

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3535
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Sandhill, chambered cairn 300m W of, Eday** comprises a chambered cairn of Orkney-Cromarty type dating from the Neolithic period (probably between 3500 and 2500 BC). It survives as a circular, grass-covered stony mound, measuring approximately 9m in diameter. The cairn was partly excavated in 1937 and now stands approximately 0.8m high. The entrance passage opens from the ESE. The burial chamber is 3.4m long and divided into three compartments by upright slabs, several of which are still visible, together with much of the overlying cairn material. The excavated finds included flints, stone tools and an unusual type of pottery bowl, likely to be early in the Orcadian pottery sequence. The monument is situated on a gentle E-facing slope at approximately 30m above sea level, overlooking Eday Sound. The scheduled area is a circle on plan, 25m in diameter, centred on the centre of the monument. The scheduling 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 monument, which lies in the Parish of Eday 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

_____ 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 **Mound, W of Sandhill** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 10 October 1936 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 25 November 1936.

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 28th day of August Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

_____ Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

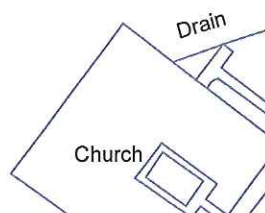
_____ Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Sandhill, chambered cairn 300m W of, Eday

dated: 28/8/14 and is signed as relative thereto.



Chambered Cairn



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Sandhill, chambered cairn 300m W of,
Eday

Eday Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheets:
HY53SE

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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300m W of, Eday

in the Parish of Eday
and
County of Orkney and Zetland

Title No: OAZ6323

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