Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey

Site Adjacent To Drumshalloch, Hillhead, Kintore, Inverurie, AB51 0QQ



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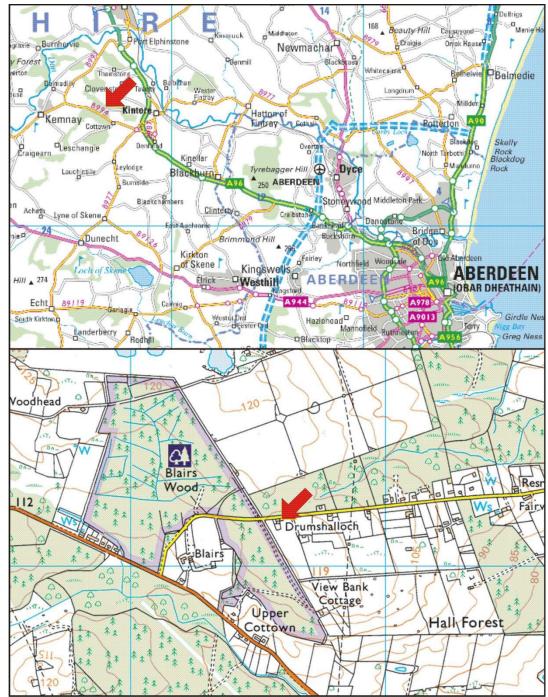
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SUMMARY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 15 October 2015. A full photographic survey was completed and plan and elevations drawn. The main building was constructed in one phase visible on the First Edition OS map and the lean-to was added by the date of the Second Edition OS. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current planning application.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the south side of the road linking Forest Road, Kintore to the B994 at Blairs immediately east of Drumshalloch. It is centred on NGR NJ 76591 16186, at 119-120m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Kintore.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Steven-Lee Eddie on behalf of Mr and Mrs Robertson. A planning application 2014/1898 was passed on 20 August 2014 and there is a requirement for a Level 1 standing building survey prior to the demolition of this farm building.
- 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 2015)

2 BACKGROUND

This building is not on CANMORE or Aberdeenshire Council Sites and Monuments Record and is not Listed. On the First Edition map (Illus 9) the main building (Rooms 1 and 2) can be seen in a trapezoid shaped field with no neighbouring buildings. There is woodland on the N and W sides and a track along the N side of the building. By the Second Edition (Illus 10) two other small buildings have been constructed on the NE side of this building. The nearer one to the surveyed building had a horse mill on the N side. These buildings have since been demolished. The buildings are not named on these maps.

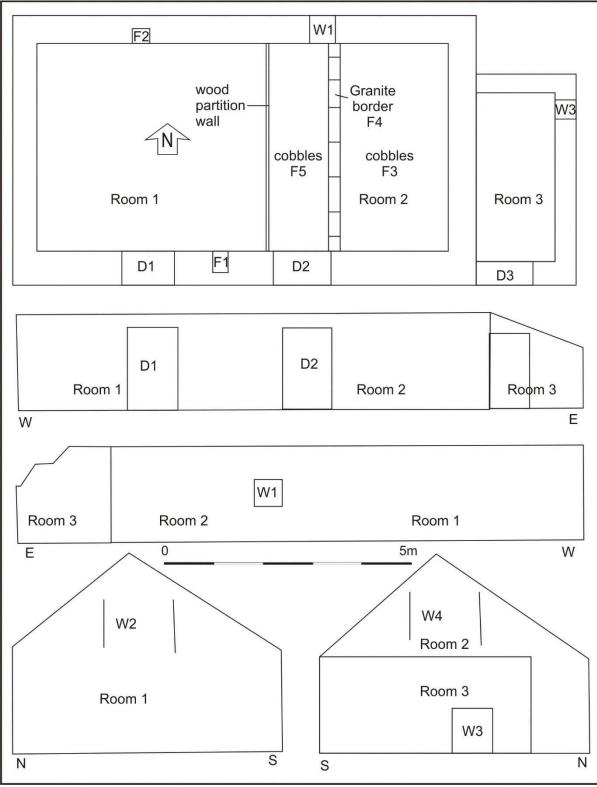
3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 15 October 2015. A full photographic survey was completed and plan and elevations drawn. Rooms 1 and 2 form a rectangular farm building 9.3m W-E and 5.4m N-S (cover and Illus 5) with a small lean-to shed attached to the E end 1.9 x 4.2m in size (Illus 3, 4). The buildings are constructed of granite rubble with granite window facings (W1, W3) and wood lintels on the doors in the S façade (Illus 3). There is a wooden partition between the rooms with a wooden door. Room 1 has a concrete floor and a door in the S wall (D1) and two alcoves, one on the S wall (F1) and one on the N wall (F2). F1 is $0.5 \times 0.3m$ in size and 0.3m deep and F2 is $0.3 \times 0.25m$ in size and 0.27m deep. The interior of the walls of Room 1 are covered with a thick layer of daub (Illus 6).

Room 2 has a door in the S wall (D2) and a small window in the N wall (W1; Illus 7, 8). There is a granite cobble floor covering the whole of the room with a granite block edging (F4) between the two different levels of cobbles (F3 and F5; cover illus). There are wooden stalls surviving in this room which was used for housing animals.

Room 3 is a lean-to with little access to the interior and overgrown exterior during this survey. There is a door on the S façade (D3; Illus 5) and a small window in the E wall (W3).

There is evidence of windows in the upper half of the W and E gables (W2 and W4; Illus 2) but these have been infilled with granite and lintels and sills removed. There was no access to these apertures and they were both covered internally, with daub in Room 1 and whitewash in Room 2.



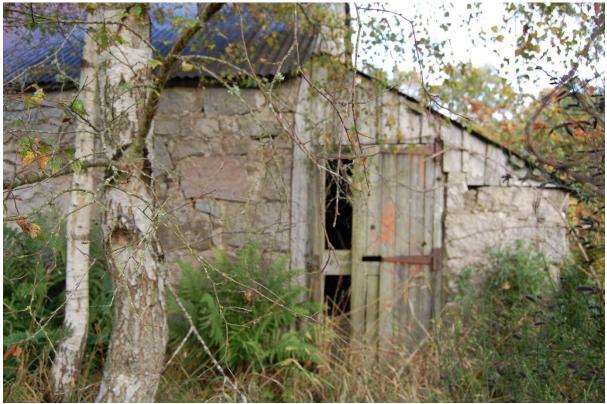
Illus 2 Plan (top) and elevations



Illus 3 S façade of Rooms 1 and 2; facing N



Illus 4 E gable with lean-to Room 3; facing W



Illus 5 S façade with Room 3 lean-to (right); facing N



Illus 6 Room 1 W wall interior showing daub covering; facing W



Illus 7 Room 2 N wall with window W1 and showing wooden stall supports; facing N



Illus 8 N façade window W1; facing S

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

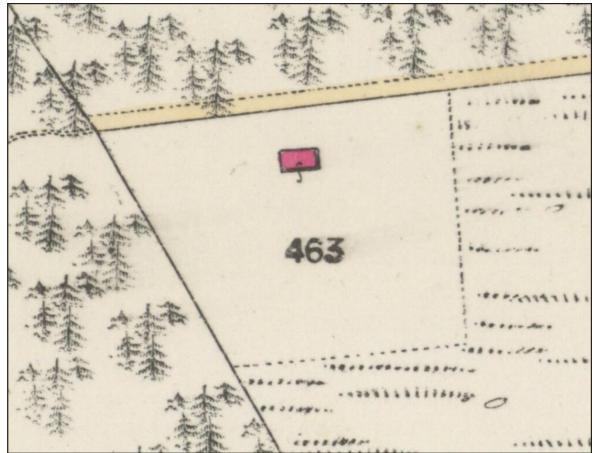
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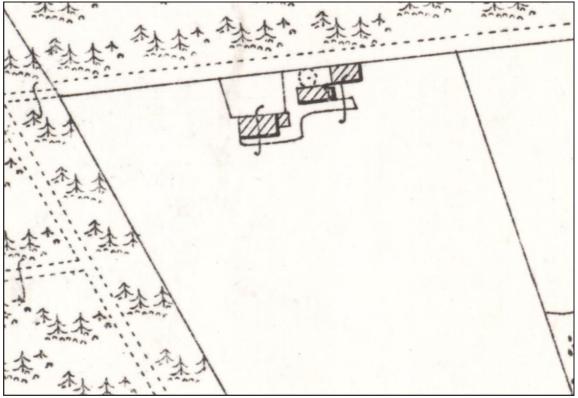
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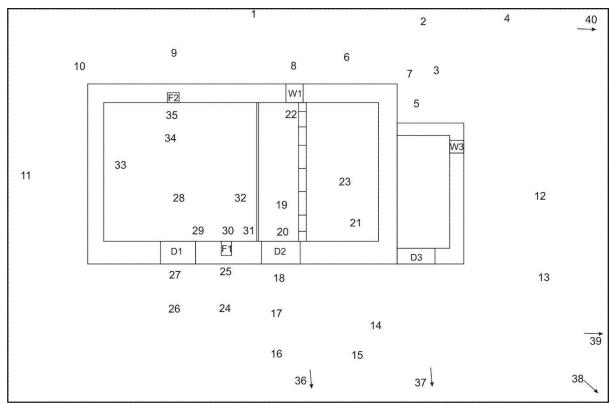


Illus 9 First Edition OS map Aberdeen Sheet LXIV.4 (Kintore) Survey date: 1864 Publication date: 1869 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 10 Second Edition OS map Aberdeenshire 064.04 (includes: Kintore) Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)

APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 11 Camera points used in this survey
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Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC_1183-90	South façade with W1	S	1
DSC_1191	South façade with W1	SSW	2
DSC_1192	Room 2 E gable with Room 3 (foreground)	SW	3
DSC_1193	N wall Room 3	S	5
DSC_1194	Room 2 E gable with Room 3 (left)	W	5
DSC_1195	Room 2 upper E gable	W	5
DSC_1196	Room 2 N wall with W1	S	6
DSC_1197	NE quoin	SW	7
DSC_1198	W1	S	8
DSC_1199	Room 1 N wall	S	9
DSC_1200	NW quoins	SE	10
DSC_1205	Room 1 W gable showing foliage covering wall; traces of an upper window W2	E	11
DSC_1206-7	E gable with Room 3 (bottom)	W	12
DSC_1208-9	E gable with Room 3 (bottom)	WNW	13
DSC_1210-1	S wall Room 3 (right) with door D3	N	14
DSC_1212	S wall Room 3 (right) with door D3 and D2 (left)	N	15
DSC_1213	D2	N	16
DSC_1214	D2 (right) D1 (left)	NW	16
DSC_1215	Room 3 S wall with D3	NE	17
DSC_1216-7	D2	Ν	17
DSC_1218	D2 (left) D3 (right)	NE	17

DSC_1219	D2 wood lintel detail	N	18
DSC_1220	D2 stone threshold and cobbled floor F5	N	18
DSC_1221	D2 interior	S	19
DSC_1222	Void above D2	S	20
DSC_1223	Room 2 S wall interior	SE	19
DSC_1224	Room 2 E gable S end	E	19
DSC_1225	Room 2 E gable upper section	ENE	19
DSC_1226	Room 2 E gable lower section	ENE	19
DSC_1227	Room 2 N wall with W1	N	19
DSC_1228	Room 2 N wall with W1	NNW	21
DSC_1229	W1	N	22
DSC_1230	Room 2 N wall with W1	N	23
 DSC_1231	Granite border between cobbles F3 (foreground) and F5	E	20
DSC_1232	Granite border between cobbles F3 (foreground) and F5	NE	19
DSC_1233-4	Granite cobbles F5	N	20
 DSC_1235-6	Wooden partition wall between Rooms 1 and 2	W/WNW	23
 DSC_1237	D1 (left) D2 (right)	N	24
DSC_1238-9	Stone between D1 and D2 with drilled hole	N	25
 DSC_1240-2	D1	N	26
 DSC 1243	Wall W of D1	NW	26
 DSC 1244	Detail of D1 wood lintel	N	27
 DSC 1245	D1 interior	S	28
 DSC 1246	Room 1 S wall with alcove F1	SE	28
 DSC 1247	D1 interior	S	28
 DSC 1248-9	Bakelite light fitting next to D1	S	29
 DSC 1250	F1	S	30
 DSC_1251	Daub covering interior Room 1	S	31
 DSC_1252-4	Wooden partition wall between Rooms 1 and 2	E/ENE	28
 DSC_1255	Roof Room 1/2	E	28
 DSC 1256	Door between Rooms 1 and 2 in wood partition	E	32
 DSC_1257-8	Room 1 N wall with F2	N	28
 DSC 1259	Room 1 roof	NE	28
 DSC 1260-1	Room 1 W gable with daub	W	28
 DSC 1262-3	Room 1 W gable with daub detail	W	33
DSC 1264	Room 1 S wall with D1	S	34
DSC 1265-6	Debris from use of Room 1	-	-
DSC 1267-8	Room 1 SW corner showing daub on walls	SW	28
DSC 1269-78	Wooden bench in SW corner Room 1		-
DSC_1279-80		N	35
DSC_1281	D1 W jamb	WNW	27
DSC 1282-3	D1 and wall to W	NW	26
DSC 1284-5	S façade	N	36
DSC 1286	S façade	NNW	37
DSC_1280	S façade	NW	38
DSC_1287	E gable	WNW	39
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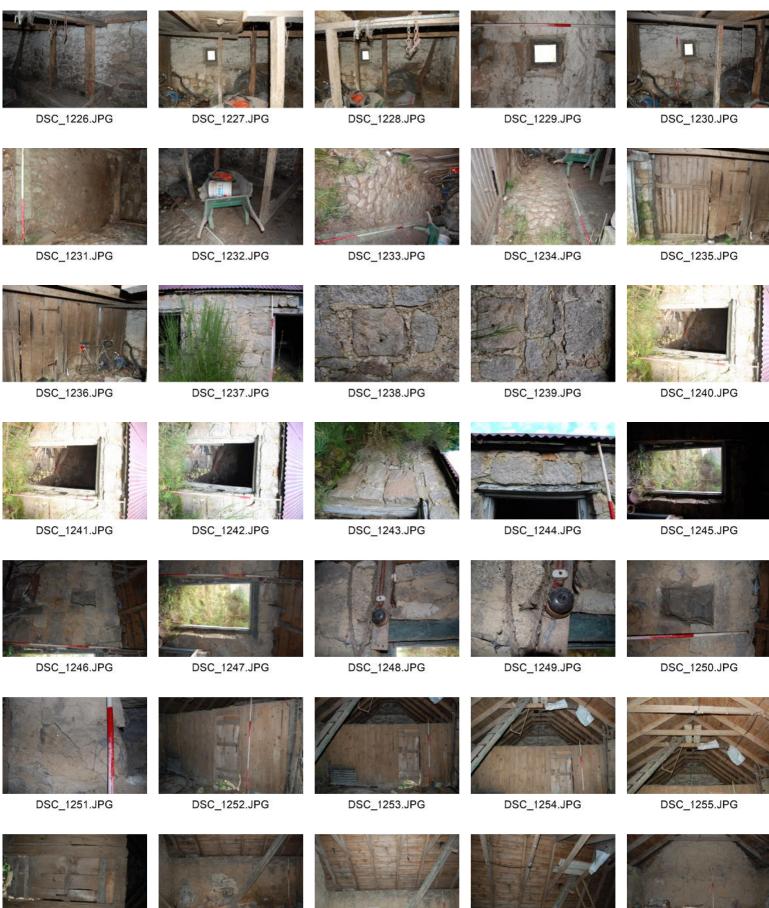
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