THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1291
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Knowe of Craie, chambered cairn, 380m NNW of Curquoy, Rousay** comprises a burial cairn of Orkney-Cromarty type, dating from the Neolithic period (probably in the fourth millennium BC). It survives as a circular grass-covered mound, approximately 12m in overall diameter and stands up to 0.8m high. A passageway, 2.8m long by 0.7m wide, enters the cairn from the E. It leads to a burial chamber, 4.6m long by 2.7m wide, which is divided by two pairs of slabs into three compartments. There had been benches on each side of the chamber, but these are no longer visible. There seem to have been two floor levels: an upper one of clay (at least in the innermost compartment), below which a layer of 'dark ashes' was spread over the whole chamber. The cairn is situated on a gentle S-facing slope at approximately 110m above sea level, overlooking Egilsay and Westray Firth. The monument was originally scheduled in 1935, but the documentation did not meet modern standards: the present amendment rectifies this. The scheduled area is circular on plan, 35m 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 monument, which lies in the Parish of Rousay and Egilsay and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of [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.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Knowe of Craie** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Commissioners of HM Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 20 November 1935 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 24 December 1935.

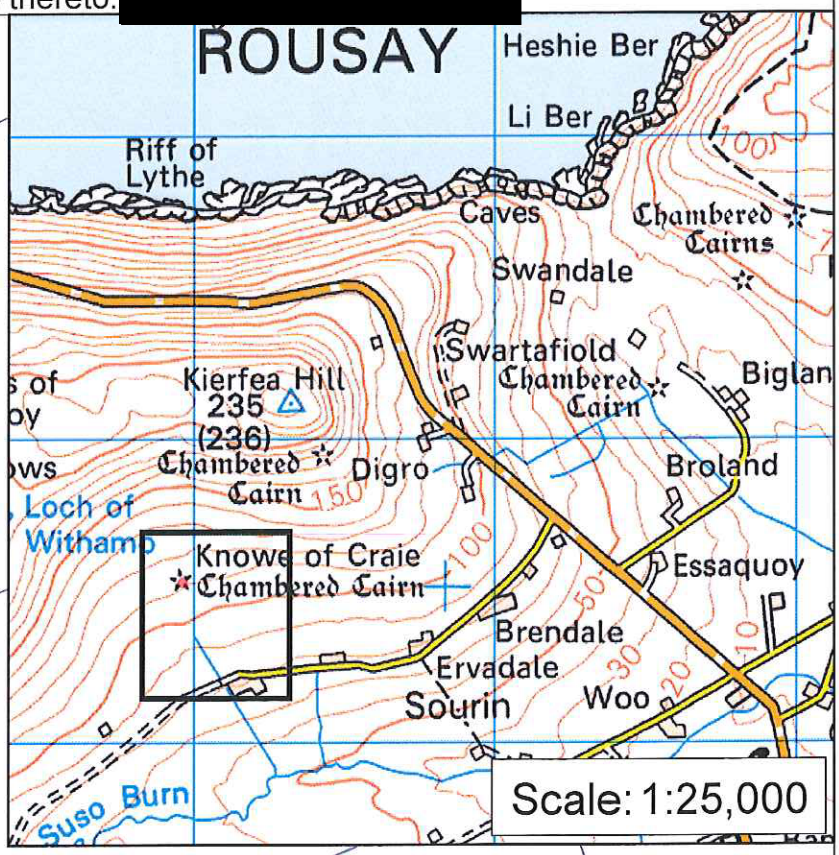
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 17th day of July Two thousand and Fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
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dated: 17 / 7 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
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Scale: 1:2,500
0 50 100 150
Metres

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2014

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in the Parish of Rousay and Egilsay and
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