

The monument known as Arbirlot, carved stone 20m S of Manse comprises a medieval carved stone, likely to date to between AD 850 and 1600. It is an undressed block of whinstone set vertically in the ground and measures about 1.70m high by 0.85m wide. Several motifs are inscribed on the E face of the stone. These include two small crosses with expanded arms placed towards the top and bottom of the stone and, between the crosses and to the left and right of centre, two rectangular symbols resembling open books. There is a small circle just below the upper cross. The upper book is connected with the lower cross by a zigzag line. Faint grooves run down the middle of the stone and are traversed by a horizontal feature adjacent to the lower book. The monument stands at around 45m above sea level in the garden of the Manse. The stone was found around 1836 in the foundations of the old kirk, 140m NNE of its present position, but stood in the garden of the former manse for many years before being re-sited in 1984. The area to be scheduled is a circle 2m in diameter, centred on the middle of the stone. It includes the stone described above and an area around that is included for the stone's support and preservation. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Arbirlot and the County of Angus as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto

[REDACTED], is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 30th day of March Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[REDACTED] Witness

[REDACTED] Director of Heritage Management

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Arbirlot, carved stone 20m S of Manse

dated: 30/3 2012 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Arbirlot Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):
NO64SW

Scale: 1:500

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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND
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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2012

Re: The Monument known as
Arbirlot, carved stone 20m S of Manse

in the Parish of Arbirlot and
County of Angus

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