


THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1243
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Bookan, chambered cairn 300m SSE of Buckan Cottage** comprises a burial cairn of Orkney-Cromarty type, dating from the Neolithic period (fourth to third millennium BC). It is visible as a roughly circular grass-covered mound, approximately 16m in overall diameter and standing up to 1.2m high. The cairn was partly excavated in 1861 and re-excavated in 2002 and much of its internal structure is still visible – a central passageway, with upright slabs and the compartment spaces. The cairn is situated on a gentle SE-facing slope at approximately 25m above sea level, overlooking the Ness of Brodgar. The scheduled area is circular on plan, 30m in diameter, centred on the monument. The scheduling includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the top 30cm of the surface of the farm track to the NW of the cairn and the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Sandwick and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto

 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.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Cairn, Bookan** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland by the Commissioners of H.M. Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 17 February 1938 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 28 March 1938.

Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 23rd day of *January* Two thousand and Fifteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

 Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

 Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Bookan, chambered cairn 300m SSE of Buckan Cottage

dated: 23/1/15 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Bookan, chambered cairn
300m SSE of Buckan Cottage

Sandwick Parish

Scheduled Area



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Map Sheet(s):

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Scale: 1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100
Metres

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2015

Re: The Monument known as
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in the Parish of Sandwick and
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