

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2292
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Braes of Rinyo, settlement 180m NE of Bigland, Rousay** comprises the remains of a prehistoric settlement dating to the Neolithic period (between around 3500 and 2500 BC). The site is visible as an area of uneven turf-covered ground, with a 15m stretch of exposed stone structures visible along a boundary fence line. Excavation by Grant and Childe during the 1930s and 1940s revealed an extensive Neolithic settlement comprising at least seven cellular houses of drystone construction, architecturally similar to those at Skara Brae. The houses, some of which were superimposed, had central hearths and stone furniture, including beds and dressers. Most of the settlement is no longer visible above ground, but geophysical survey in 2010 identified the presence of in situ surviving structures and indicated that the settlement extends over an area of around 2,000 square metres. The settlement is situated at around 25m above sea level on a terrace on the southern slopes of Faraclett Head, NE Rousay, overlooking Rousay Sound around 1km to the SE. The scheduled area is irregular in plan to include 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 above-ground elements of a modern boundary fence near the eastern edge of the site. 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

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 **Neolithic Village, Braes of Rinyo** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Minister of Public Buildings and Works in respect of the monument dated 6 February 1963 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 14 March 1963.

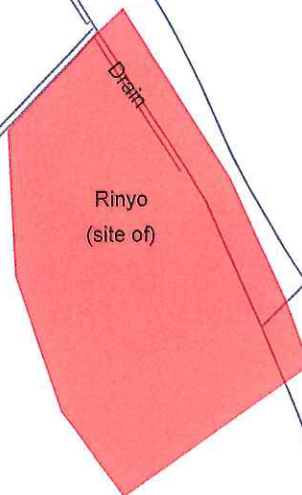
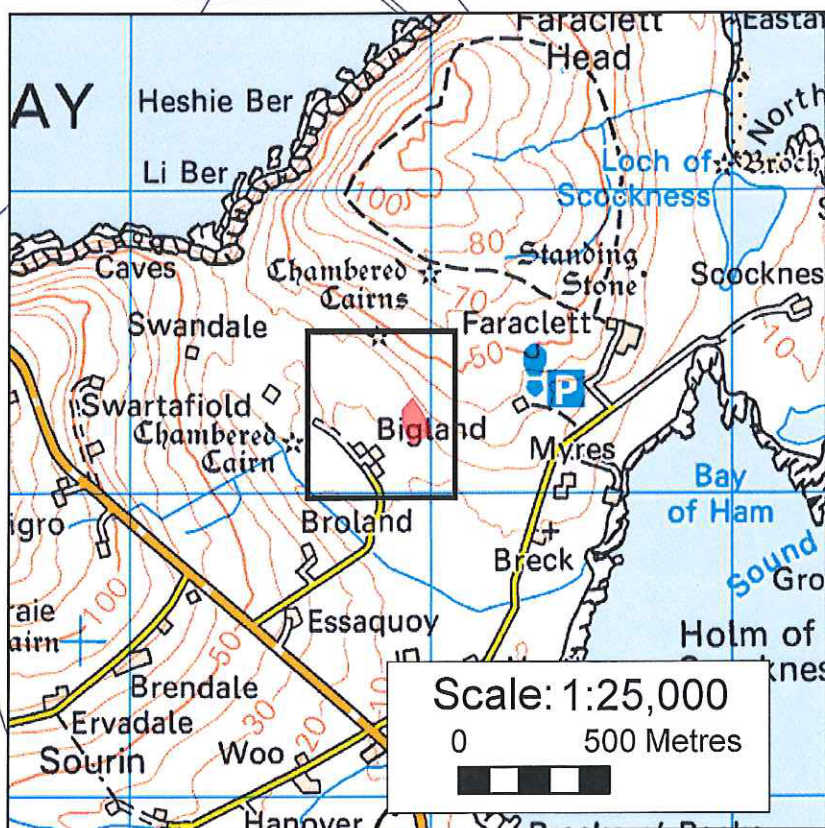
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 29th day of September Two thousand and Fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Braes of Rinyo, settlement 180m NE of Bigland, Rousay

dated: 29/ 9 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto.



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Braes of Rinyo, settlement
180m NE of Bigland, Rousay

Rousay and Egilsay Parish

Scheduled Area



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Mapsheet(s):
HY43SW

Scale: 1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100
Metres

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2014

Re: The Monument known as
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Bigland, Rousay**

in the Parish of Rousay and Egilsay and
County of Orkney and Zetland

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