

River Farigaig/Abersky South record

Alternative names – Abersky South, Tombreac

Site type – Farmstead and Township

Parish – Daviot and Dunlichity

NGR – centred on NH 599 262

RCAHMS No – NH52NE 029

HER ID – MHG26260

Description

This settlement is situated on a close-cropped grassy river terrace on the west bank of the River Farigaig and is bisected by a minor unfenced road. The site comprises 7 buildings, 2 enclosures, a corn drying kiln and 2 pits. There is evidence of two phases of occupation; an earlier township and a later farmstead, which appears on the 1st edition OS map of 1875

The earlier township comprises the turf footings of at least 5 buildings and an enclosure, with a corn drying kiln and 2 pits on the edge of the terrace immediately above the river. The majority of the features are on the north side of the site and to the east of the road. The turf footings of the buildings, where they exist, are quite substantial and have rounded corners, but in places they have been destroyed or truncated. One of the buildings, the most intact, appears to be a byre; it measures 23.7m x 13.5m, but tapers to 6m at its lower south end; it has two compartments and a drain running down the centre. Another structure has been truncated by the road and others to the SW on the opposite side of the road have several compartments.

The farmstead has previously been recorded in the FESP project and comprises the stone footings of a rectangular building, 17m x 5m overall, with squared corners and 3 compartments. The two compartments to the north are more intact and the footings here are generally 0.4m in height; the building has almost certainly been robbed of its stone. Surrounding the building is an enclosure defined on its south side by a turf bank and on the west and north by a line of trees. There was no evidence of the two unroofed buildings seen on the FES of 1875

Recorded by NOSAS members - September 2011



NOSAS members plane-tabling the site of the settlement – the turf footings of a byre are seen in the foreground

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