

The monument known as **Kilnaughton, chapel, carved stones & burial ground 135m N of Samhchair** comprises the medieval chapel of Kilnaughton, the medieval burial ground surrounding the chapel, and a group of carved stones, some of medieval date. Researchers have suggested that the E end of the chapel may date to the 12th century, with the rest of the building dating from the 15th century, but the dedication of the church to St Nechtan, a Scottish saint of the 7th century, indicates the potential for buried archaeological remains that pre-date the standing building. The medieval chapel is a simple rectangular structure orientated roughly E-W, measuring 11.7 by 4.5m within walls 1m thick. The gables stand almost to full height. Two grave slabs and a slab bearing a full length effigy of a man in armour are visible within the chapel. They date from the 14th to 15th centuries. Two burial enclosures of 18th- or 19th-century date adjoin the E end of the chapel's N wall. Beyond, the topography of the burial ground indicates that the chapel lay within a possible oval enclosure, measuring at least 40m N-S by 30m transversely. The monument lies between 5m and 10m above sea level, just above the sandy beach of Kilnaughton Bay on the S coast of Islay. The scheduled area is irregular on plan. It includes the remains described above and an area around them in which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment is expected to survive. On the NW side, it extends up to but excludes a gravel path. Elsewhere, it extends up to but excludes the wall enclosing the burial ground. The scheduling specifically excludes all burial lairs where burial rights still exist and all burial monuments of 19th-century or later date. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Kildalton and Oa and the County of Argyll as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [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 **Kilnaughton, chapel and tombstones** as referred to in the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 19 March 1992 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Argyll on 19 January 1993.

Subscribed by Olwyn Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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:  
Kilnaughton, chapel, carved stones & burial ground 135m N of Samhchair

dated: 15 / 8 / 13 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Kildalton and Oa Parish

Scheduled Area



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Mapsheet(s):  
NR34NW

Scale: 1:2,500

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Metres

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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND  
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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2013

Re: The Monument known as  
**Kilnaughton, chapel, carved stones &  
burial ground 135m N of Samhchair**

in the Parish of Kildalton and Oa  
and  
County of Argyll

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