

## **ARGYLL & BUTE**

### **Saddell and Skipness parish**

#### **Carradale and Beinn an Tuirc**

*Watching brief and walk-over survey*

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NR 79350 38510; NR 79280 38468 – NR 74450 35040 A watching brief was kept at the site of a proposed extension to a power station 2km W of Carradale and a walk-over survey was carried out along the proposed route of a power cable between the power station and a new windfarm on Beinn an Tuirc.

#### **Watching brief**

The watching brief was maintained during August and September 2009 when topsoil and other modern materials were removed from an area measuring 62m by 61m which was bounded on its E by the existing power station and on its W by the Carradale Water. Previous work along and near the river bank had uncovered evidence of occupation ranging from the Neolithic to the Iron Age. Up to 0.5m of peaty topsoil overlay clay and fine sand, all of which were waterlogged at the time of the investigation. The only features uncovered were of recent date or of natural origin.

#### **Walk-over survey**

The walk-over survey, undertaken on 16 September 2009, began on the S bank of the Carradale Water, opposite the sub-station, and terminated on the S side of Beinn an Tuirc, a distance of some 5.5km. The remains of nine small, circular structures (probably shieling huts) were found along the bank of an unnamed stream, roughly 1km NE of the summit of Beinn an Tuirc. One line of seven structures, centred on NR 75835 36885, was sandwiched between the burn and a forestry plantation; the second group of two was a short distance away at NR 75839 36803.

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