

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3937
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Port Charlotte, chambered cairn, 65m ESE of Port Mhor Centre, Islay** comprises the remains of a Neolithic chambered cairn, dating from some time between 3000 BC and 2000 BC, and earlier occupation on the same site. This Clyde-type chambered cairn survives as the remains of a chamber and façade marked by a number of earthfast schist orthostats, surrounded by mounds of cairn debris. The cairn measures approximately 22m E-W by 20m transversely, but the location of its outer edge is uncertain and the cairn has been curtailed on its S side. One of four chamber compartments remains visible, measuring 1.6m in length and 1m in width. The main chamber and entranceway is aligned NNE by SSW with its façade at the NNE end. An earlier occupation horizon identified beneath the cairn has been dated to around the late fourth millennium BC. The monument is situated 220m from the southern outskirts of Port Charlotte in western Islay, in a community playing field. It sits at the edge of a raised beach close to the shore, at about 15m above sea level, overlooking Loch Indaal. The area to be scheduled is roughly circular on plan, measuring 40m in diameter, but slightly truncated along the SW boundary where it coincides with an embankment for a football pitch to the SW. The scheduling includes 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 specifically excludes a modern interpretation panel and its plinth, the football pitch embankment, and the above-ground elements of the post-and-wire fence to the SE. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Kilchoman and the County of Argyll as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of the subjects registered in the Land Register of Scotland under Title No ARG3621 [REDACTED]

[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 **Port Charlotte, chambered cairn, Islay** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 23 February 1977 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Argyll on 20 May 1977.

Subscribed by Olwyn Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 10th day of May Two thousand and thirteen, 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:
Port Charlotte, chambered cairn, 65m ESE of Port Mhor Centre, Islay

dated: 10 / 5 / 13 and is signed as relative thereto



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Port Charlotte, chambered cairn,
65m ESE of Port Mhor Centre, Islay

Kilchoman Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):
NR25NW
NR25NE

Scale: 1:2,500

0 25 50 75 100 125
Metres

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2013

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in the Parish of Kilchoman
and
County of Argyll

Title No: ARG3621

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