

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3549
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Onziebust, chambered cairn 440m SSE of, Egilsay** comprises a chambered cairn dating to the Neolithic period, probably between 3500 and 2500 BC. It appears to be a Maes Howe type chambered cairn. It survives as a mainly turf-covered mound, measuring approximately 21m N-S by 17m E-W, and stands up to 1m high. Irregular hollows over the surface suggest the cairn has been quarried for stone in the past. Parts of the structure are exposed in places. Towards the N end of the mound a 1.4m length of wall-face is visible running N-S and standing three to four courses high. Adjacent on the W side, the entry to a side cell reveals the upper walls of a small corbelled cell, 1.4m by 0.9m, and a short stretch, 1.1m by 0.3m wide, of the lintelled passage leading to the cell. The monument occupies a prominent position on the highest point of a natural rocky ridge which dominates the surrounding flat coastal plain on the southern tip of Egilsay, at 15m OD. The scheduled area is roughly oval and is 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 Rousay and Egilsay 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 disposition by

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 **Onziebust, chambered cairn 370m SSE of**, as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 13 December 1974 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 17 January 1975.

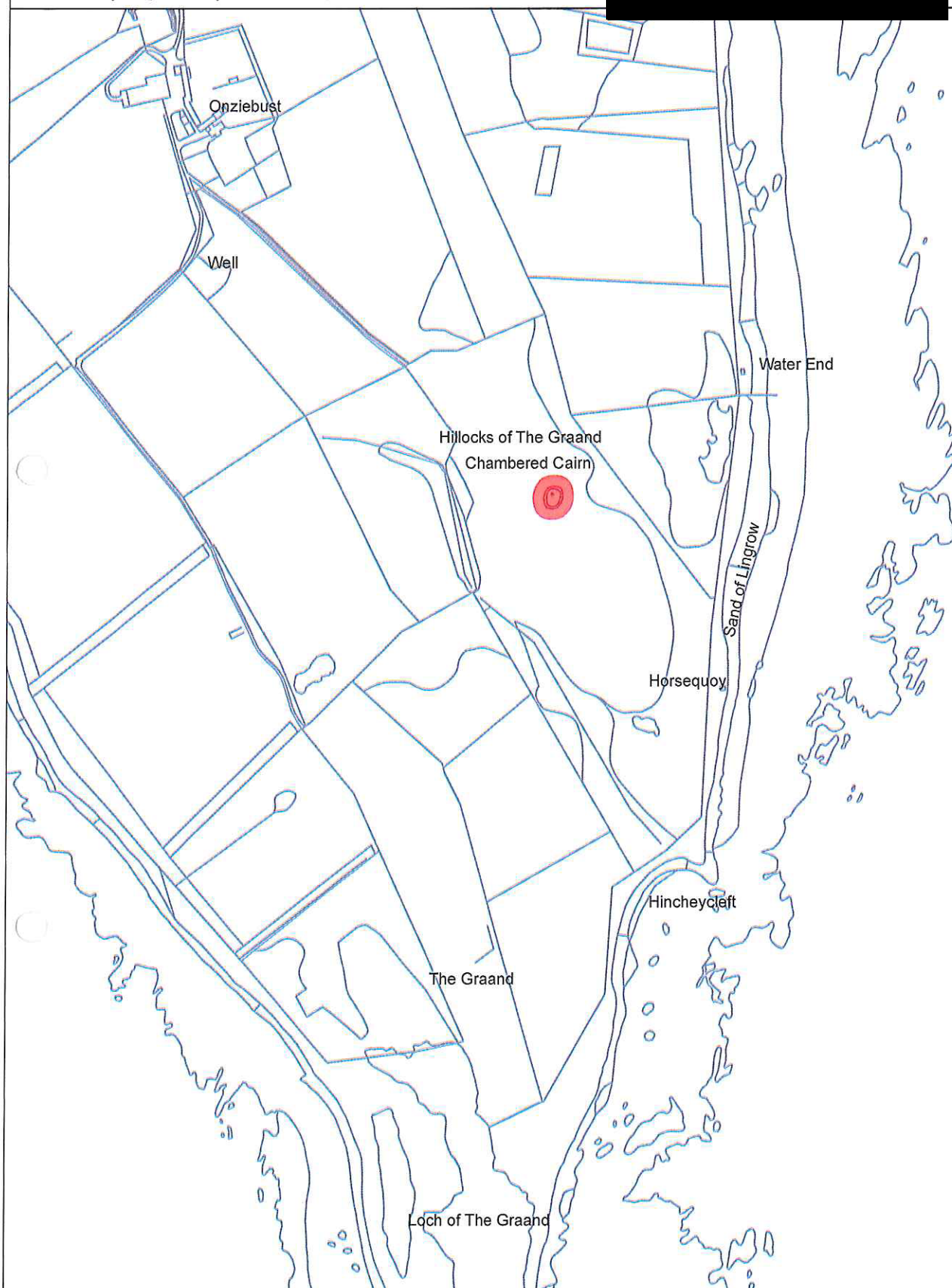
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 27th day of May Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Onziebust, chambered cairn 440m SSE of, Egilsay

dated: 27/5/14 and is signed as relative thereto.



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Onziebust, chambered cairn 440m
SSE of, Egilsay

Rousay and Egilsay Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):
HY42NE

Scale: 1:5,000

0 50 100 150 200

Metres

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2014

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