THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1431
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Knowe of Burrian, broch at Netherbrough** comprises a broch dating probably from the Iron Age (between around 600 BC and AD 400). It is visible as a substantial turf-covered mound, measuring approximately 48m N-S by 45m E-W, and standing up to 6m high. It is not known whether the mound is entirely artificial or partly natural. Limited excavations in 1936 revealed that the broch itself is approximately 18.3m in overall diameter, with walls 5m thick. A carved Pictish symbol stone was recovered from within the broch. Beneath the floor in the W half of the interior, an elaborate rock-cut underground chamber was discovered, lined with masonry and reached by a stone-built staircase. The chamber is reported to be about 3.2m long, 1.8m wide and 4m high, with a corbelled roof. Part of the interior of the broch is still exposed today, but not the chamber. The scheduled area is circular on plan, measuring 100m in diameter, to include the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's use and re-use is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Birsay and Harray 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 the subjects described in the aftermentioned deeds as [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 Burrian, broch, Netherbrough**.

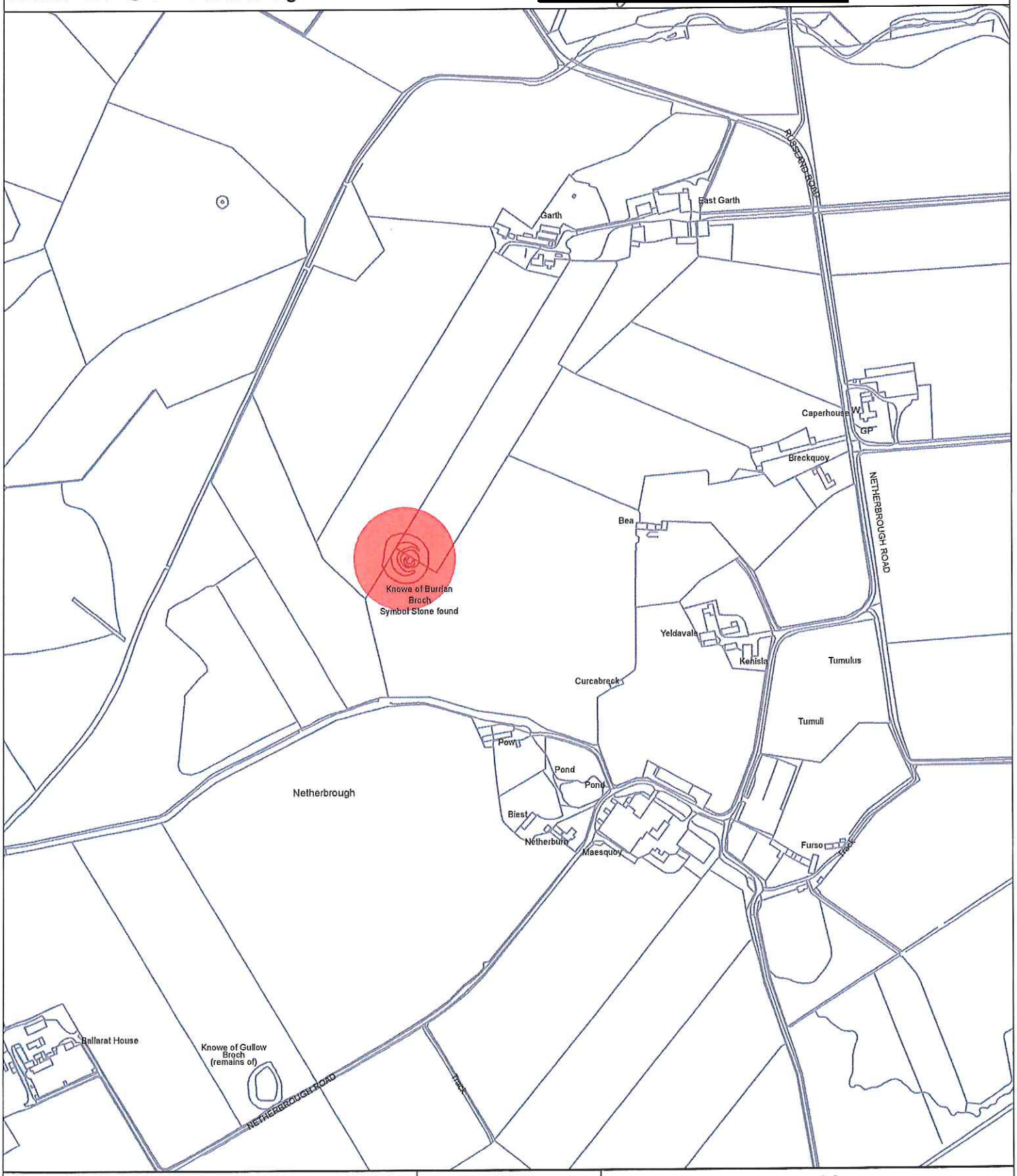
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 26th day of March Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Knowe of Burrian, broch at Netherbrough

dated: 26/ 3 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Knowe of Burrian, broch at Netherbrough

Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area

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