

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2041  
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Nesbister Hill, cairn 350m E of Wastower comprises a round cairn of the Neolithic or Bronze Age, built probably between 4000 and 1000 BC. It is visible as a low mound of boulders, about 12m in diameter and standing up to 1m high. A cist formed of massive stone slabs lies at the centre of the cairn. It measures 1.2m NNE-SSW by 0.8m transversely by 0.6m deep, the cover slab lying half inside. The cairn is of particular interest because two to three courses of its external vertical wall face are visible on the NW side. An enclosure formed of boulders and earth banks, up to 2m wide and 0.4m high, lies 11m northeast of the cairn. The enclosure is oval in plan and measures 19m ENE by 11m transversely. The cairn stands 130m above sea level on top of Nesbister Hill. It offers very extensive views in all directions, but especially down Whiteness Voe to the Burra group of islands, along the south coast of West Mainland and across to Foula. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, measuring 59m SW-NE by 31m transversely. The scheduling includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment may survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Tingwall and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [REDACTED]

[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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 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:  
Nesbister Hill, cairn 350m E of Wastower

dated: 24 / 02 / 2012 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Nesbister Hill, cairn 350m E of  
Wastower

Tingwall Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):  
HU44NW

Scale: 1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100  
Metres

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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2012

Re: The Monument known as  
Nesbister Hill, cairn 350m E of Wastower

in the Parish of Tingwall and  
County of Orkney and Zetland

Search Sheet Nos: 38  
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