892	Room 1 north wall west end	NNW	42
DSC0893-897	Room 1 west wall stump	N	44
DSC0898	Room 1 west wall stump	NE	45
DSC0899-903	Room 1 west wall stump	E	46
DSC0904-908	Room 1 north wall with modern infilled window (centre)	S	47
DSC0909-915	Room 1 north wall east end with blocked window W2 (left)	SW	48

DSC0916-918	Room 1 north wall east end with blocked window W2	S	49
DSC0919-924	Room 1 north wall blocked window W2	S	50
DSC0925-939	F3 mortared stone wall attachment for horse mill	S	51
DSC0940-945	F3 mortared stone wall attachment for horse mill	SE	52
DSC0946-950	F3 mortared stone wall attachment for horse mill	S	51
DSC0951-955	Room 1 north wall (left) Room 5, Room 4, Cart shed (right)	W	51
DSC0956-961	Room R5 east wall with Door D1	W	53
DSC0962-963	Interior Room R5	W	54
DSC0964-969	Door D2	N	53
DSC0970-975	Cart shed Room 3 Door D2	NW	52
DSC0976-980	Steading north wall east end	ESE	52
DSC0981-986	Cart shed Room R3 (right)	WNW	51
DSC0987-991	Steading Room 1 NE corner with W1 (left) and W2 (centre)	SW	48
DSC0992-996	Steading Room 1 east wall with Window W1 (left) and F1 and F2 (right)	W	3
DSC0997-999	F2	W	1



Illus 9 Camera points used in this standing building survey



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