

Grutwick Memorial Cairn

This drystone Memorial Cairn was erected in June 1998 by members of the Bressay History Group following the tragic loss on 19th November 1997 of William Deacon - winchman of the Shetland Coastguard Rescue Helicopter. Mr Deacon lost his life seconds after he had saved the life of the last of ten crew members of the Reefer "Green Lilly" which had grounded on the wild east coast of Bressay at Grutwick in a south-easterly hurricane with mountainous seas which were running up onto the land.

It was all the more tragic because with perhaps another minute of time Mr Deacon would have been himself winched to safety from the sea swept deck of the doomed vessel.

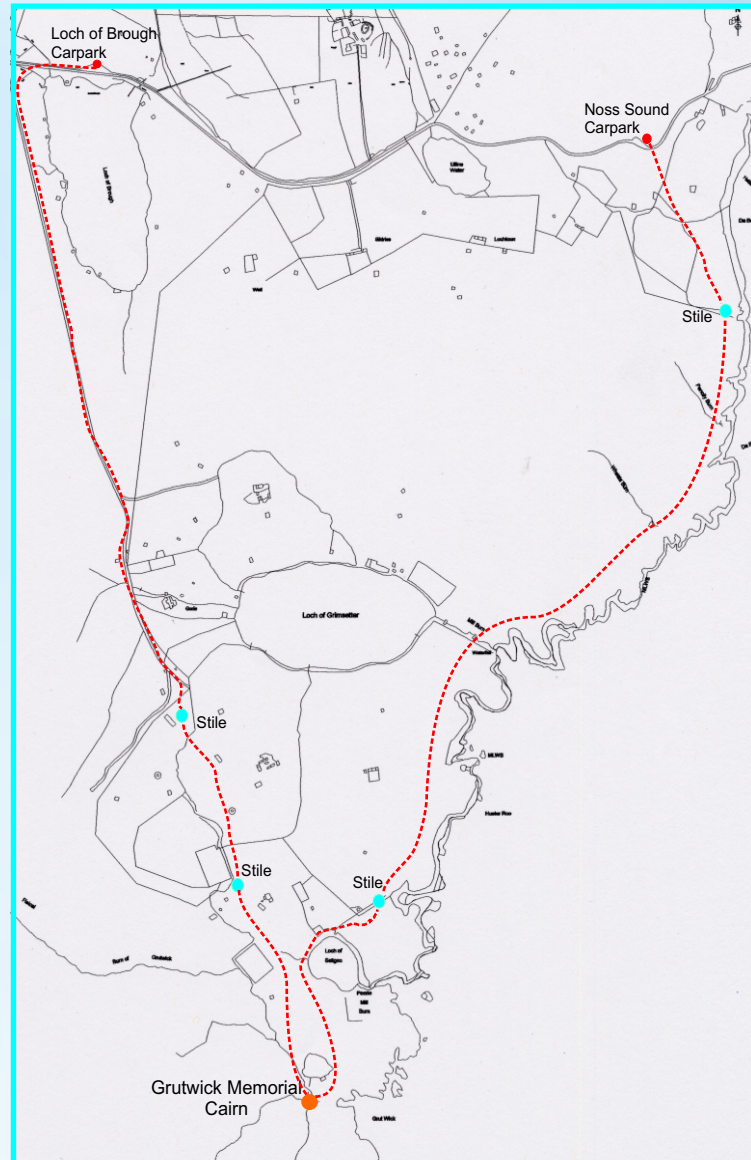
Visitors to Bressay are encouraged to visit the site - which can be reached on foot by either of two rough terrain routes. The walk will take approximately two hours, and you should park your vehicle at either the small car park at the loch of Brough Dam, or in the Noss Sound car park.

The Bressay History Group would respectfully ask that the following sensible conditions be adhered to at all times.

- As this is a stock grazing and bird nesting area dogs are not allowed on this walk
- Please do not leave litter behind. The east coast of Bressay is a wild and beautiful place. We wish it to remain so.
- Please use the newly erected wooden stiles which are marked on this map of the walk. Do not climb over fences and dykes.

*Thank you for your anticipated cooperation
Enjoy Your Day*

Map Illustrating Walk to Grutwick Memorial Cairn



Scenic Views from the Grutwick Memorial Cairn



Trail to the Grutwick Memorial Cairn Bressay



Erected by the people of Bressay
to mark the emergence route
of the crew of MSY Conna Liff
and the end line of Marine Engineer
watchman of the helicopter
18.11.97