Milton of Dunmaglass township

Alternative names – Milton, Dallscott Mill (Thomson map) Site type – Township Parish – Daviot and Dunlichity NGR – centred on NH 6031 2483 RCAHMS No - NH62SW 003 HER ID – MHG26309

Description

Situated on the west side of a valley which at one time has been the course of the River Farigaig, this township is in two parts and comprises, in total, the stone footings of 12 buildings, a water mill and lade, a corn-drying kiln, a large pit and 3 enclosures. The main, east part of the township is on the valley floor to the east of a small stream and the west part is located 100m to the NW closer to the road. The First Edition Ordnance survey map (FES) shows all the buildings except two with four being roofed. The census of 1871 has two houses occupied.

The Main part of the township is situated in rough grazing on the floor of the valley. It comprises 8 buildings, a water mill and lade, a corn drying kiln and 2 enclosures The buildings range in length from 8m to 23m internally and in width from 3m to 4m and the enclosures measure 23m x 16m and 17m x 14m internally. The walls of the buildings comprise faced rubble footings of up to 0.5m height and 1m thickness.

Five of the buildings are aligned NNE-SSW and four roughly WNW-ESE. Most have obvious entrances, some as much as 2m in width. - 02 and 04 appear to be byres each having a stone faced depression or midden to the north. 04 has an obvious drain along its length.

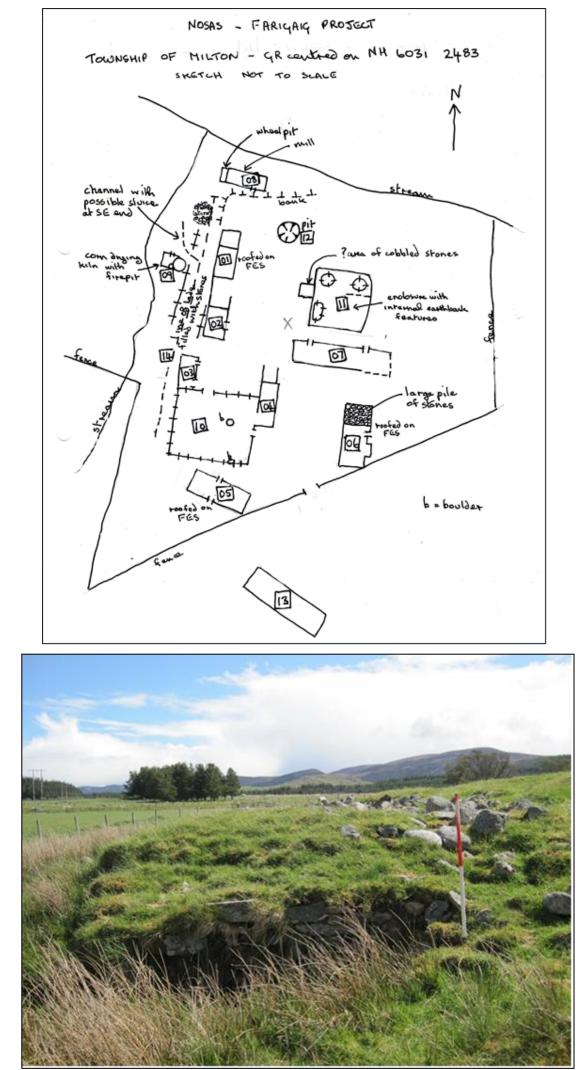
O6 has had mortared walls at its north end, the remains of which are seen within a large pile of stones c2m in height. A small outshot, possibly a porch, is attached to the east wall.
O8 is a mill with an obvious wheelpit on its west side and a lade, 14, associated; the lade can be traced for c.100m to the SSW, it is filled with stones and enclosed by earthbanks for part of its length. Near the north end of the lade there is a channel running off to the west; this probably had a sluice controlling the water.

- 09 is a corn drying kiln with a stone faced bowl, 1.2m deep, and an attached barn with firepit

- 11 is a raised enclosure surrounded by a wall with an outer stone face of 0.5m height and several curious grassy low earthbank features internally. These range in size from 2m diameter to 3m x 4m. A cobbled stone ?platform is attached to the enclosure to the west
 - 05 and 13 have opposing entrances

The West part of the township, comprising 4 buildings and a large enclosure, is mostly situated in a sloping overgrown field on the north side of the road. The buildings range in length from 13m to 17m internally and in width from 3m to 4m internally. The walls of the buildings are generally very degraded and have been robbed of their stone although parts of the largest building, 16, stand to 0.5m height. Building 15 in a marshy field on the south side of the road is identified as a rectangular scatter of stones, however, on closer inspection, the outer faced edges of at least 3 of the walls can be detected. The enclosure, 19, is 50m x 40m and surrounded by the remains of a very degraded stone wall, again probably robbed of most of its stone.

Recorded by NOSAS members 14.06.11 and 8.08.11



Building 8 – the mill, with wheelpit in the foreground

