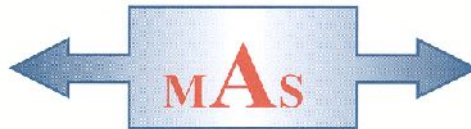


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1. Background

- 1.1 As part of the pre-planting preparations for an area of proposed woodland on part of Leuchar Moss, near Garlogie, Aberdeenshire, a walkover survey was required by Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Services in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP), Planning Advice Note: PAN 2/2011.
- 1.2 Murray Archaeological Services Ltd was commissioned by Andrew Dickson on behalf of Cullerlie Estate to undertake the work.
- 1.3 The field element of the work was carried out on the 11th December 2012.

2. History

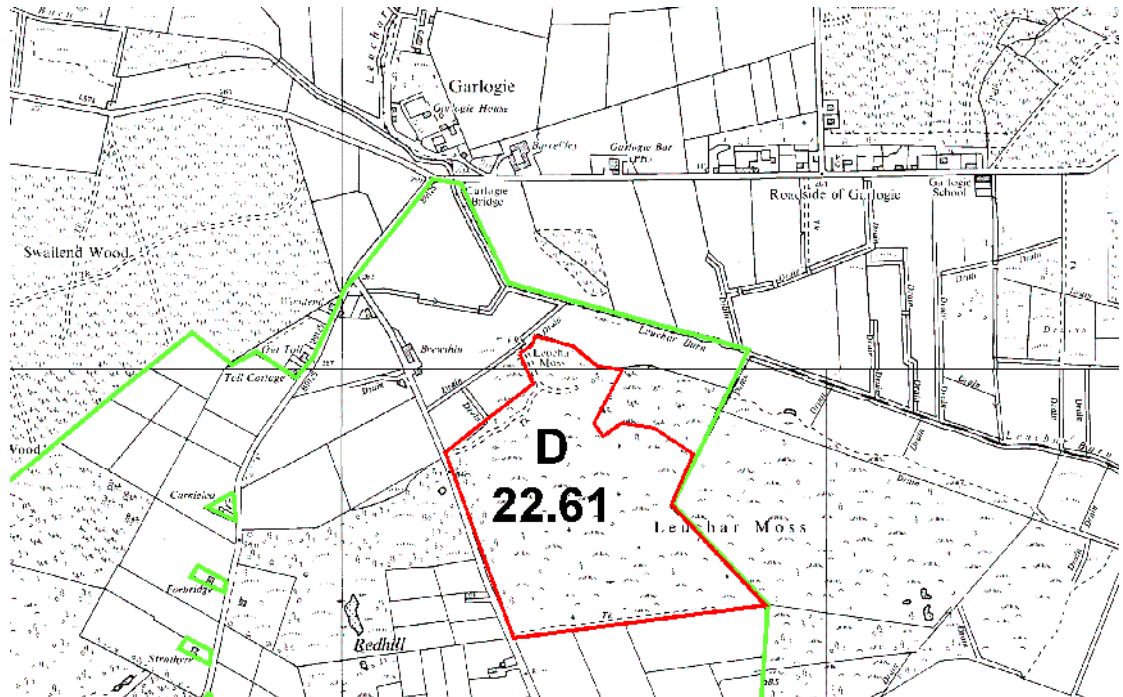
- 2.1 A background search was undertaken in the Aberdeenshire Sites and Monuments Records or in the Sites and Monuments Records of the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Scotland (RCAHMS).
- 2.2 The 25"/mile 1st and 2nd OS maps were checked and no archaeological features were recorded.
- 2.3 The only sites within the boundary of the proposed woodland are three areas of well preserved rig and furrow, all registered as Leuchars Moss.
Aberdeenshire SMR: NJ70SE0007
NMRS No: NJ70SE11
- 2.4 The proposed woodland design recognises these areas which will remain unplanted and therefore not under threat.

3. The Site

- 3.1 The proposed woodland lies on the N side of a minor road which extends E from the B9125, just S of Garlogie.

NGR: (centre of site). NJ7849 0472

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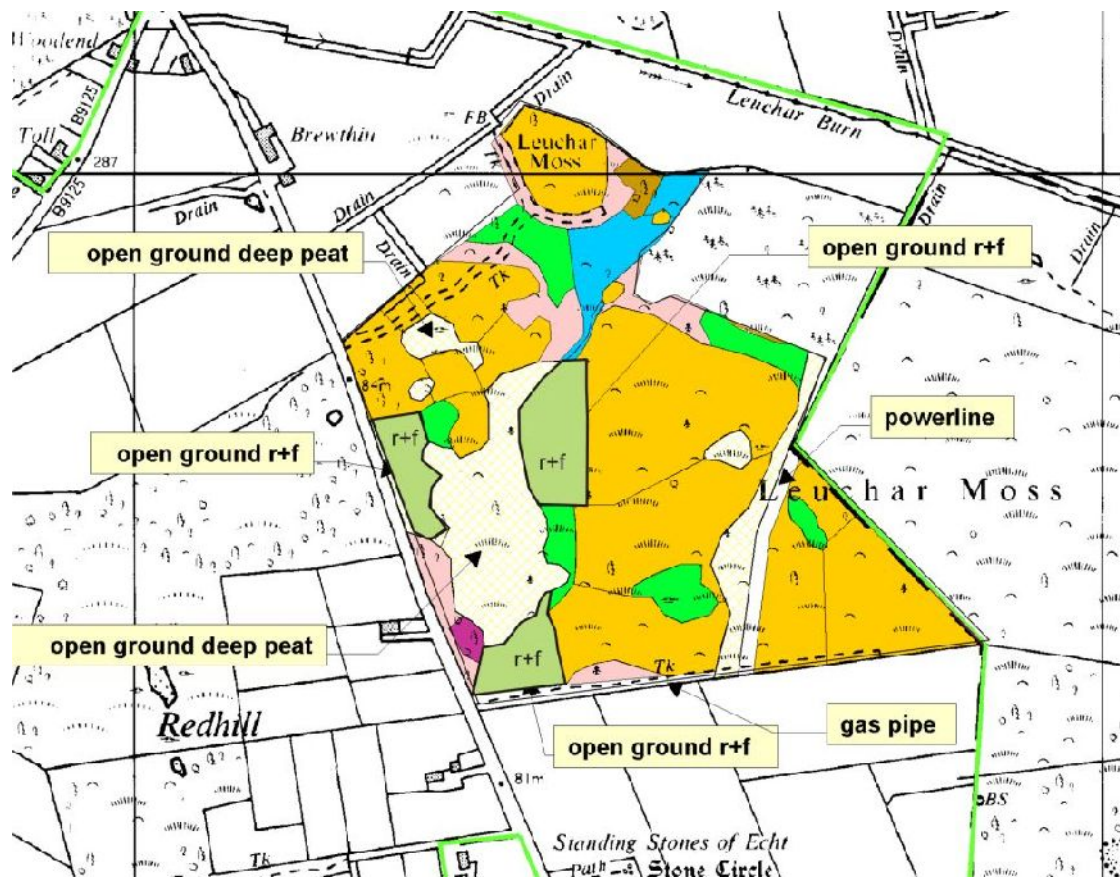
Illus 1 Location of proposed woodland. Plan courtesy of Andrew Dickson



Illus 2 Small sand quarry.

4. Methodology

- 4.1 The site was walked with the exception of the area of deep bog which was too waterlogged.
- 4.2 All mapping was done with a Magellan Mobile Mapper CX.



Illus 3 Detail of proposed woodland with areas of rig and furrow emphasised (pale green). Plan courtesy of Andrew Dickson

5. Results

- 5.1 The N and W sides of the site comprise a series of sand hills, much dug into by rabbits. A small sand quarry at 378435, 805040 (Illus 2, Illus 4:A) appears to be a continued use of the sand pit shown on the 1899 (pub 1900) 25" OS map (Aberdeenshire Sheet 074.13).
- 5.2 The central area of the site is an area of deep bog which will remain as open ground in the proposed planting. This could not be walked.
- 5.3 The three known areas of rig and furrow lie around the edges of the bog; they are very clear on the ground but there do not appear to be any additional associated features (Illus 3).

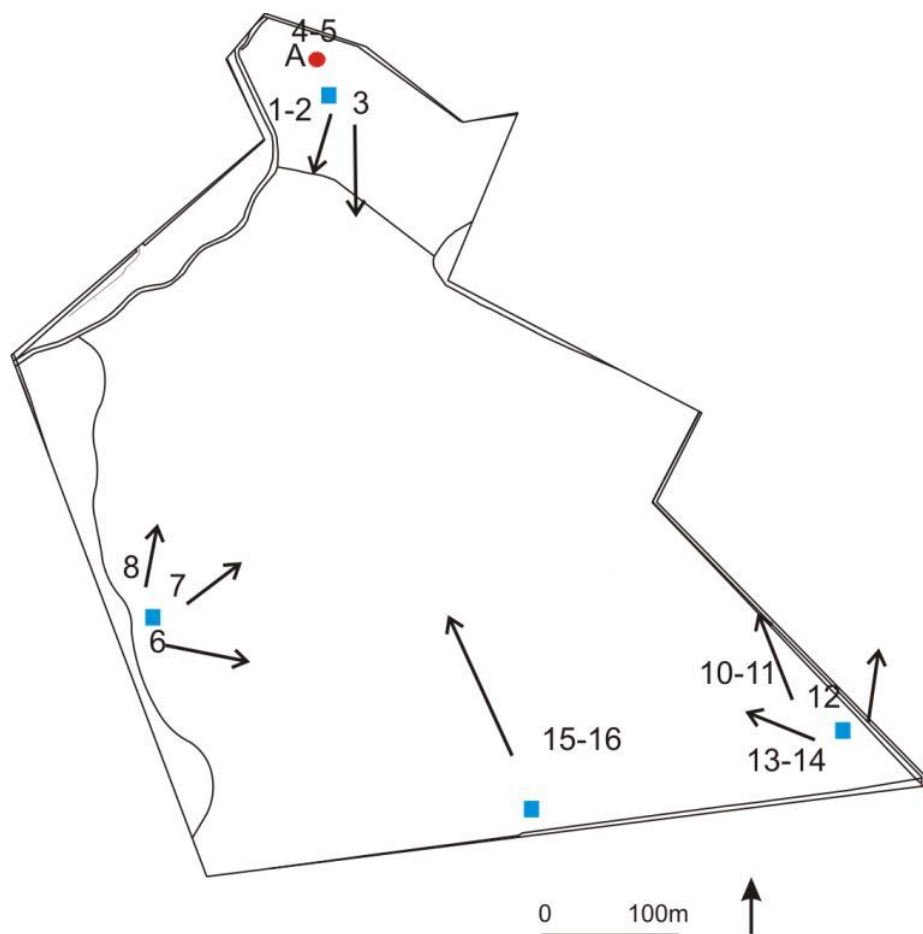
The E side of the site is a drier, relatively level plateau with some large visible rocks. These all appeared to be natural boulders and there were no observed cup marks on them.

6. Summary

6.1 No archaeological features other than the known rig and furrow were observed.

6.2 However, should archaeological features or finds be uncovered during the course of ground preparation, then the Archaeology Service, Aberdeenshire Council, should be notified immediately so that a suitable strategy to address the archaeological needs can be agreed and implemented.

Photographs supplied to archive



Illus 4 Direction of photographs (blue squares = locations from which photos taken, Red dot A= sand pit)