



SUTHERLAND LONGHOUSE PROJECT: Site Survey 29th February - *latest news*

Last week it seemed as if the weather was conspiring against us: it was very cold, it was very wet, and it snowed! Perhaps for this reason; perhaps for others, after a number of cancellations we had only 2 participants to join in the site survey on Saturday. Up at the site by 10.30 am, yet again because of damp conditions and too few participants, the plane tabling activity was shelved (- standing about making plans on soggy paper somehow did not appeal!). Leader, Anne Coombs, along with her NOSAS colleagues decided to opt for a walkover of the site beginning with, for the benefit of those who had not yet seen them, the archaeological remains of the pre-clearance settlement already recorded and then moving further afield to see if there were any more features we had not yet come across. And we were well rewarded for our persistence: the sun came out, warming our bodies and our spirits and we (well Anne and colleagues!) discovered a fourth corn-drying kiln and the footings of 4 possible further buildings (maybe the 4 missing longhouses that had eluded us until now). We ended our visit by walking up to the impressive hill fort across the road from which there was a super view of Dalnamain. It was after 4 pm when we left, thoroughly delighted with the results of a day that had begun with some despondency - perhaps someone was looking after us after all! #HeritageLotteryFund #HistorylinksMuseum #SutherlandLonghouseProject #Dalnamain

