THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2399
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **South Unigarth, souterrain** comprises a souterrain (sometimes called an earth-house in Orkney), a subterranean structure built of stone and earth, dating probably from the Iron Age (between about 800 BC and 300 AD). The souterrain was identified during the installation of an electricity pole in 1958. The monument is not visible on the ground surface, but survives as an underground chamber and entrance passage, excavated into soft decayed rock. The sub-rectangular chamber measures approximately 3.6m by 3m and is 0.8m high at the centre. The roof is formed of stone slabs supported on an off-centre orthostat and a further seven peripheral orthostats. The entrance passage lies possibly to the S of the chamber and is reported to be 2.7m long and 0.9m wide. The monument is situated on low-lying agricultural land between the Loch of Skaill and the Loch of Clumly, at 25m above sea level, overlooking the Loch of Skaill to the N. The scheduled area is square on plan, with sides measuring 18m. It 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 scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of an electricity pole and all post-and-wire fences to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Sandwick 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 follows: [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 **Earth House, South Unigarth** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Minister of Public Building and Works in respect of the monument dated 18 February 1964 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 19 May 1964.

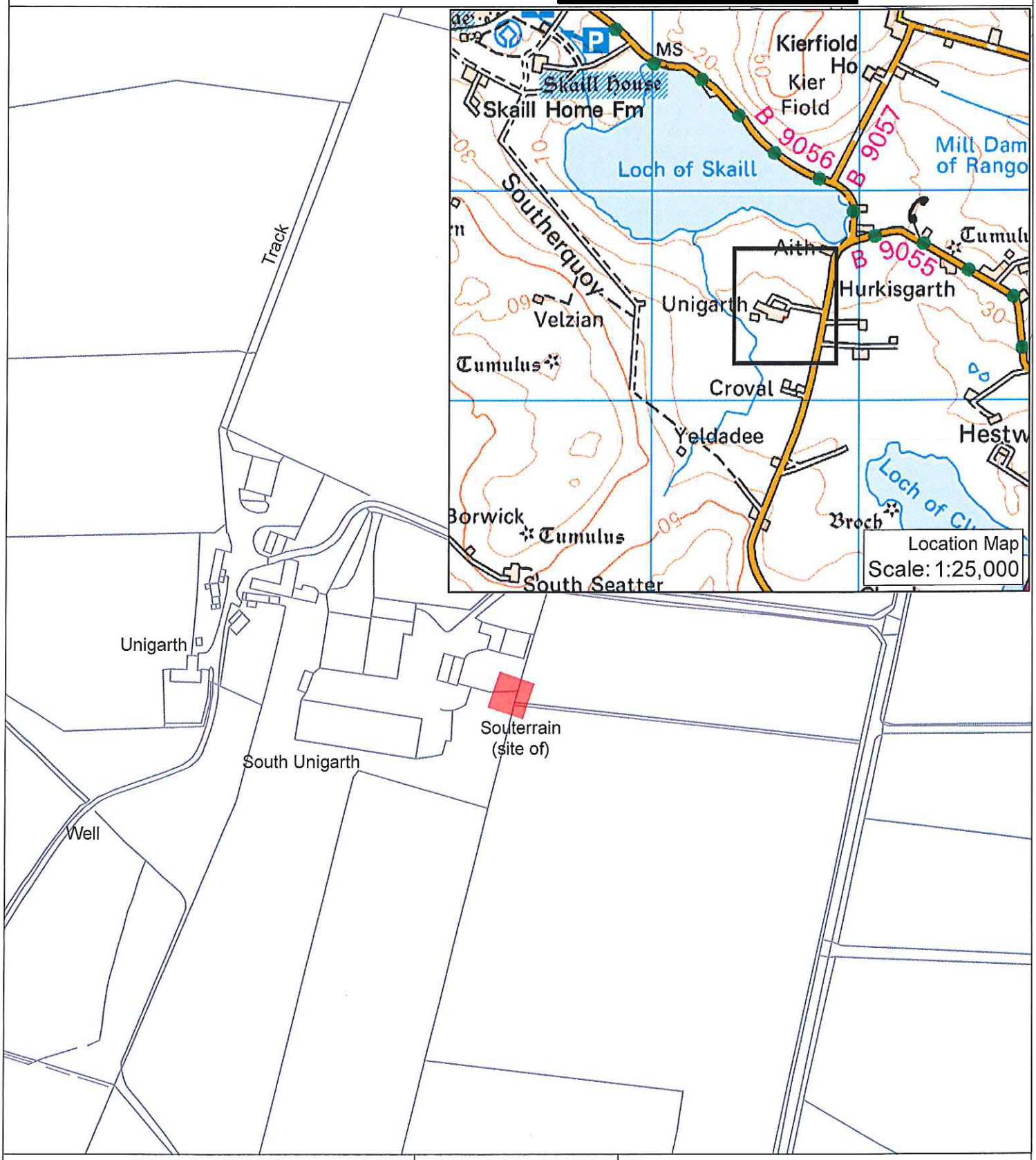
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 26th day of March Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
South Unigarth, souterrain

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



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South Unigarth, souterrain

Sandwick Parish

Scheduled Area

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2014

Re: The Monument known as
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in the Parish of Sandwick and
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