THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3598
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Hard Knowe, cairn 330m N of Muness comprises a cairn dating from the Neolithic or Bronze Age, built probably between 4000 and 1000 BC. It is visible as low, almost circular, partly turf-covered mound of stones, about 12m in diameter. The remains of a well-preserved stone kerb are visible on the S and E edges of the cairn. Near the centre, two earth-fast stone slabs and two fallen slabs indicate the position of a burial cist or chamber, measuring 1.5m E-W by 0.8m transversely. The cairn is in the centre of an oval-shaped prehistoric field, defined by a boundary of evenly-spaced stones. The cairn stands 20m above sea level, positioned between two prominent rocky outcrops that lie immediately to the NW and SE. It overlooks the head of the Cat Firth, the shore of which lies about 0.5km to the S and W. 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 scheduling excludes the above-ground elements of the square planticrub and telegraph pole that lie within the scheduled area, to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Nesting and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms [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 9th day of August Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Witness [redacted] Director of Heritage Management

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Hard Knowe, cairn 330m N of Muness

dated: 9 / 8 /2012 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Nesting Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
HU45SE

Scale: 1:2,500

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2012

Re: The Monument known as
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