

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2100  
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Castle Holm, castle 180m ESE of Churchtown comprises the remains of a small and potentially very early stone castle sited on an islet in the Loch of Strom, together with the remains of the stone causeway that connect it to the shore. Researchers suggest the castle may date to as early as the 12th century. The main castle building is a rectangular tower measuring 6.5m EW by 5.6m transversely, with walls between 1m and 1.4m thick. Most of the walls now stand less than 1m above ground level, but at the NW corner of the tower, the W wall stands about 2.5m tall. The walls are constructed of rubble blocks built with shell-lime mortar. The foundations of other buildings have been identified further east and other traces of masonry suggest that the island was once completely enclosed by a stone wall. The causeway is about 50m long and, although partially submerged, is visible as a narrow line of boulders. The island lies off the W shore of the Loch of Stom, a tidal sea loch, close to its S end, and stands barely above sea level. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, to include 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.

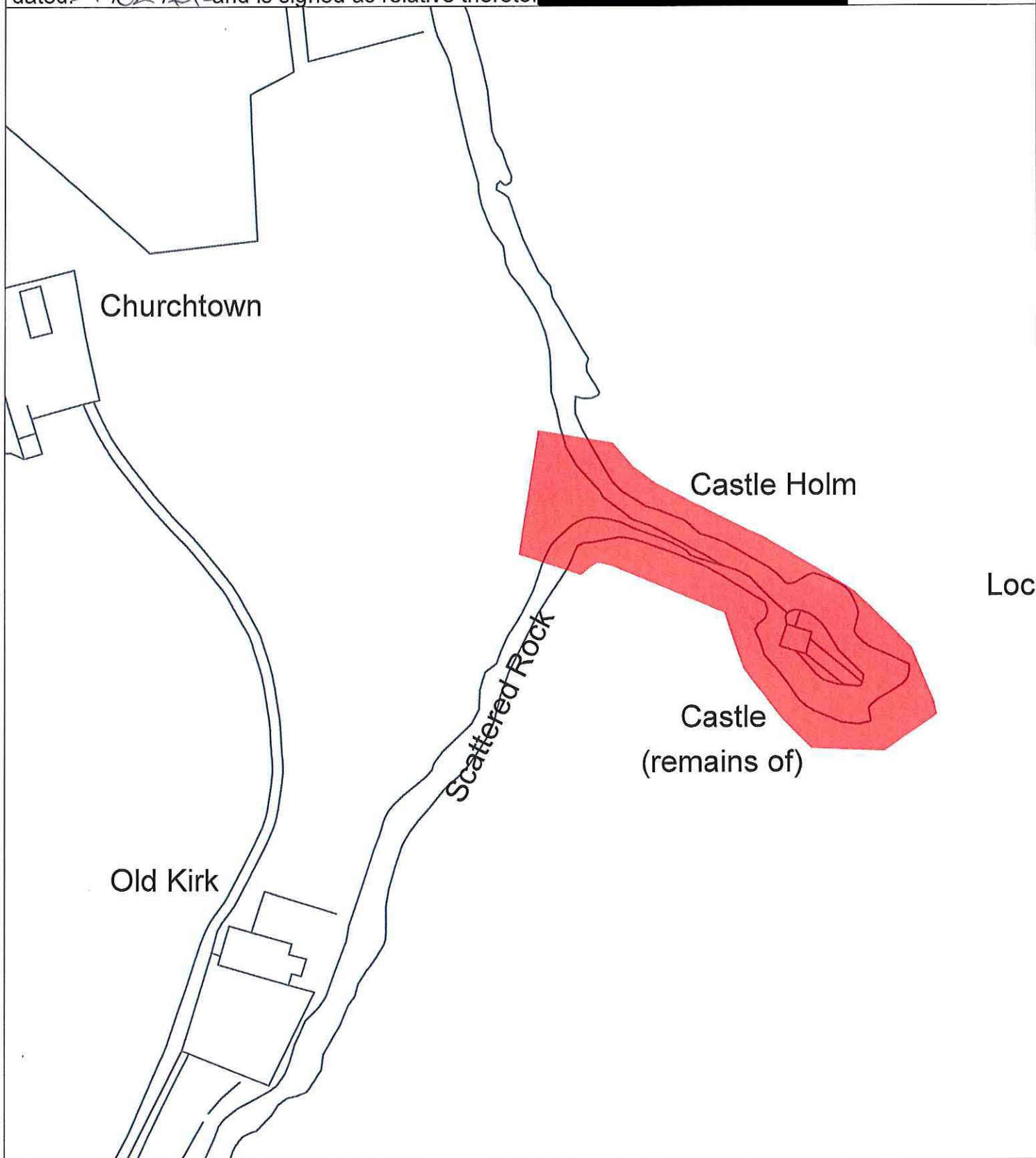
Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[REDACTED]  
Witness

[REDACTED] Director of Heritage Management

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:  
Castle Holm, castle 180m ESE of Churchtown

dated 24 10 2012 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Castle Holm, castle 180m ESE  
of Churchtown

Tingwall Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):  
HU34NE

Scale: 1:1,250

0 10 20 30 40 50  
Metres

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2012

Re: The Monument known as  
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180m ESE of Churchtown

in the Parish of Tingwall and  
County of Orkney and Zetland

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Historic Scotland  
Longmore House  
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