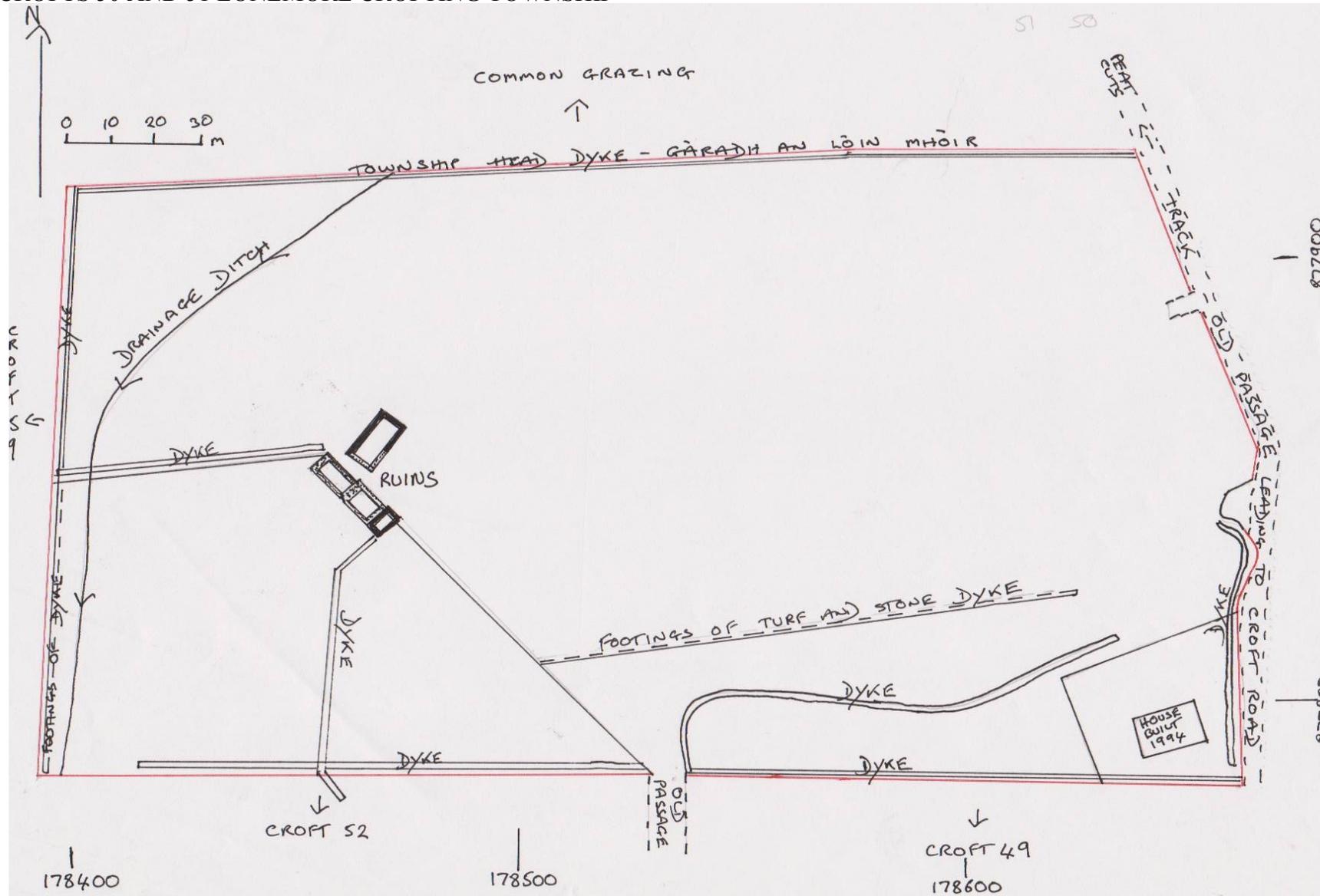


CROFTS 50 AND 51 LONEMORE CROFTING TOWNSHIP



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Crofts 50 and 51 are joined together without a boundary and have an acreage of 11 acres. The ground on croft 50 slopes gently to the SW and is fairly dry with grass and rushes. Croft 51 is boggy and is covered with rushes. A large drainage channel dissects this croft but is now uncleared resulting in poor drainage. (see picture)



DRAINAGE DITCH ON CROFT 51.

On croft 51 there are the remains of a group of ruins (78470 77850) which consist of a croft house, a small shed/byre, and 2 enclosures. These are detailed separately. Both buildings are shown as roofed on the first and second OS maps.

There is a modern house built in 1994 on croft 50.

On both crofts there are several stone dykes and footings of turf and stone dykes as shown on the plan. It is noted that the dykes running W and S of the ruins are marked on the first OS. (see picture) The township head dyke runs along the N edge of the crofts. (see picture)

Along the E boundary of the crofts is an old passage, now a track which continues up on to the common grazing to extensive peatcuts where the whole village cut peats (see picture)

CROFTS 50 AND 51 LONEMORE TOWNSHIP



Dykes marked on first and second OS

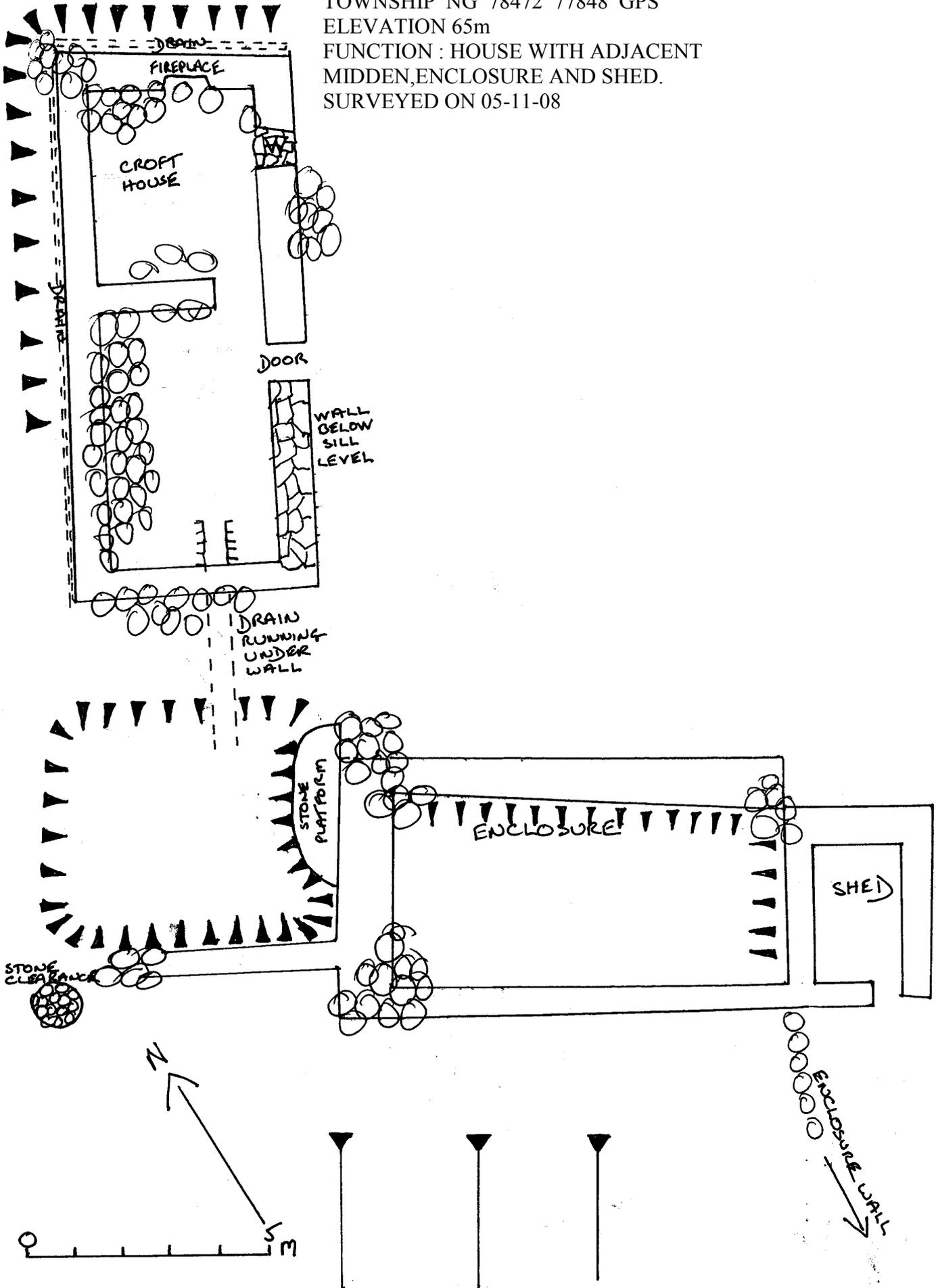


Head dyke running along N boundary of crofts



Extensive peat cuts to the N of the township

RUINS ON CROFT 51 LONEMORE CROFTING
TOWNSHIP NG 78472 77848 GPS
ELEVATION 65m
FUNCTION : HOUSE WITH ADJACENT
MIDDEN, ENCLOSURE AND SHED.
SURVEYED ON 05-11-08



RUINS ON CROFT 51 LONEMORE CROFTING TOWNSHIP NG 78472 77848 GPS

This group of ruins lie on a S facing gentle slope on an area of boggy ground that is now overgrown with rushes and used for the occasional grazing of sheep.

There are four distinct components in the group: croft house, enclosure, shed, and midden formed on top of what might have been an earlier building.

On both the 1st and 2nd ed OS the enclosure is shown and both the house and shed are roofed.

The croft house is unroofed and in a ruinous state with a lot of the walls in a tumbled down condition. It can be seen that the walls were well made with selected and dressed stone with some snecking and infill in the centre of the wall construction. The walls now range in height from 0.10 to 1.46m with a width of 0.60m.

There is one definite doorway and one window in the E wall. Part of this wall is too broken down to see any evidence of a further window.

One internal wall divides the interior and there are the visible remains of a fireplace in the N wall. There are three lintel stones amongst the tumble in this area.

In the S section of the interior there is a drain that extends under the external wall running into the adjacent midden. (see scale drawing)

Outside the N and W walls there is a manmade steep slope running down to a ditch which would have helped to keep the house dry.



LOOKING S OVER THE CROFT HOUSE TOWARDS THE ENCLOSURE AND SHED

RUINS ON CROFT 51 LONEMORE CROFTING TOWNSHIP NG 78472 77848 GPS



VIEW OF HOUSE RUIN FROM THE SW



DETAIL OF DRAIN RUNNING THROUGH TO MIDDEN



DETAIL OF STONEMWORK IN S WALL OF CROFT HOUSE

Adjacent to the croft house are three compartments joined to each other.

The drain from the house runs into a hollow with steep sides to a depth of 0.60m. On the E edge of this hollow is a stone platform 0.50m above the bottom of the hollow. This hollow was probably used as a midden and may have been on the site of an earlier building. It is surrounded on two sides by a rough boulder wall of varying thickness up to 0.5m and a height of 1m. To the SW is a pile of stone clearance.

Joining on to this hollow is a stone enclosure with rough boulder walls of varying thickness up to 0.90m and 1.25m in height.

Joined to this enclosure at the E edge is a well constructed structure that was probably a storage shed. Its walls are made with dressed stone and range in height from 1.10 to 1.50m. There are two intact gable walls on the N and S walls and the walls are up to 0.70m thick. There is a visible entrance but no windows.

RUINS ON CROFT 51 LONEMORE CROFTING TOWNSHIP NG 78472 77848 GPS



LOOKING FROM MIDDEN OVER ENCLOSURE TO SHED



SHED WALL SHOWING DRESSED STONE WITH ADJOINING ENCLOSURE WALL MADE OF BOULDERS