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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 12508
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Bleachfield, settlement, enclosure, pit alignment 160m and 460m W of comprises the remains of an unenclosed settlement, enclosure and pit alignment of probable later prehistoric date, visible as cropmarks in two cultivated fields. The monument is located at 50m above sea level, on almost level ground within a large meander in the course of the Eye Water. The visible traces of the unenclosed settlement consist of at least 13 circular or penannular cropmarks, each representing the remains of a round house. These range in diameter from 4m to 12m. A pit alignment, consisting of two roughly parallel rows of pits running NW-SE for a distance of 200m and with the rows set between 7-11m apart, is also visible on the cropmarks in the SW corner of the settlement. A second pit alignment, this time running NE-SW and consisting of a single row of pits 190m long, crosses the first towards its W end and appears to be aligned with a further large length of pit alignment further N, outside the scheduled area. There are at least five other shorter lengths of pit alignments in the SW corner of the unenclosed settlement, ranging in length from 20m to 40m, and all roughly parallel with one of the more substantial lengths already mentioned. Just to the W of the modern road is a larger sub-circular feature, truncated on its SE half by the road. It is 65m in diameter NNE-SSW bounded by a narrow ditch. The area to be scheduled consists of two discrete areas, the westernmost of which is sub-rectangular on plan and extends up to but does not include the post-and-wire fence on the SE edge of the area. The easternmost area is rectangular and extends up to but does not include the post-and-wire fence on the NE edge of the area. The area to be scheduled includes the remains described and an area around within which evidence relating to the construction and use may survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Ayton and the County of Berwick as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [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 Malcolm Cooper, Chief Inspector with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 30 day of March Two thousand and nine, before this witness Luke Wormald, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Bleachfield, settlement, enclosure, pit alignment 160m and 460m W of

[redacted]

dated: 20 / 2 / 09 and is signed as relative thereto.



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Bleachfield, settlement, enclosure, pit alignment 160m and 460m W of
Ayton Parish
Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
NT96SW

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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2009

Re: The Monument known as Bleachfield, settlement, enclosure, pit alignment 160m and 460m W of

in the Parish of Ayton and County of Berwick

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