
2 Introduction *by Gavin MacGregor*

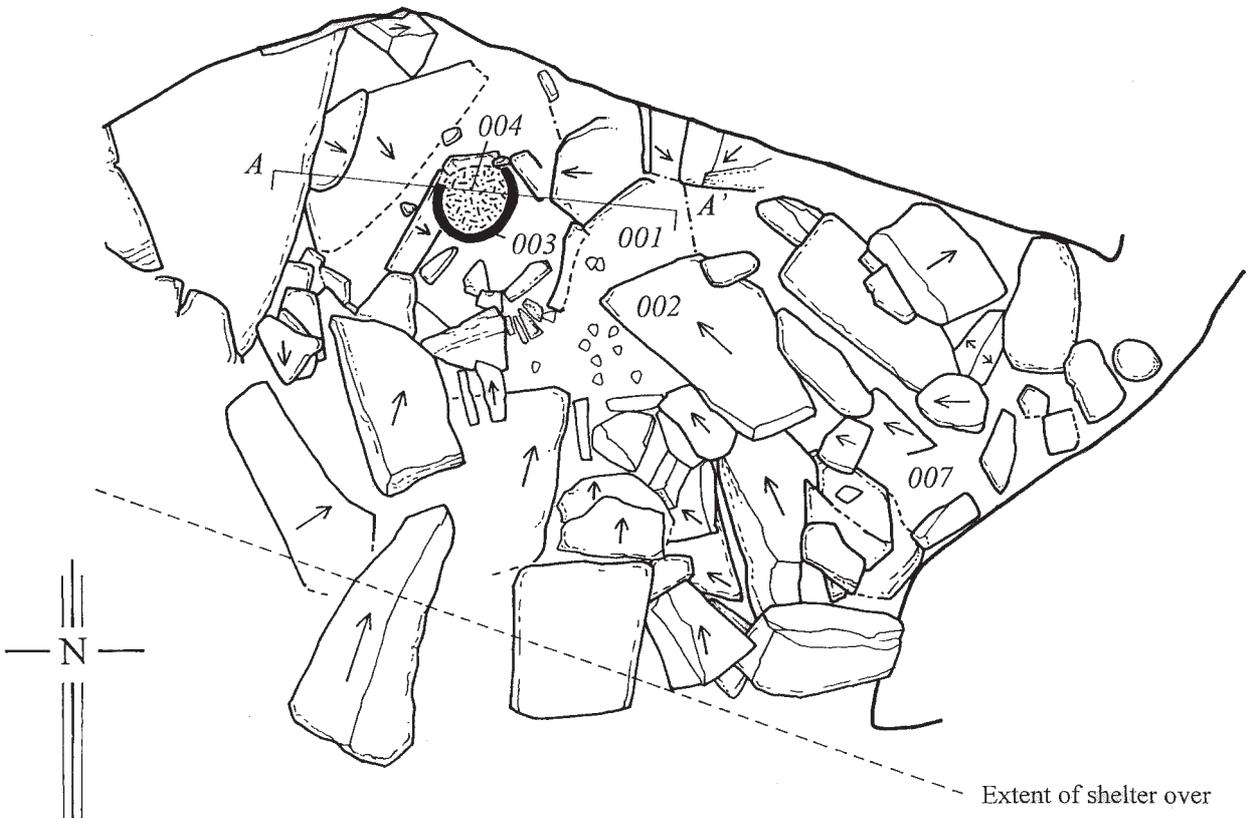
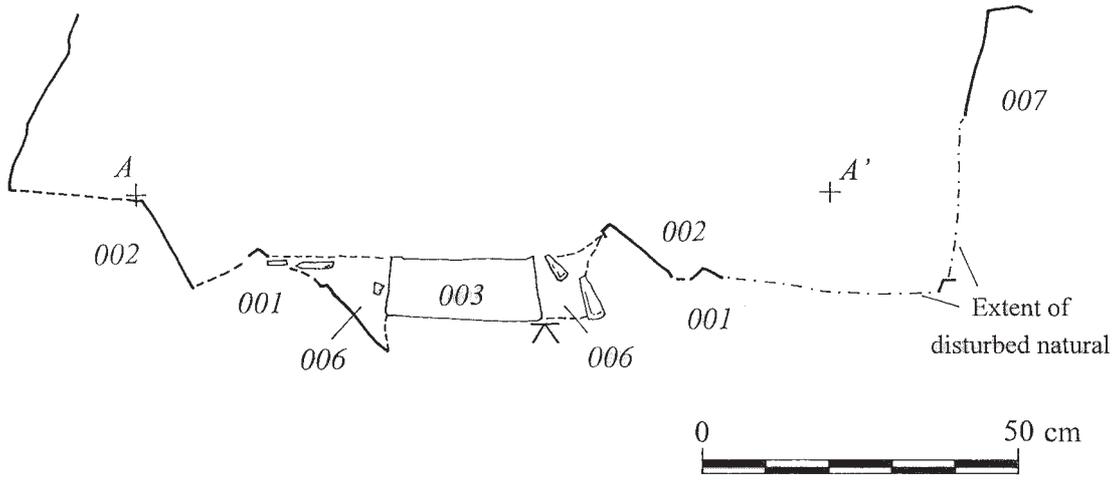
The burial was discovered during exploration of a boulder shelter at Glennan. A local bird-watcher had begun to clear the area of the boulder shelter for use as a hide, when burnt bone was recognised amongst spoil from the interior. The discovery was reported to Kilmartin House Museum who contacted West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WOSAS) about the find. WOSAS inspected the site and identified the remains of an urn within the boulder shelter and in turn informed Historic Scotland. This initial exploration had probably resulted in truncation of the urn but to what degree was unclear. An archaeological excavation was eventually undertaken at the site of the find spot, over two days during July and August 2000, as part of the Historic Scotland Human Remains Call Off Contract.

The site is located at Glennan, near Ford, Argyll and Bute (NGR NM 8622 0097: [Illus 1](#)). Glennan lies within a small glen running south west to north east between the north end of Kilmartin Glen and Loch Awe. The site of the boulder shelter is at the foot (140 m OD) of a 20 m outcrop ([Illus 2](#)), located at the northern end of a natural amphitheatre below the peak of Beinn Bhàn.

The specialist reports below are edited versions of the full texts, which form part of the site archive. The site archive has been sent to the National Monuments Record of Scotland, RCAHMS, Edinburgh. The finds have been allocated to Kilmartin House Museum of Ancient Culture by Historic Scotland's Finds Disposal Panel.



Illus 2 Glennan boulder-shelter: view of its location



Key _____

-  Cremated bone
-  Urn



Illus 3 Glennan boulder-shelter: plan of interior