

# CLACH BHAN

<b>Canmore ID</b>	12588	<b>SCRAP ID</b>	2610
<b>Location OS Grid Ref:</b>	NH 50317 39901	<b>Team</b>	Not in team
<b>Existing Classifications</b>	<b>Classification</b>		<b>Period</b>
	CUP MARKED STONE		PREHISTORIC

<b>Date Fieldwork Started</b>	12/12/2019	<b>Date Fieldwork Completed</b>	
<b>New Panel?</b>	No		

## Section A. CORE INFORMATION

### A1. Identifiers

<b>Panel Name</b>	CLACH BHAN	<b>Number</b>	
<b>Other names</b>			
<b>HER/SMR</b>	<b>SM Number</b>		<b>Other</b>

### Classifications And Periods

<b>Classification 1</b>	Cup Marked Rock	<b>Period 1</b>	Neol/bronze Age
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### County

INVERNESS-SHIRE

### A2. Grid Reference *(original find site)*

<b>OS NGR</b>	NH	50310	39910
<b>New OS NGR</b>	NH	50317	39901
<b>Lat/Long</b>	57.42472	-4.49437	
<b>Obtained By:</b>	GPS		

### A3. Current Location & Provenance

<b>Located</b>	• At original location
<b>Accession no.</b>	Not given

## Section B. CONTEXT

### B1. Landscape Context

<b>Weather</b>	Cloudy
<b>Position in landscape</b>	Hillside
<b>Topography</b> ( <i>terrain within about 500m of panel.</i> )	Sloping
<b>Aspect of slope</b> ( <i>if on sloping terrain e.g. S, SE etc.</i> )	NW

### B2. Current land use & vegetation

- Improved Pasture

### B3. Forestry

- No selection

### B4. Archaeological Features within 200m / or visible from the panel

- No selection

### B5. Location Notes

The panel is situated at the NW corner of an open grassy field of improved pasture behind the croft house Clach Bhan, and about 250m NW of the house. Immediately W and close by the panel are two large mature conifers. A plantation of similar conifers continues over the fence to the NW.

#### Previous Notes

NH53NW 11 5031 3991. (NH 5031 3991) Clach Bhan (TI) OS 6"map, Inverness-shire, 2nd ed., (1906) Cup-marked stone. Name Book 1872 'Clachbhane' is a slab of grey gneiss split in two, one half bearing 13 cups, the other none. W Jolly 1882 Only 9 cup marks are now visible on the upper face of "Clach Bhan". Visited by OS (N K B) 16 December 1964

## Section C. PANEL

### C1. Panel Type

In the landscape	Outcrop	
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### C2. Panel Dimensions, Slope & Orientation

Dimensions of panel (m to one decimal place)

<b>Length (longer axis)</b>	5.2	<b>Width</b>	3.4
<b>Height (max)</b>	1.1	<b>Height (min)</b>	0

Approximate slope of carved surface

20	degrees		degrees
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Orientation (Aspect e.g. NW)

<b>Rock Surface</b>	N	<b>Carved Surface</b>	N	<b>Carved Surface</b>	
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### C3. Rock Surface

<b>Surface Compactness</b>	Hard	<b>Grain Size</b>	Medium	<b>Visible Anomalies</b>	Quartz Veins	<b>Rock Type</b>	Gneiss
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### C4. Surface Features

- Fissures/cracks
- Natural Hollows
- Weathering Channels
- Rough surface
- Smooth Surface

### C5. Panel Notes

The panel is a large flat slab of schist measuring 5.2 x 3.4m and 1.1m high, and sloping gently to the N. It is broken into two approximately equal sized pieces along a wide N-S crack. The surface has been weathered so that the

folds in the gneiss show up as sinuous ridges, and some of the cupmarks are carved in the folds. The W section has 12 cup marks. The E section has no cup marks and the moss was not cleared from that area.

## **C6. Probability**

The probability that there is any rock art on the panel is **Definite**

### **Comments**

No comments added

## **C7. MOTIFS**

**Visible Tool Marks?** No

**Visible Peck Marks?** No

## **Section D. ACCESS, AWARENESS & RISK**

### **D1. Access**

- Panel is on Private land.

### **D2. Awareness**

- Panel was known before the project.
- This panel is known to others in the local community.

There are stories or folk traditions associated with this panel **No**

### **D3. Risk**

#### **Natural**

- Large areas of the rock are covered in lichen, moss or algae.
- There are trees nearby whose roots might disturb the rock.
- Water will pool deeply on parts of the surface.

#### **Animal**

- There are sheep near the rock.

#### **Human**

- No selection

#### **Comments and other potential threats**

Two large conifers are within 0.5m of the rock and would damage it if they fell.