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CATALOGUE OF SITES AND FIELD NOTES

(Names as on 1:25,000 Second Series Ordnance Survey Maps)

GLEN DEE (Illus 5)

Site 1 Arderg (NO 121905)

Old track, base for former bridge at stream side, stone head-dyke and lime kiln. Stone platform adjacent to track with signs of former turf stripping. A collection of stone foundations, namely:

- a) Adjacent stream, rectangular stone base, 11m by 5m, with axis normal to the stream: a possible mill.
- b) Longhouse, 17m long (1.3m wall), entrance to north with the eastern foundation partly overlying a less well-preserved structure 7m long, both buildings being scarped into the slope, axes normal to stream.
- c) Longhouse, 12 by 5m, two entrances to the east, one to west, set parallel to stream. Walls 0.6m thick. There is a possible kiln structure tacked on to the lower end.
- d) Longhouse with associated enclosure to the south, fronted by a very carefully built stone-faced platform measuring 15.2m by 5.5m, with walls 1m thick. The longhouse is set into the slope with a depression upslope designed to lead seepage water from upslope around the back of the building. North-facing entrance aligned with steps up wall facing platform. There is a stone enclosure upslope, also a terraced effect with garden plots set into the slope. A single stone clearance heap occurs just above the enclosure. To the west, below a rock outcrop, set amongst mature rowan birch and built against a single conifer, is a semi-circular dower chair in stone 4m in diameter, set into the slope, with an inscribed stone reading 'Fr Chas Farquharson's Seat 1785'. A footpath runs west up the bluff to Site 2.

Site 2

e) Substantial mortared foundations of house, 4.9m by 13.5m (walls 0.6m thick), standing to a height of 2m. Entrance midway to south and two windows. The house sits on top of older structure at bluff edge. Clearance heaps.

f) Above e), a ruinous longhouse with one wall set into hillside, 18m by 5m, with surviving chimney, fireplace, and grate. Possible porch foundations.

Sites a) to f) are all associated with land formerly in cultivation. Notable absence of surface stones.

Site 3 Corriesulzie (NO 112893)

Above main road a rectangular two-partitioned house with two entrances. A 5m by 4m rectangular structure set into nearby knoll. Enclosure walls and the tip of Old Mar Lodge Laundry. Set into knoll, a 10m by 4m longhouse together with other indeterminate structures with bowed ends.

Site 4 Corriesulzie Gorge (NO 112894)

On fan at gorge outlet two longhouses, each 15m by 5m, with square enclosure and nearby stone clearance heaps. Embankments of stone to contain burn in flood. Old track (continuation of that on Site 1) runs down to ford just below gorge outlet.

Site 5 Muir, Linn of Dee (NO 065896 to 070896)

Enclosure with stone clearance heaps at edges. A longhouse, 16m by 5m foundation, with entrance to north. Within mature pine plantation, longhouses, 10m by 5m and 14m by 6m, together with stone clearance heaps. Behind Muir, outside the stone enclosure a longhouse, 12m by 5m, another 8m by 6m with bowed ends, and one other indeterminate structure with bow ends. Stone clearance heaps (this stretch of ground is reported as under cereal cultivation in the last decade of the 19th century: Mackintosh 1897

Site 6 (West of Linn O'Dee) - below Craag Phadruig (NO 047894)

Above track, a longhouse, 12m by 5m, with circular kiln at west end. Longhouse, 28m by 5m, partitioned into three, together with a bowed outbuilding at west end. Mature pines growing through foundations. Below track on terrace, area enclosed by dyke, and longhouse 15m by 5m, circular stone-lined pit 3.5m in diameter, longhouse 15m by 5m. Stone clearance heaps, walls and small enclosed plots. Rig and furrow present. On the apex of the fan, both linear and round clearance heaps. Head-dyke cut-out to west by River Dee.

Site 7 Tomnamoine (NO 037893)

Sited on mounds and high terrace fragments at the exit of a small meltwater channel. Settlement with stone clearance heaps near the river channel to south-east. Below track, a longhouse, 20m by 5m, with adjacent circular pit 2m in diameter. Longhouse, 10m by 5m, with square enclosure, 8m by 10m, tacked on, both set on a knoll. Linear stone clearance cairns. Rectangular building, 10m by 4m, with inset square 'kiln' at west end. Large stone enclosure of massive construction, around 20m square, with adjacent two-celled structure 8m by 6m.

Above track, on apex of fan, a longhouse 12m by 5m, a three-partitioned longhouse 35m by 6m, and stone foun. Head-dyke disappears within recent plantation. On knoll behind, at exit of meltwater channel, an L-shaped longhouse, 18m by 6m by 5m, with walls 1m thick.

Site 8 (NO 034894)

On residual 'groans', a collection of linear and round clearance heaps, and a cleared enclosure with no apparent domestic structures.

On fan apex to west of plantation, with extensive rig and furrow below the settlement. Linear stone clearance heaps 30m by 2m by 1.5m high. A longhouse, 25m by 6m, partitioned into two, abutting square enclosure 20m by 20m, with 12m by 6m rectangular structure at rear. A rectangular house, 10m by 5m with 4.5m diameter kiln at west end, the kiln being set into a knoll. Longhouse, 15m by 5m, standing to seven courses, 15m by 6m, with extended stone platform to front, with back foundations set into fan.

L-shaped longhouse, 10m by 10m.

Site 9 Tonnagaoithe 'East' (NO 029892)

Settlement with both linear and round clearance heaps. A longhouse 12m by 4m partially overlain by stone clearance heaps. A series of small enclosed plots and structures again partially overlain by clearance material. Longhouse 8m by 4m. A massively-built stone wall enclosure also containing some stone clearance material.

Site 10 Tonnagaoithe 'West' (NO 028893)

Settlement on fan apex to west of plantation with extensive rig and furrow below. Linear stone clearance heaps 30m by 2m by 1.5m high. A longhouse, 25m by 4m, partitioned into two, abutting a 20m-square enclosure with a rectangular structure, 12m by 6m, at back. Rectangular house, 10m by 5m, with 4.5m-diameter kiln at west end set into a knoll. Longhouse, 15m by 5m, standing to seven courses, another 15m by 6m, each with extended stone platform in front, and their back foundations scarped into the fan. Stone clearance heaps partly overlain by natural fan debris stone spreads. L-shaped longhouse, 10m by 10m by 5m, with another partitioned longhouse 18m by 6m. Square enclosure 20m by 18m with 15m by 5m structure tacked on outside. An 18m by 5m longhouse set on outside of head-dyke.

Site 11 (NO 026887)

Longhouse 8m by 5m due east of head-dyke on moorland, and another 10m by 5m, just outside dyke, both beside the modern track.

Site 12 (NO 047892)

Longhouse with rounded corners, 12m by 6m, on the hill slope above Dee floodplain beyond head-dyke. Longhouse, 7m by 5m, with possible collapsed kiln at west end, set into slope. Also on hillside, a 12m by 5m longhouse with rounded corners. At the back of heather-dominated terrace, a longhouse 12m by 5m and another 7m by 4m, with enclosure 22m by 8m with single entrance and stone clearance heaps. A longhouse, 20m by 6m, partitioned into three is tacked on to the enclosure wall. A longhouse,

12m by 5m, is associated with a curvilinear plot and stone clearance heaps. A longhouse, 12m by 5m, with stone platform and stone cell at end, also tacked on to enclosure. Another longhouse, 12m by 5m. Formerly cultivated 'greens' with stone clearance heaps.

Site 13 Delvorar (NO 039894)

Stone-walled enclosure to south tacked on to longhouse, 8m by 5m, with associated foun 4m by 2m. Longhouse, 16m by 5m, to east with two entrances directly opposite each other. There are clear signs of stone clearance activity within the enclosure, together with a stone cairn some 6m in diameter with slight collapse in centre, possibly a kiln. On the nearby terrace bluff, a kiln 2m in diameter inset and a longhouse 10m by 5m. Longhouse, 12m by 7m, with possible curved wall foundation underlying it at east end. The main building stands to seven courses at the western end.

A longhouse, 8m by 4m, underlying mortar-built or strengthened building, 18m by 7m. Near the floodplain margin, a stone enclosure, 22m by 12m, with an indeterminate rectangular foundation outside. On the hillside above, set normal to the slope, two longhouses, 12m by 5m, both beyond the head-dyke which runs along the inner edge of the floodplain.

Site 14 Dubrach (NO 029889)

Settlement. At base of terrace bluff below the main settlement, an 8m diameter lime-kiln complete with entrance lintel. Adjacent, longhouses 10m by 4m and 8m by 4m. An enclosure with a 12m by 8m longhouse at each end, all close to the head-dyke. A separate group near the fan apex - outside the head-dyke - includes a longhouse, 12m by 4m, and another 17m by 5m. A substantial enclosed area is split into two by a less substantial partition wall. The main settlement consists of longhouse, 6m by 4m, a longhouse, 20m by 6m, partitioned into two, with a 6m by 4m structure tacked on at end. A 10m by 5m longhouse is attached to an older 8m by 5m structure at its eastern end. There are several small plots and stone clearance heaps. A 10m by 6m rectangular foundation with a complete kiln sits apart from the main complex. A solitary longhouse, 10m by 4m, sits on the bluff top, and one other also 10m by 4m. There are stone

clearance and tipped stone festoons at the bluff edge.

Site 15 Alltachlair (NO 118899)

Dykes and stone clearance beside a modern mortared cottage, 16m by 5m, and double steading. Longhouse, 8m by 5m, beside old track, longhouse, 12m by 6m, on knoll. A rectangular house, 8m by 4m, with circular kiln at the eastern end.

Site 16 (NO 117897)

a) Below waterfall, a longhouse 6m by 8m, a longhouse, 10m by 4m, on knoll, and rig and furrow running along slope. Stone clearance heaps. On knoll, a partitioned longhouse 18m by 6m, another 14m by 5m, and yet another 12m by 6m, the latter with rounded corners. Several enclosures and extensive stone clearance material to burn edge.

(NO 116896)

b) A longhouse, 8m by 5m, with both linear and round stone clearance heaps. Higher up the slope, the remains of a steading benched into the slope with enclosure below. On the left bank of the burn, a 2m-diameter kiln.

GLEN LUJ - beyond the Black Bridge (illus 5)

Site 17 (NO 062919)

Within felled plantation (at least 120 years old when felled in the 1940s), a series of settlement structures. Rig and furrow system on floodplain beyond Fairy Hillock. The structures comprise longhouses, 8m by 4m and 14m by 5m, and two others 12m by 4m, each with stumps within foundations. Below track a 4m-diameter sub-circular foundation, probably a kiln and a 13m by 6m longhouse, cut diagonally across by track. Also a massive 1.5m broad curvilinear wall. A longhouse, 10m by 5m, with traces of enclosures upslope. On the mound beside the river a small rectangular structure with kiln at end.

Site 18 (NO 959923)

On Clais Fhearnaig Burn fan, mainly on the eastern side of stream. Large enclosure abutting longhouse 10m by 5m. Partitioned longhouse, 16m by 6m, also abutting enclosure. Two additional longhouses, 13m by 6m and 18m by 6m, also abutting. Longhouses, 12m by 5m and 14m by 5m, with adjacent massive wall foundation and stone clearance heaps. On the fan bluff below the settlement, three corn kilns, each 3m in diameter, one set within the end of a rectangular structure. Upslope, above the track and within the tributary valley floor, three rectangular foundations, the longest with axis of 16m together with a sheal-like structure 8m by 3m. Further upstream on the right bank, a longhouse, 10m by 6m, with two possible stone founs associated. Below the track on the 'greens', rig and furrow, field dykes with evidence for stone clearance underlying dykes. Above and slightly towards the Darry, a solitary longhouse, 9m by 5m, with single entrance. Another longhouse of similar dimensions on trackside towards the Darry.

Site 19 (NO 055925)

Longhouse, 20m by 5m, partitioned with another, 16m by 5m, set at right angles. A three-sided enclosure beside the track. Stone clearance heaps on the 'greens'. Longhouse, 9m by 5m, with two abutting buildings with axes 14m and 20m forming L-plan, the larger with a square foundation at the free end. Slightly upslope on very much poorer ground, a multi-compartmented structure consisting of five square and rectangular enclosures in reversed L-shape.

Site 20 (NO 054925)

Turf and walled enclosures with inside a rectangular structure 8m by 4m and longhouse 14m by 5m. An L-plan assemblage consisting of longhouse 10m by 5m, and longhouse 8m by 5m, with a third longhouse 10m by 5m. Upslope and set back from the inbye, a solitary sheal. Below the bluff on the edge of the 'greens', a semi-circular kiln 5m in diameter.

Site 21 (NO 050926)

Three-sided enclosure, 30m by 30m, abutting a three-partitioned longhouse 15m by 6m, with adjacent stone founs. A longhouse with circular kiln on the bluff edge of 3m diameter, extremely well preserved, and open to 2m depth. Longhouse 15m by 6m. Longhouses, 12m by 6m and 8m by 4m, each abutting a three-sided stone enclosure. Rig and furrow and many stone clearance heaps.

Site 22 (NO 054922)

On south side of burn fan (Caochan Bheithe), four rectangular longhouses with stone clearance heaps. On bluff edge, a 4m-diameter kiln.

GLEN CLUNIE (illus 3 & 4)

Site 23 (NO 151897)

On fan of Allt Coire na Sgreuchaig, longhouse, 10m by 4m, set into slope with rig and furrow below the Golf Course deer fence.

Site 24 (NO 151898)

Within Golf Course deer fence, longhouse, 8m by 3m, with adjacent smaller structure attached downslope. Longhouse slightly to north, 8m by 4m, with two partitions, one possibly containing a collapsed kiln. Still further to the north, a longhouse, 12m by 4m, with rounded corners and two partitions, scooped into hillside with drain behind.

Site 25 (NO 147864) - beside Old Military Bridge

Longhouse, 26m by 5m, partitioned on natural bench. Above, beyond a rock outcrop, a rock and stone-walled enclosure, 30m by 40m. Also a small semi-circular store set into the outcrop, 4m in diameter. On a lower bench, a longhouse, 10m by 5m, with an adjacent stone-edged cultivation plot, 7m by 10m. Two other longhouses, 14m by 7m and 12m by 5m. Longhouse, 2m by 5m, with adjacent stone-edged cultivation plot, 16m by 16m, built-out in the style of a lynchet. Below the longhouse, further

stone-edged platforms with possible plaggen soils. At NO 146860, a green enclosed area edged with stones with a sheal set at the back against a rock outcrop. Kiln 2m in diameter set into bluff at the edge of the formerly cultivated area. In the middle of the latter area, a square structure, 4m by 4m, covered with stone clearance. Head-dyke runs down to the river bank. No evidence of structures on the floodplain although there are drainage ditches.

Site 26 (NO 146859)

On east side of Clunie, a longhouse, 9m by 5m, partially set into knoll. On knoll summit, a stone-banked platform, 9m by 10m, with L-shaped longhouse, 10m by 6m and 2m by 4m. Two other longhouses, 8m by 9m and 8m by 5m. The site may be incomplete because of recent road and gravel pit operations nearby.

Site 27 (NO 145807 - 144808) - opposite Feith Sellaich.

Opposite roadbridge, an oval sheal, 4.5m long with walls 1m thick, slightly inset. About 100 yards east, a further sheal 6m by 4m. On the left bank of the Clunie below bridge, a longhouse, 7m by 5m, overlying an older structure at its northern end. Possible cultivation areas. On the bluff top, a structure, 5m by 4m, with adjacent stone clearance heaps. Another longhouse on nearby knoll, 7m by 5m, with three further structures to the north-west. Beside the Clunie, a structure 5m by 4m reused as shooting butt and another slightly upstream, 8m by 5m.

Site 28 (NO 147853)

East of main road on knoll, a longhouse, 13m by 5m, with an adjoining remarkable circular enclosure about 16m in diameter with a single entrance.

Site 29 (NO 141810)

- a) Three sheals on burnside
(NO 141814).
- b) Group of six sheals
(NO 142819).
- c) Solitary sheal.

Site 30 Coireanalarig (NO 137837)

Neo-modern porched house with adjacent steading and kennels. Older structures include longhouse, 10m by 6m, cut by deer fence. Stone clearance heaps. Another longhouse, 10m by 6m, on fan apex. Two stone enclosures which include stone clearance materials. The enclosure walls stand to eight courses and are attached to a longhouse, 28m by 6m. On knoll summit, a two-partitioned longhouse, 15m by 5m. A further longhouse, 12m by 6m, nearby with diverted stream course behind. Longhouse, 12m by 6m, with adjacent stone clearance heaps. There are other substantial foundations nearby, cultivation plots, and below, a two-partitioned longhouse, 26m by 6m. The foundations of a walled enclosure, 35m by 20m, site on the 'reeseads' below with a scatter of stone clearance heaps. A stone platform fronts the houses on the knoll with an inset corn-kiln. At the corner of the 'reeseads' beside the lowermost stone enclosure, a complex of turf longhouses with rounded corners. A large lime-kiln set into the bluff with four-lintelled stepped entrance and walls almost 2m thick is in a fine state of preservation.

Site 31 (NO 152881)

At roadside, a longhouse, 16m by 6m, fronted by a stone-edged plot in the form of a lynchet with some stone clearance heaps. Above the road, a longhouse, 17m by 5m, partitioned, near two curvilinear banks cut by the Morrone track, which appear to be mill reservoirs. Longhouse, 17m by 6m, on knoll summit. Slope, a longhouse, 14m by 5m, with 8m by 15m enclosure attached. Stone clearance by burnside mainly from contemporary improved land. At the burnside above the road, a semi-circular structure around 8m in diameter set against field dyke. At roadside, a structure, 15m by 5m, with lade. Longhouse below road, 8m by 5m.

Site 32 Newbiggings (NO 144854)

Adjacent to main road on knoll, a longhouse, 12m by 4m. In a hollow to the north of the modern cottage, a longhouse, 14m by 5m, bowed at each end and adjacent to head-dyke. On the knoll beside the cottage, a square-ended longhouse, 34m by 6m, and another just to east with 22m-long axis.

Site 33 Corrieyaltie (NO 142855)

- a) On south side of fan, a longhouse, 18m by 5m, with two adjacent longhouses, each 10m by 5m, associated with enclosures and stone clearance heaps.
- b) On north side of fan, two rectangular longhouses and an enclosure. A 12m by 5m longhouse with substantially built circular end probably a corn kiln. Walled garden plots. One 34m-long longhouse partitioned into three, and two adjacent smaller ruinous longhouses.
- c) Ruinous, partly roofed, cottage with, on adjacent knoll, three bow-ended longhouses, with two semi-circular kilns set into the ridge on the west.
- d) At the southern end of the ridge, a rectangular house base, 12m by 5m, with slightly rounded corners. Turf enclosure at southern end.

Sites 34-37 (between Alltanhait - NO 141834 and the valley of Allt a' Mhaide - which carries the path to Callater Lodge)

Site 34

On fan to east of roadside, five longhouses, around 8m by 5m, together with an enclosure and stone clearance heaps.

Site 35

Upstream Allt a' Mhaide below gorge, two sheals, one 6m by 4m rectangular with rounded corners, the other semi-circular 5m by 3m, both with single entrances.

Site 36

Near track ford, four sheals, two rectangular 4m by 5m, one circular, and another rectangular 6m by 4m, all on the right bank.

Site 37 (NO 155833)

A two-compartmented longhouse, 12m by 5m, situated on knoll. A small square enclosure on far bank of stream.

Site 38 Feith Seileach (NO 147809)

A complex of structures set into the fan with outliers on the hillside set into scree. A oval sheal, 4m by 3m, single entrance. A round-cornered longhouse, 10m by 5m, another 8m by 4m, and two at 6m by 4m. A further longhouse, 8m by 4m, with a semi-circular cell at end. Another, 10m by 4m, with possible internal partitions, and another, 8m by 4m, consisting of the merging of a square and circular foundation. To south, scooped into scree, two structures, 6m by 4m, and another in a similar site to north.

Site 39 Auchallater Lodge (NO 158885)

- a) Two small longhouses, and possibly others, within the present farmyard in the vicinity of the white cottage.
- b) Longhouse with curved ends, 5m by 4m, and single entrance. Longhouse, 12m by 5m, single entrance and curved ends. Remains of another longhouse with partitions. Walled enclosure with two mature trees.
- c) Longhouse, 12m by 5m, with curved ends. Another, 18m by 5m, partitioned with square corners. Longhouse, 12m by 5m, with associated smaller rectangular structure, 6m by 4m, oriented at right angles to axes of longhouses. Walled enclosure with 16m by 4m longhouse adjacent to east (outside enclosure) and another, 12m by 5m, on inside, to west. Stone clearance heaps, field dykes, clearance dykes, a system of tracks and stream deflected to avoid seepage into site. Longhouse, 12m by 5m, partitioned. Longhouse, 14m by 6m, with remains of internal structures along inside wall, possibly bed platforms. All the longhouses are aligned parallel with main road,

generally slightly inset into ridge. Two adjacent enclosures, both substantially built, one rectangular, the other trapezoidal in plan. A longhouse, 18m by 6m, with associated rectangular structure, 8m by 3m, set at right angles.

- d) In Callater gorge, on north bank beside sheep wash. A longhouse, 15m by 4m, with rounded corners, and partitioned. Longhouses, 9m by 4m and 10m by 4m, all aligned and with rounded corners.

Site 40 (NO 151879)

Longhouse, 32m by 6m, with three rooms. A substantial walled enclosure to rear. A longhouse, 14m by 5m, with a semi-circular enclosure opposite door, radius 9m. Enclosure wall to rear.

Site 41 (NO 150898)

Outside the head-dyke, a 6m by 4m sheal, and longhouse, 12m by 4m, with enclosure. Inside the head-dyke, a longhouse 6m by 4m, also rectangular stone foundations, 6m by 4m, and a further longhouse, 13m by 5m. There are signs of internal walling and stone clearance heaps within the enclosure. Stone clearance in festoons into gully beside line of old track.

Site 42 (NO 150875)

Enclosure with kiln adjoining rectangular structure. Longhouse, 14m by 5m, and longhouse, 20m by 6m, partitioned with a frontal stone platform. A massive curvilinear wall, stone clearance heaps and other indeterminate wall foundations.

Site 43 (NO 155906)

On margins of Golf Course, residual parts of longhouses, stone clearance heaps and turf walls.

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Site 44 - near Easter Auchallater (NO 158892)

Two longhouses sitting on knolls, 22m by 5m and 16m by 5m, with associated field-boundary walls. Possible remains of corn-kiln at end of northernmost longhouse. Two additional longhouses north of present farm steading at back edge of terrace, with another ruinous structure on terrace due west of farmhouse.

Site 45 Old Military Bridge (NO 149799)

Beyond bridge set against bluff and largely spoiled, a lime-kiln 3.5m in diameter, nearby sheep bank. A cleared area formerly cultivated with the sheep fold sitting on longhouse ruins.

Site 46 Allt Garbh Choire (NO 153801)

On right bank of stream, a structure, 9m by 5m, with circular stone base set within rectangle at east end, and single entrance to north. Other foundations mainly on meadow flushes include: 4m by 2m sub-circular sheal set against rock outcrop, another sheal 4m by 2m, rounded corners and single entrance. Two longhouses, each 10m by 4m, single entrance, each sited on knoll summits. Sheal 4m by 2m rounded, set into slope and against a rock outcrop. Longhouse, 10m by 4m, with rounded corners set on knoll. On left bank, a square and a rectangular pair of sheals.

Site 47 Allt Garbh Choire (NO 153804)

Sheal 4m in diameter and circular, set into knoll. A longhouse, 10m by 4m, with entrance to south, and small platform and enclosure nearby. A very ruinous longhouse, 8m by 4m. Enclosure, 20m by 15m, utilizing three sides of a natural bowl in the valley topography. Longhouse, 10m by 4m, on knoll, with possible fireplace. Rectangular structure, 6m by 4m, and single entrance. Upslope of main complex a longhouse, 8m by 4m. On spur between tributaries, longhouse 14m by 5m, internally partitioned into three, two longhouses 8m by 4m, a longhouse, 14m by 4m, with cell (corn kiln) at end. Structures, 4m by 2m, 4m by 6m, adjacent stream and probably sheals. A sheal 4m semi-circular, built against boulder. A longhouse, 8m by 4m, surviving to five courses. Two of the sheals have

residual wall ambries.

Site 48 Allt Coire Fionn (NO 149794)

A 6m by 4m longhouse and 4m-square sheal set within complex of massive enclosures. Structure, 6m by 4m, with single entrance and rounded corners. Structure, 9m by 5m, with semi-circular annexe at end and some internal evidence for wall alcoves. Structure, 9m by 5m, set into bank with single entrance, and semi-circular base at end. An enclosure some 22m square with rounded corners. A partitioned rectangular structure, 8m by 4m, within. Beyond, a longhouse, 10m by 5m, and a circular structure, 3m in diameter. There are additional small sheals at NO 132785, 141779 and 151790.

Site 49 Glen Clunie - Strone Baddoch (NO 134823) (illus 2)

Near head-dyke on spur summit and on drift-covered ledges and knolls. A longhouse, 10m by 5m, with rounded corners. An enclosure clearly secondary in construction to the head-dyke measuring 25m by 40m. A two-partitioned longhouse, 9m by 5m. A group including longhouse, 9m by 5m, two oval sheals, 4m by 3m, with a ruinous outbuilding attached. A longhouse, 12m by 5m, with partitions, an oval sheal, 4m by 3m. A longhouse, 10m by 5m, partly modified into shooting butt. Oval sheal, 6m by 3m, and another, 4m by 3m set partly within rock outcrop. Tacked on to west of head-dyke, a longhouse, 8m by 3m and an oval sheal, 3m by 2m.

Site 50 (NO 1355824) (illus 2)

Surrounding a rock knoll in Baddoch spur skyline, a longhouse 7m by 4m, longhouse 6m by 3m, longhouse 8m by 3m, all sitting on a natural shelf with signs of ill-defined field walls and stone clearance activity. Three sheals set into knoll flanks, each oval in plan and measuring 4m by 3m, generally using rock outcrop for rear wall. On a second rock knoll, a turf longhouse 12m by 3m, an oval sheal 4m by 3m, and another longhouse 6m by 3m.

Site 51 Allt na Dubh Coire (NO 141810)

On stream fan, oval sheal 6m by 3m, and another, also 6m by 3m, set into bank on burn side. Rectangular structure, 8m by 3m, and sheal, 4m by 3m, with oval plan. Longhouse, 9m by 3m, with two partitions. Longhouse, 14m by 4m, with two partitions.

Site 52 (NO 141815)

Scattered group set partly on lower hillside and partly on terrace. Oval sheals, 5m by 3m, 5m by 3m, 5m by 3m and 10m by 3m, the latter two with end entrances. A sheal 4m square with rounded corners, all on hillside. Three further sheals on terrace: 8m by 3m, 7m by 3m and 7m by 3m, none with any evidence for enclosure or cultivation.

Site 53 - near Bealach Buidhe, Glen Callater (NO 175843)

- a) Above footbridge, 7m-diameter circular beehive with small rectangular foundation adjacent, both built of very large boulders. A longhouse, 8m by 5m, with rounded corners. A rectangular structure, 12m by 3m, with circular cell at north-west end. Rectangular structure, 8m by 4m.
- b) Across footbridge, a rectangular longhouse, 8m by 4m, on green knoll. A series of square 'cleats', 4m by 3m, set amongst other poorly defined structures and enclosures.
- c) Massively built boulder enclosure with rectangular annexes and other ill-defined structures within enclosure, almost certainly older. A rectangular longhouse, 8m by 4m, together with a number of both circular and square foundations, near old Iron Target.

GLEN BADDOCH (illus 4)

Site 54 Baddoch (NO 132829)

Relatively modern farmhouse now deserted, with, beyond and sited on knolls: longhouse, 13m by 5m, with rounded corners, longhouse, 8m by 6m, and stone clearance heaps. On track side, longhouse, 12m by 6m, at NO 133829.

Site 55 (NO 130826)

A complex of structures set on knolls comprising: longhouse, 17m by 5m, partitioned; longhouse, 15m by 5m, partitioned. An enclosure and corn kiln. Further longhouses at 12m by 5m, 15m by 5m, 12m x 5m and 20m by 5m. A semi-circular structure set into mound at the side of the track is probably a kiln. There are many stone clearance heaps both on the knolls where the settlement is sited and also on the low terrace 'greens' near the river. The township boundary is marked by a dyke crossing the valley just beyond the bridge across the Baddoch.

Site 56 (NO 128819)

A three-sided stone enclosure, 18m by 14m. Longhouse, 14m by 6m, tied on to the enclosure. Longhouse, 28m by 6m, partitioned with a frontal stone platform, together with three-sided rectangular structure set into the platform. A longhouse, 8m by 4m, with single central entrance. Another, 8m by 3m, set at right angles. An enclosure, 14m by 8m, set inside and against the boundary wall with no apparent entrance. Longhouse, 16m by 8m, partitioned. Longhouse, 10m by 6m, with single entrance. Longhouse, 12m by 4m, and stone foundation, 9m by 5m, with circular kiln at north-west end. Beyond the head-dyke to north-west, a sheal, 8m by 3m, together with a very substantial enclosure with possible internal structures on hillside above. A cluster of sheals at the base of the hillslope beside the track at NO 126817.

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Site 57 (NO 133821)

South and slightly west of head-dyke, a longhouse, 8m by 3m, and sheal, 3m by 2m, with a very small stone and turf enclosure. A further oval sheal, 4m by 3m.

Site 58 (NO 127814)

Longhouse, 7m by 3m, with oval structure adjacent. Additional longhouse with two partitions on knoll. Other structures in this rather scattered

group include sheal, 4m by 3m, longhouse, 8m by 3m, sheal, 4m by 3m, five longhouses, 7m by 3m, longhouse, 9m by 3m and three sheals, 4m by 3m.

Site 59 (NO 124810)

On series of knolls below rock outcrop on west side of glen. Five sheals, 4m by 3m, two longhouses, 9m by 3m, one with a small indeterminate structure at one end. Longhouse, 15m by 4m, with three partitions. Longhouse, 10m by 3m, and another, 5m by 3m. A sub-circular sheal (or small enclosure), 5m by 4m.

Site 60 (NO 123809)

On knolls, four sheals, 4m by 3m. A two-partitioned longhouse, 12m by 3m, and enclosure, 10m by 10m. Two longhouses, 7m by 3m, with adjacent small enclosures. A longhouse, 15m by 3m, with three partitions.

Site 61 (NO 119802-120801)

Two sheals, 4m by 3m, a longhouse, 7m by 3m, and another, 5m by 3m, the latter tacked on to small enclosure. Longhouses, 7m by 3m, 10m by 3m and 8m by 3m, the last with an oval sheal attached. Longhouse, 7m by 3m, with small enclosure, longhouse, 7m by 4m, and a sheal, 5m by 3m.

Site 62 (NO 118801)

Longhouse, 8m by 3m, sheal, 4m by 3m, oval turf sheal, 8m by 5m, turf sheal, 5m by 3m, and three further sheals of similar dimensions set into knoll. Two double oval sheals connected, each 4m by 2.5m, and another, 8m by 3m with single entrance. Turf longhouse, 8m by 3m, and turf enclosure, 10m square. Oval sheals at 6m by 3m, 4m by 3m and 7m by 3m. A longhouse, 7m by 3m, 8m by 4m, and two further sheals 4m by 3m.

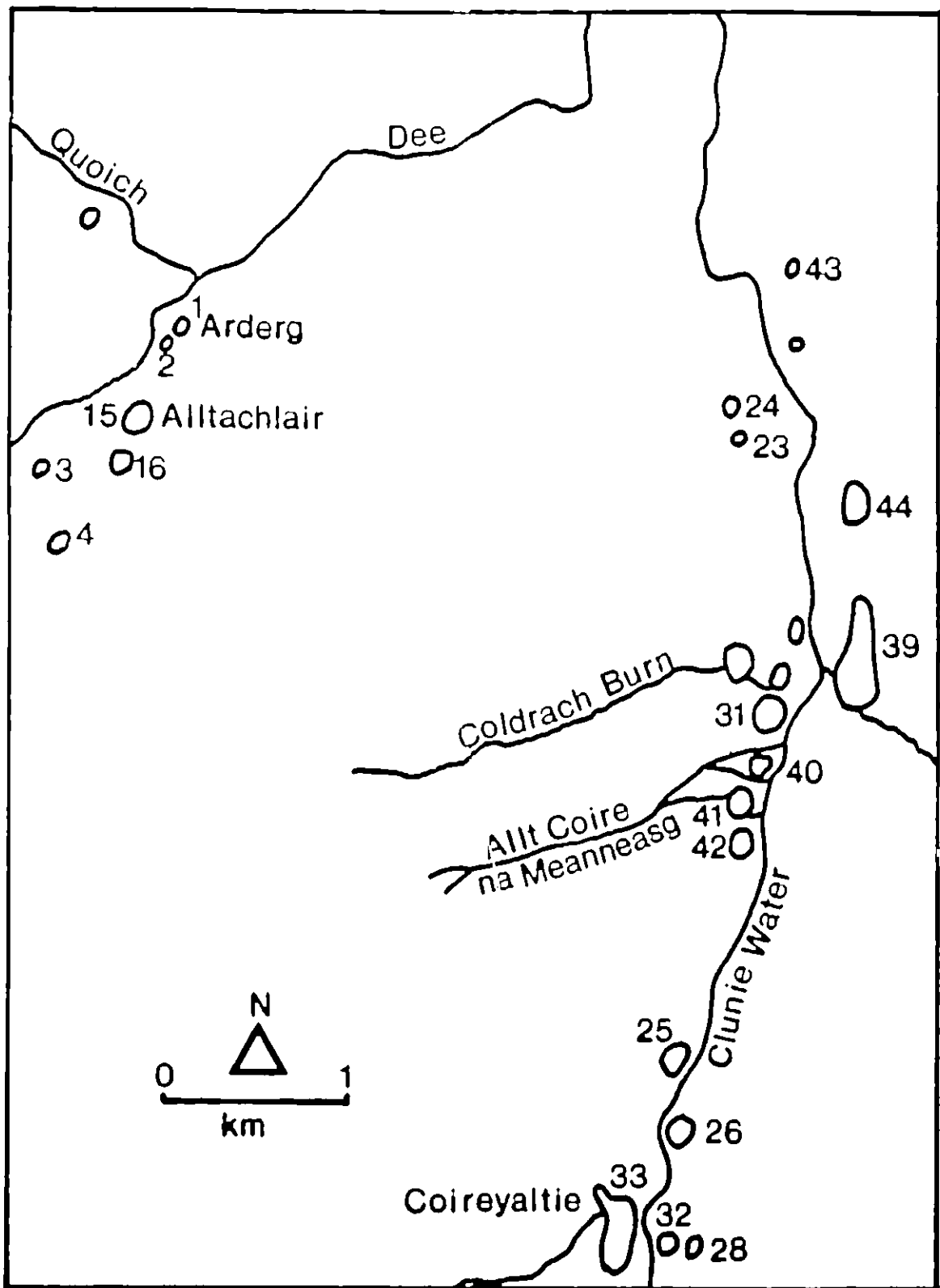
Site 63 (NO 119807)

On knoll summits set upslope from track. Longhouses, 7m by 3m and 8m by 3m, enclosure 8m by 10m, longhouse 8m by 3m with two partitions. A longhouse, 7m by 3m, with a 3m by 2m structure tacked on to end. A sheal

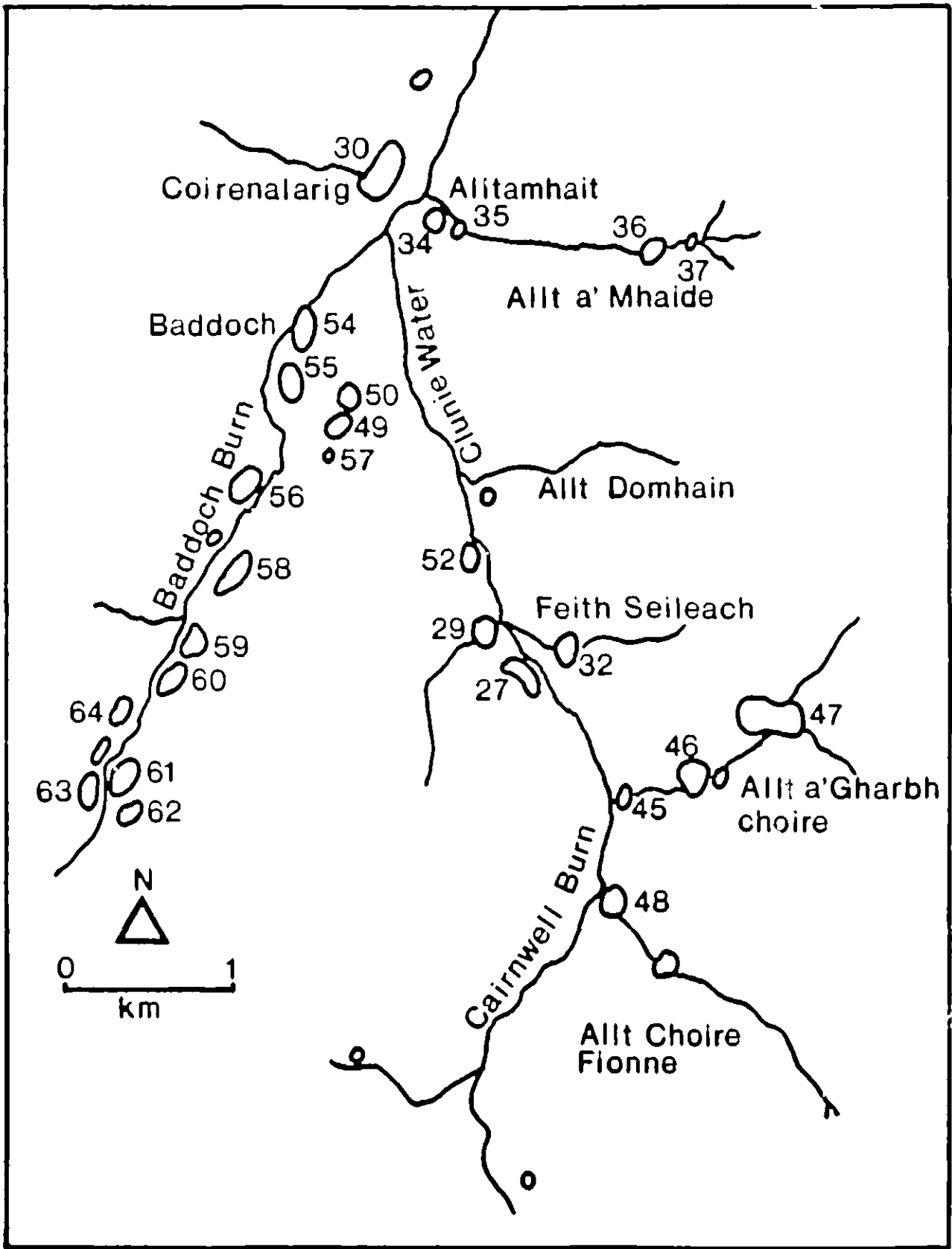
4m by 3m. A longhouse, 7m by 3m with double sheals attached at one end. A rectangular structure, 6m by 3m, with attached 4m by 3m oval sheal and enclosure. Longhouses, 7m by 3m and 11m by 4m, both partitioned. A longhouse, 8m by 3m.

Site 64 (NO 127817)

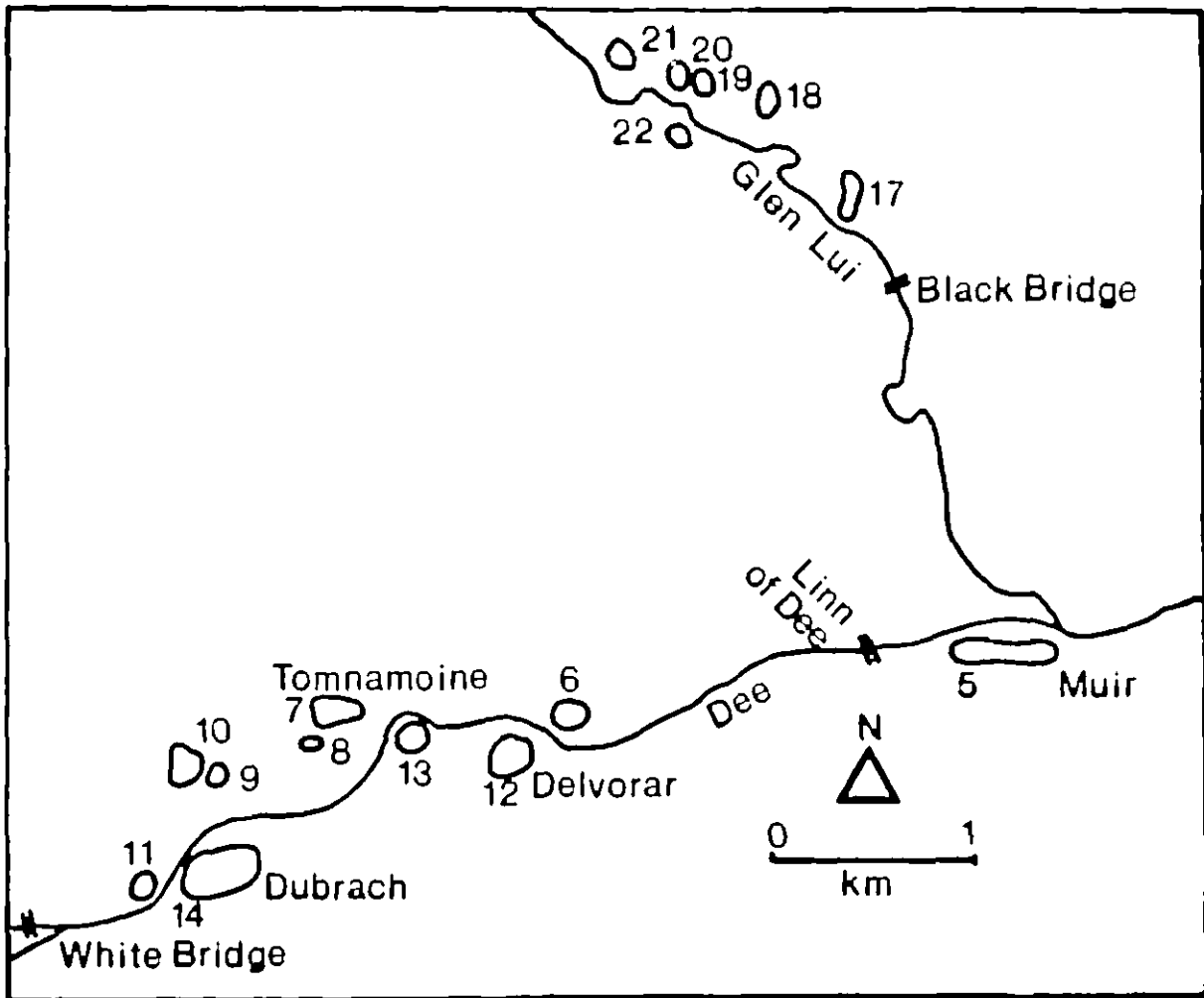
Longhouses, 9m by 4m and 5m by 3m, together with two sheals, 4m by 3m.



ILLUS 6 Deserted settlements of lower Glen Clunie and Glen Dee



ILLU. 7 Deserted settlements of upper Glen Clunie, the Baddoch and Cairnwell Burnes



ILLUS 8 Deserted settlements on the Dee (west of Linn of Dee) and the Lui