Aberdeen Boundary March Stones

GPS Geolocation Survey

2021

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Aberdeen is surrounded by a ring of historic Boundary Stones, the 'March Stones', which define the boundary of the Freedom Lands. Aberdeen City Council publish a guide to these, here:

https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-04/Boundary%20Stones%20Trail.pdf

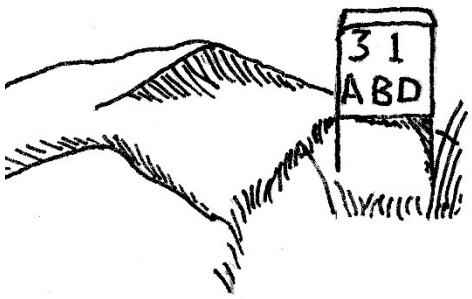
The map provided in this guide is not detailed enough to find many of the stones, and the descriptions can be somewhat vague and terse.

What is presented here is a companion guide, with exact GPS locations for each stone. These are from an actual physical survey, conducted in 2021.

A GPX file containing the waypoints is included.

Additionally, the locations are provided as OS Grid References, for those who prefer to work with paper maps.

Also, I have provided a description of how I gained access to each stone. Please do not assume this asserts any right of way, or right of access.



Technical notes:

The waypoints were recorded using a Garmin hand-held GPS receiver. This will typically have an accuracy of between 3 and 5 metres with a clear sky view; somewhat less in city streets and in dense undergrowth. The recorded waypoints were overlaid on Google satellite images, and in some cases adjusted to better match the satellite view.

This assumes the Google sat imagery is accurately geolocated, and in my experience it is. The sat imagery of stones which were surveyed in open country agreed very closely with the GPS, which needed no adjustment.

In general, the criteria used to adjust were: If the stone is directly visible on the sat view; if the location of the stone as observed is visible even if the stone itself is not; or to nudge a point to the correct side of a feature like a stream or field boundary. Any adjustments made were typically in the range of 2-3 metres.

The GPS lat/long values given here are rounded to 5 decimal places. This is enough for approximately 1 metre resolution.

The GPX file contains the adjusted waypoints directly as exported, and have not been rounded: they are given to 15 decimal places, which is a sub-atomic resolution!

The OS Grid References are generated using the OS supplied Co-ordinate Reference System conversion tool, Grid InQuest II. They are quoted as 10-figure references.

March Stone Alpha: A ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.13850 -2.09484

OSGB: NJ 94359 05295

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/223gonXKyLc1fRgW7

Access:

By the bank of the Dee, just off Riverside Drive, directly in line with Old Ford Road.

Walk down Old Ford Road, cross Riverside Drive in a straight line, and head through the undergrowth down to the riverbank. Find the parapet of the outlet of Ferryhill Burn. The stone is on the left side of the parapet.



March Stone 1: 1 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.14093 -2.10881

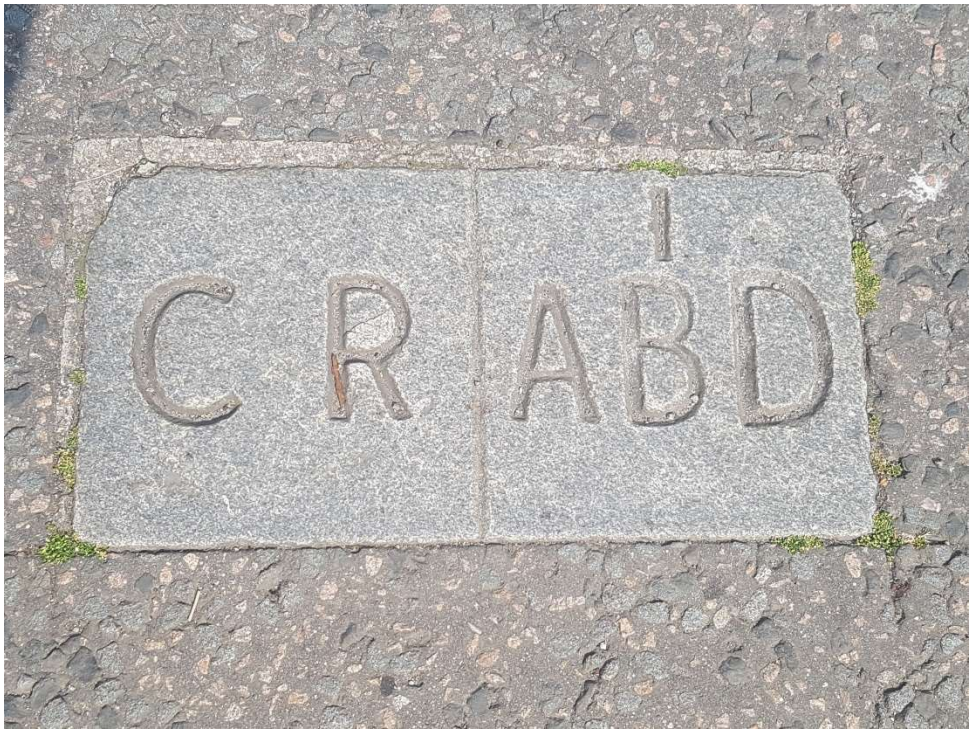
OSGB: NJ 93514 05566

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/kq9EnYuyzm8vv6Xa9

Access:

Set into the road, at the junction of Union Glen and the Hardgate, close to 79 Hardgate. It is on the Union Glen side of the junction.



March Stone 2: 2 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13739 -2.11370

OSGB: NJ 93217 05172

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/PGNZLVjE7hw22oWN6

Access:

This stone is located on Fonthill Road, about 10 meters from the Holburn Street roundabout.

Starting from the front door of the Ferryhill Library on Fonthill Road, head towards the Holburn Street roundabout. Cross the entrance road to the library car park. The footpath turns sharp left about 10 metres from the roundabout, where the road begins to bend to the left towards the roundabout. The stone is set into the ground here, amongst granite setts on the verge of the road immediately after where the pavement turns sharp left, and where there is a pedestrian crossing over Fonthill Road.



March Stone 3: 3 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13874 -2.11785

OSGB: NJ 92967 05323

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/R1a4zYm5ewhQry3G6

Access:

This stone is located on Great Western Road, at the junction with Nellfield Place. It is on Nellfield Place, against the cemetery wall.

Stone 4 is around 50 metres further West on Great Western Road.



March Stone 4: 4 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13848, -2.11823

OSGB: NJ 92944 05295

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/jMKQBXPQ1HSUZzLSA

Access:

This stone is located on Great Western Road, just West of the junction with Nellfield Place. It is at the entrance to the stairs which lead up to Number 113 Great Western Road, above what was formerly the Short Mile Public House.

Stone 3 is around 50 metres to the East along Great Western Road, at Nellfield Place.



March Stone 5: 5 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13530 -2.12521

OSGB: NJ 92520 04940

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/cpAzU83L1yGUr73WA

Access:

This stone is not accessible; it is located in a private garden.

It is located on the back garden wall of 319 Great Western Road.

The locations provided above are to the street at the front of the property.

March Stone 6: 6 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13203 -2.13343

OSGB: NJ 92022 04578

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/iBgrCzTXrFTaq6Qc9

Access:

This stone is not accessible; it is located in the private garden of No. 11 Hammerfield Avenue. However, the stone can be seen by going up the lane to the left of Number 11, and looking over the garden wall. The GPS location given above is accurate, having been adjusted using satellite view.



March Stone 7: 7 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13155 -2.13802

OSGB: NJ 91744 04578

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/UKsp2qS4A8K6Y6x46

Access:

At back of pavement outside Number 3 Craigton Road.



March Stone 8: 8 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13077 -2.14321

OSGB: NJ 91430 04439

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/qEjN2yTaDbNVkLtu6

Access:

Back of pavement outside 37 Craigton Road.



March Stone 9: 9 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12915 -2.15159

OSGB: NJ 90923 04260

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/k9FwUorsLMo4SAPB6

Access:

Back of pavement outside 126 Craigton Road.



March Stone 10: 10 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12635 -2.16195

OSGB: NJ 90294 03949

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/gGarSfSzxqgpFjyY7

Access:

Back of pavement at Craigton of Pitfodels, Craigton Road, opposite Slopefield Reservoir.



March Stone 11: 11 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12469 -2.16829

OSGB: NJ 89910 03766

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/AxfdHxccMDa8JyTf7

Access:

Back of pavement on Craigton Road, 50 metres west of Woodlands Avenue.



March Stone 12: 12 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12111 -2.18043

OSGB: NJ 89174 03369

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/x5EUoXqFR3pKCsQe7

Access:

At the junction between Friarsfield Road and Kirk Brae, there is a triangular grassy amenity area on the south east corner of the junction. There is a paved footpath cutting diagonally between Friarsfield Road and Kirk Brae. The stone is half way along this footpath, adjacent to a bridge over the stream.



March Stone 13: 13 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12060 -2.19149

OSGB: NJ 88504 03314

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/wjozPSVZiFM7rrpD6

Access:

This stone is difficult to find. It is broken and is laying on it's back in undergrowth in some woods, with no real path nearby. Following the Satellite View link above will give a good idea where it is.

From Hillview Crescent, head up Cairnlee Road East. After a few metres, the road turns left, towards the primary school, and becomes Earlswells Road. Rather than following the road to the left, take the unpaved footpath to the right. After about 50 metres, the path forks. Take the left-hand branch. About 50 metres beyond the fork, another path branches to the left. Ignore this, and continue straight ahead, heading approximately NE. The path bends very slightly to the right. Once you are about 140 metres from the initial fork, the path begins to bend to the left. Stop here, do not follow the path round the bend. At this point, the skate park is directly to your left, but not quite visible through the trees. Ahead of you and to your right, there is a grassy clearing. Leave the path here, heading directly forwards (in the same direction as the path before the bend), cutting diagonally across the clearing directly towards the woods. There is a vague path entering the woods here, which is not visible till you actually get to it. Follow this path into the woods for about 25 metres. The stone is lying on it's back in undergrowth a couple of metres to the left.



March Stone 14: 14 ABD

GPS Location: 57.11922 -2.19717

OSGB: NJ 88159 03161

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/NsprnSvBVq8krL898

Access:

From Earlswells Road, follow the primary school perimeter road in the clockwise direction, heading up along the east side of the school. After about 100 metres, the entrance to the school playing fields is on the left. There is a small tarmacked utility area at the entrance to the playing fields. The stone is at the rear of this tarmacked area.



March Stone 15: 15 ABD

GPS Location: 57.11877, -2.20750

OSGB: NJ 87534 03113

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/JSbrS4oq83cyHmjR7

Access:

Easy access, directly on-street. From the A93 North Deeside Road, head up Baillieswells Road to the junction with Springdale Road on the left. The stone is prominently visible in the grassy area on the left, just before Springdale Road.



March Stone 16: 16 ABD

GPS Location: 57.11852 -2.21474

OSGB: NJ 87095 03086

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/QbphXrt2QMmXJ6hz7

Access:

Do not attempt to access this stone via the woods from Baillieswells Road. There is no path heading in the direction you need, there are several fences to be crossed, and there is deep impenetrable boggy undergrowth.

From the A93 North Deeside Road, head up Dalmuinzie Road to the very end of the road. You will pass through a set of gateposts with no gates part way up. Continue through these to the very end of the road, where you reach the entrance to a property called The Policies. Do not enter the property. Follow the road around to the right of the property, where it becomes an unpaved turning area.

There is an area of rough boggy ground ahead of you, with a wooded area beyond it. Head across this rough ground at a slightly diagonal angle, slightly West of North, aiming for the woods at the far side. There is no clear path.

There is a dyke separating the rough boggy ground from the woods. Aim to strike the dyke about in line with the top end of the Policies boundary, there is a summer-house at the corner of the property for reference.

The stone is adjacent to the dyke.



March Stone 17: 17 ABD

GPS Location: 57.11893 -2.21911

OSGB: NJ 86831 03133

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/TQNdxexDNuj3wjnS9

Access:

From the A93 North Deeside road, head up Hillhead Road until you reach Hillhead Cottage on the left. (Not Hillhead Farm Cottage which is on the right; it's a little further, on the left.) On the right-hand side of the road opposite the cottage, there is a dyke heading in the NE direction, with a line of electricity poles following it.

The stone is on the line of this dyke, about 150 metres from the cottage, but is difficult to find because it is concealed amongst rubble at the base of the dyke.

Note: Do not enter this field if there are cattle in it, and on no account enter a field where there are cattle with calves. There have been fatalities caused by this elsewhere.

The entrance to the field is a short distance beyond the cottage. Walk along the line of the dyke, keeping the dyke at your right. You will pass a small gate in the dyke. Keep going, and the dyke will deviate slightly to the right, and begin to head downhill. At the bottom of the down slope, there is another larger double gate in the dyke. This is your target. By this point the dyke has become broken down and could better be described as a pile of rubble.

At the large gate, you are close to the stone, but it is not visible from here; it's on the other side of the dyke and requires a bit of scrambling to get to. As you stand facing the gate, you can see an electricity pole at the top of the bank, at about the 2-o'clock position. This is the line you need to follow. Pass through the gate, and scramble up the dyke, and down the far side. The stone is at the base of the dyke, concealed amongst the rubble of the dyke. It may take a bit of hunting to find it.



March Stone 18: 18 ABD

GPS Location: 57.11999 -2.226910

OSGB: NJ 86359 03253

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/VhTudM66uUzWJDSE6

Access:

From the A93 North Deeside road, head up Hillhead Road until you reach Hillhead Cottage on the left. (Not Hillhead Farm Cottage which is on the right; it's a little further, on the left.) Continue beyond the cottage until the road bends to the left. Just around the bend is the entrance to a field on the left. This is the third field beyond the cottage. (If you reach the entrance road to Hilton Farm on the right, you have gone too far.)

Note: Do not enter this field if there are cattle in it, and on no account enter a field where there are cattle with calves. There have been fatalities caused by this elsewhere.

The stone is on the far side of the field directly across from the gate, where the field meets the woods.



March Stone 19: 19 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12041 -2.23446

OSGB: NJ 85902 03300

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/V9FVLz9Y2E1Mn2PDA

Access:

Stones 19 and 20 are close together, and you will pass stone 20 en-route to stone 19.

From Contlaw Road, enter Westfield Estate close to the AWPR overbridge. Follow the estate road for about 1 km until you reach the entrance gates to a property called The Rock. The road turns to the right here, forming a turning circle which will take you back the way you came. Follow this turning circle for a few meters, passing the front gates of both The Rock, and the neighbouring property. There is a track heading off on the left here, heading eastwards, just outside the southern boundary of the neighbouring property. After a few metres, this reaches an unpaved parking / turning area. A track leads right (southwards) from here, and after about 100 metres you reach a locked gate with warnings about deep trenches on it. Beyond the gate, you may be able to see a loch.

Do not go through this gate towards the loch. Rather, take the gate on your left into the field. Head eastwards along the edge of the field, keeping the dyke to your right.

Stone 20 is around 100 meters along, adjacent to the dyke, amongst some long grass and other loose boulders.

For stone 19, continue through a gate into a second field. Continue to keep the dyke to your right. Stone 19 is adjacent to the dyke, about 30 metres before the end of this second field. If you exit the second field into rough ground, you have gone too far.



March Stone 20: 20 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12061 -2.23717

OSGB: NJ 85738 03323

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/K4UPHdkob5LD5QNg7

Access:

Stones 19 and 20 are close together, and you will pass stone 20 en-route to stone 19.

From Contlaw Road, enter Westfield Estate northwards close to the AWPR overbridge. Follow the estate road for about 1 km until you reach the entrance gates to a property called The Rock. The road turns to the right here, forming a turning circle which will take you back the way you came. Follow this turning circle for a few meters, passing the front gates of both The Rock, and the neighbouring property. There is an unpaved track heading off on the left here, heading eastwards, just outside the southern boundary of the neighbouring property. After a few metres, this reaches an unpaved parking / turning area. A track leads right (southwards) from here, and after about 100 metres you reach a locked gate with warnings about deep trenches on it. Beyond the gate, you may be able to see a loch.

Do not go through this gate towards the loch. Rather, take the gate on your left into the field. Head eastwards along the edge of the field, keeping the dyke to your right.

Stone 20 is around 100 meters along, adjacent to the dyke, amongst some long grass and other loose boulders.

For stone 19, continue through a gate into a second field. Continue to keep the dyke to your right. Stone 19 is adjacent to the dyke, about 30 metres before the end of this second field. If you exit the second field into rough ground, you have gone too far.



March Stone 21: 21 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12128 -2.24409

OSGB: NJ 85319 03400

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/xkMy6kpqaF6r69Ep8

Access:

Stones 21 and 22 are both in the same field, but unusually they are not on the boundary of the field; they are in the middle of the field. The previous boundaries have been removed.

From Contlaw Road, enter Westfield Estate northwards close to the AWPR overbridge. Follow the estate road for about 0.5km, to the bottom of a descent. The field we need is the first open field on the left. If you reach the first house on a right-hand bend, you have gone too far. It's the field to the south west of this house we need.

If the fields are in crop, do not trample the crops to gain access; come back at a different time of year.

When you reach this field, the road crosses a drainage ditch. There is a clear view along the line of the ditch and the adjacent woods to the AWPR. Follow the field boundary a very few metres heading in the direction of the AWPR. Notice that the field ahead of you and to your right has a couple of hummocks. Stone 21 is on the shoulder of the first hummock, and stone 22 is a few tens of meters further on, on the shoulder of the second hummock.



March Stone 22: 22 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12158 -2.24671

OSGB: NJ 85161 03434

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/GFtNF5ctwQWSw4zr7

Access:

Stones 21 and 22 are both in the same field, but unusually they are not on the boundary of the field; they are in the middle of the field. The previous boundaries have been removed.

From Contlaw Road, enter Westfield Estate northwards close to the AWPR overbridge. Follow the estate road for about 0.5km, to the bottom of a descent. The field we need is the first open field on the left. If you reach the first house on a right-hand bend, you have gone too far. It's the field to the south west of this house we need.

If the fields are in crop, do not trample the crops to gain access; come back at a different time of year.

When you reach this field, the road crosses a drainage ditch. There is a clear view along the line of the ditch and the adjacent woods to the AWPR. Follow the field boundary a very few metres heading in the direction of the AWPR. Notice that the field ahead of you and to your right has a couple of hummocks. Stone 21 is on the shoulder of the first hummock, and stone 22 is a few tens of meters further on, on the shoulder of the second hummock.



March Stone 23: 23 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12258 -2.25473

OSGB: NJ 84675 03547

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/a6ZCYuTmnhXAikez8

Access:

I've not been able to discover how to gain access to this stone. The closest I can get is about 1 meter away from it, but on the wrong side of a tall deer fence. There is a labyrinth of new high deer fencing meeting at the top of Beans Hill near the stone. I cannot seem to find a way into the correct section.

Approaching from the South, from Contlaw road and following the field boundaries from Upper Beanshill gets you on the wrong side of yet more deer fences. The approach described below is the best I've managed so far.

From Contlaw Road, take the unclassified road northwards towards Contlaw Mains and South Lasts. After about 1km, you will reach a man-made water feature on the right. Take the unpaved wind turbine access road to the right, immediately before the water feature. From the base of the wind turbine, there is a gate where you can enter the rough ground beyond. Continue eastwards following the fence line, keeping the fence to your right.

At the summit of the hill, you will reach the meeting-point of several deer fences. The stone can be seen on the other side of the fence.



March Stone 24: 24 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12615 -2.25907

OSGB: NJ 84414 03945

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/M7scGov7SWfZ7gh56

Access:

Stones 24 and 25 are close together, and can be approached either from Contlaw Road from the south, or from the Blacktop Road from the north. I will describe Stone 24 from Contlaw Road, and Stone 25 from the Blacktop Road.

From Contlaw Road, take the unclassified road northwards towards Contlaw Mains and South Lasts. After about 1km, you will reach a man-made water feature on the right. Shortly after the water feature, where the road bends to the left towards South Lasts, take the unpaved track to the right. Follow this almost as far as West Northfield House. Find the last gate on the right, before the road bends and descends down to the house. The gate is a few tens of meters before the house. As you face the gate, you should see an electricity pylon on a rough hillock in front of you, and a wind turbine further back.

Enter through the gate, and follow the fence line to the left, heading towards the house. As you come close to the house, the fence turns right, then left. Stone 24 is on this second corner of the fence.

If you wish to continue to Stone 25, continue past the house and follow the track to East Brotherfield.



March Stone 25: 25 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12767 -2.26213

OSGB: NJ 84230 04115

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/zJqq1iTdXBoq5u6U6

Access:

Stones 24 and 25 are close together, and can be approached either from Contlaw Road from the south, or from the Blacktop Road from the north. I will describe Stone 24 from Contlaw Road, and Stone 25 from the Blacktop Road.

From the Blacktop Road, turn down the farm access road to East Brotherfield, at East Silverburn. After a few hundred metres, the road forks at a horse paddock, the left signposted to North Westfield House. Take the right-hand fork. There is a large farm building on the left, and the track continues into the private grounds of the farmhouse. Do not enter the private grounds.

As you face the large barn, there is a gate on the right into a small rough paddock, which has an electricity pole and several exits. Enter the rough paddock, and turn right. Follow the fence-line to the right. You will pass to the rear of a smaller shed. At this point, the barn should be directly behind you, and the exit gate you need is directly in front of you. There is also a gate exiting to the left, which crosses a bridge over the Silver Burn. Do not go this way; you will end up on the wrong side of the burn.

After exiting the small paddock, follow the track for a few metres through a second gate into a rough field. The track becomes indistinct, but follow the fence line to your left which has the burn on the other side of it. After a few tens of metres, a sandy bank rises up on your right, with rabbit warrens burrowed into it. At the top of this bank is a large boulder. Stone 25 is at the base of the boulder. There is also a small memorial on the other side of the boulder.

If you wish to continue to Stone 24, re-trace to the fork in the road, and take the other fork towards North Westfield House.





March Stone 26: 26 ABD

GPS Location: 57.12899 -2.27703

OSGB: NJ 83328 04265

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/35CVV5DDE9EWerfE6

Access:

Stones 26 and 27 are in the same field, adjacent to Brotherfield Farm. You will pass Stone 27 on the way to Stone 26.

On the Blacktop Road, a short distance east of Easter Ord, turn south down the farm road to Brotherfield. When you reach the farmhouse at the end of the road, turn right and enter the field, heading west. At the end of the field, there is an opening on your left into another field. Cross into this field, and keep going right (west) till you reach the end of this field. In front of you is the Ord Burn (or Brodiach Burn), with a farmhouse beyond it. At the corner of the field, turn left and follow the fence line south along the burn. Stone 27 is about 20 metres along the fence line. Continue south along the fence line to the end of the field, and cross the fence to exit the field. Stone 26 is on the small nose of land beyond the end of the field, at the confluence of the Ord Burn and the Silver Burn. It is on the bank of the Silver Burn, about 20 metres east of the actual confluence.



March Stone 27: 27 ABD

GPS Location: 57.13015 -2.27504

OSGB: NJ 83449 04394

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/U3WrQ4iNX65Ytbis5

Access:

Stones 26 and 27 are in the same field, adjacent to Brotherfield Farm. You will pass Stone 27 on the way to Stone 26.

On the Blacktop Road, a short distance east of Easter Ord, turn south down the farm road to Brotherfield. When you reach the farmhouse at the end of the road, turn right and enter the field, heading west. At the end of the field, there is an opening on your left into another field. Cross into this field, and keep going right (west) till you reach the end of this field. In front of you is the Ord Burn (or Brodiach Burn), with a farmhouse beyond it. At the corner of the field, turn left and follow the fence line south along the burn. Stone 27 is about 20 metres along the fence line. Continue south along the fence line to the end of the field, and cross the fence to exit the field. Stone 26 is on the small nose of land beyond the end of the field, at the confluence of the Ord Burn and the Silver Burn. It is on the bank of the Silver Burn, about 20 metres east of the actual confluence.



March Stone 28: 28 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16319 -2.25649

OSGB: NJ 84586 08068

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/JDFeQuV7e7x4UQPg7

Access:

Stone 28 is around 2 miles from the previous stone, the longest distance between stones.

There are 2 possible approaches to this stone: from the Borrowstone Road on the east, or from Easter Mains farm on the west. The approach from Borrowstone Road involves some rough boggy ground, and takes you to the wrong side of a ditch.

Heading north on the Borrowstone Road, pass the entrance to West Brimmondside on your right. After about 200 metres, there is a line of trees heading left, marking the boundary of a field. There is a gate into this field a short distance before the line of trees. Follow the field boundary approximately SW with the trees on your right, all the way to the end of the field. There is rough and boggy ground towards the bottom of the field, pick your way through or around it as best you can. At the end of the field is a ditch, the stone is just beyond the ditch.

ToDo: Alternative approach



March Stone 29: 29 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17080 -2.26197

OSGB: NJ 84252 08927

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/qNP7XkHyYr8Vg1zq6

Access:

From the Borrowstone Road, enter Wynford Farm café / activity centre. At the entrance, head right, through the staff car park, and enter the gate into the adjacent field to the NW. Turn left, and follow the field boundary SW, with the activity centre on the other side of the fence to your left. At the end of the field, the stone is a few metres to the right, near the base of an electricity pole. It is on the outside of the fence.



March Stone 30: 30 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17331 -2.26766

OSGB: NJ 83915 09197

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/X9r81ftBAgbbBKKF9

Access:

Stones 30 and 31 are in the same field.

On the Borrowstone Road, head north beyond Wynford Farm to the junction with the road to Bucksburn. Enter the field to the left, immediately opposite the Bucksburn road. Follow tightly to the left boundary of this field, past the electricity pylon. The ground becomes rough at this point. Stone 30 is exactly at the corner of the field.

For Stone 31, re-trace back up past the electricity pylon until you exit the rough ground onto cultivated ground. Turn left and head across the field following the boundary of the rough ground. The stone is clearly visible adjacent to a large bounder at the far end of the field.



March Stone 31: 31 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17494 -2.26660

OSGB: NJ 83980 09378

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/NC7QZCRqt2pyrHCy6

Access:

Stones 30 and 31 are in the same field.

On the Borrowstone Road, head north beyond Wynford Farm to the junction with the road to Bucksburn. Enter the field to the left, immediately opposite the Bucksburn road. Follow tightly to the left boundary of this field, past the electricity pylon. The ground becomes rough at this point. Stone 30 is exactly at the corner of the field.

For Stone 31, re-trace back up past the electricity pylon until you exit the rough ground onto cultivated ground. Turn left and head across the field following the boundary of the rough ground. The stone is clearly visible adjacent to a large bounder at the far end of the field.

Alternatively, if you do not need to visit Stone 30, continue northwards along Borrowstone Road to the second gate on the left into the same field. The stone is clearly visible directly in front of you.



March Stone 32: 32 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17959 -2.25235

OSGB: NJ 84843 09893

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/x7HdWTBWd1tTYNFV7

Access:

Stones 32 and 33 are in adjacent fields, and can be accessed together.

From the Borrowstone Road, take the road signposted to Bucksburn. At the top of the hill, pass the entrance to Tulloch farm on your right, and a few tens of metres on find the first gate on your left. Enter the field here, and follow the fence line on your left to the bottom of the field. At the bottom of the field, Stone 32 is about 20 metres to the right of the corner. It is clearly visible from some distance.

For Stone 33, follow the fence along the bottom of the field (approximately NE), crossing into the adjacent field. Continue along the fence line to almost the end of this second field. The stone is on the fence line, to your left.



March Stone 33: 33 ABD

GPS Location: 57.18071 -2.24856

OSGB: NJ 85072 10017

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/QAPAGPAdafZPtdicA

Access:

From inspecting the maps, it would appear that Stone 33 can be accessed from the Elrick Hill car park. It really can't. There is dense undergrowth, a ditch, and fences in the way as of the time of this survey.

Stones 32 and 33 are in adjacent fields, and can be accessed together.

From the Borrowstone Road, take the road signposted to Bucksburn. At the top of the hill, pass the entrance to Tulloch farm on your right, and a few tens of metres on find the first gate on your left. Enter the field here, and follow the fence line on your left to the bottom of the field. At the bottom of the field, Stone 32 is about 20 metres to the right of the corner. It is clearly visible from some distance.

For Stone 33, follow the fence along the bottom of the field (approximately NE), crossing into the adjacent field. Continue along the fence line to almost the end of this second field. The stone is on the fence line, to your left.



March Stone 34: 34 ABD

GPS Location: 57.18587 -2.24057

OSGB: NJ 85557 10589

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/HNnxt1tfwuNDo4gSA

Access:

Stones 34, 35 and 36 are close together on the boundary of Craibstone Golf Course. They can be tricky to find because they are in rough ground at the boundary. I will describe them starting from Stone 36, and working back.

On the Brimmond Hill road, between the Brimmond Hill car park and the Elrick Hill car park, follow the unpaved road north to Greenwelltree. At the end of the track, do not enter the private garden. Go right, and follow the boundary of the golf course along the right side of the property. The limits of the mown golf course deviates to right, follow this. Once you have a clear view over the golf course, there is a water hazard (pond) directly in front of you, close to the far boundary of the golf course. Head directly for this pond, aiming for the rough ground to the left of the pond. Continue directly through this rough ground till you reach the boundary fence. Stone 36 is against the dyke at the fence line here.

Follow this fence line and dyke in the NW direction to find Stones 35 and 34, they are a few hundred metres apart. It is difficult to hold to the fence line due to undergrowth, and the dyke comes and goes, but stone 35 can be found fairly easily. For Stone 34, continue to follow the fence line at the boundary of the golf course. The dyke begins to turn away from the fence. Follow the fence to find a convenient point to cross it, quite close to the NW boundary of the golf course. Cross the fence into woodland, and re-gain the dyke where it has deviated from the fence. Stone 34 is against the dyke a short distance away.



March Stone 35: 35 ABD

GPS Location: 57.18528 -2.23916

OSGB: NJ 85643 10523

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/d6BcJYThTfF4b4P48

Access:

Stones 34, 35 and 36 are close together on the boundary of Craibstone Golf Course. They can be tricky to find because they are in rough ground at the boundary. I will describe them starting from Stone 36, and working back.

On the Brimmond Hill road, between the Brimmond Hill car park and the Elrick Hill car park, follow the unpaved road north to Greenwelltree. At the end of the track, do not enter the private garden. Go right, and follow the boundary of the golf course along the right side of the property. The limits of the mown golf course deviates to right, follow this. Once you have a clear view over the golf course, there is a water hazard (pond) directly in front of you, close to the far boundary of the golf course. Head directly for this pond, aiming for the rough ground to the left of the pond. Continue directly through this rough ground till you reach the boundary fence. Stone 36 is against the dyke at the fence line here.

Follow this fence line and dyke in the NW direction to find Stones 35 and 34, they are a few hundred metres apart. It is difficult to hold to the fence line due to undergrowth, and the dyke comes and goes, but stone 35 can be found fairly easily. For Stone 34, continue to follow the fence line at the boundary of the golf course. The dyke begins to turn away from the fence. Follow the fence to find a convenient point to cross it, quite close to the NW boundary of the golf course. Cross the fence into woodland, and re-gain the dyke where it has deviated from the fence. Stone 34 is against the dyke a short distance away.



March Stone 36: 36 ABD

GPS Location: 57.18447, -2.23624

OSGB: NJ 85819 10433

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/FvDkAMskj98bAzHfA

Access:

Stones 34, 35 and 36 are close together on the boundary of Craibstone Golf Course. They can be tricky to find because they are in rough ground at the boundary. I will describe them starting from Stone 36, and working back.

On the Brimmond Hill road, between the Brimmond Hill car park and the Elrick Hill car park, follow the unpaved road north to Greenwelltree. At the end of the track, do not enter the private garden. Go right, and follow the boundary of the golf course along the right side of the property. The limits of the mown golf course deviates to right, follow this. Once you have a clear view over the golf course, there is a water hazard (pond) directly in front of you, close to the far boundary of the golf course. Head directly for this pond, aiming for the rough ground to the left of the pond. Continue directly through this rough ground till you reach the boundary fence. Stone 36 is against the dyke at the fence line here.

Follow this fence line and dyke in the NW direction to find Stones 35 and 34, they are a few hundred metres apart. It is difficult to hold to the fence line due to undergrowth, and the dyke comes and goes, but stone 35 can be found fairly easily. For Stone 34, continue to follow the fence line at the boundary of the golf course. The dyke begins to turn away from the fence. Follow the fence to find a convenient point to cross it, quite close to the NW boundary of the golf course. Cross the fence into woodland, and re-gain the dyke where it has deviated from the fence. Stone 34 is against the dyke a short distance away.



March Stone 37: 37 ABD

GPS Location: 57.18150 -2.22765

OSGB: NJ 86337 10100

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/YkhJX4QCzwrbeVJE6

Access:

On the south east corner of the building at Ashtown.

Heading east on the road over Brimmond Hill towards Bucksburn, the road turns sharp right at the entranced to Craibstone Golf Club. The stone is on your right about 60 metres further on, at the entrance to Ashtown.



March Stone 38: 38 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17950 -2.22113

OSGB: NJ 86730 09875

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/m7nMtEDvgFTHfTPt8

March Stone 39: 39 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17975 -2.21931

OSGB: NJ 86840 09902

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/Hjr218gC8QF2dzSX8

These stones are currently missing.

The locations given above are the last accurate locations that I am aware of, taken from NLS Georeferenced Maps, OS Six Inch 1888-1913.



March Stone 40: 40 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17777 -2.20810

OSGB: NJ 87518 09681

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/TAKnYvFnvh9tHhLA8

Access:

On the Kingswells – Bucksburn road, take the turning north at Newhills Church. Follow this for around 500 metres, where an unpaved track heads left, and a road turns sharp right to some houses, this is Christie Grange. At this point, there is a triangular field to your right between the road you are on, and Christie Grange. You are at the apex of this triangular field, and there is a gate here. Enter this field, and follow the left-hand boundary of the field along a dyke. After a few tens of metres, you will be at the side of Number 1, Christie Grange. Stone 40 is against the dyke at this point.



March Stone 41: 41 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17573 -2.19918

OSGB: NJ 88056 09452

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/XnJiWk1AM3DPFaro7

Access:

On the south side of the main Kingswells – Bucksburn road, east of Newhills church and Hopetoun Reservoir.



March Stone 42: 42 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17526 -2.196424

OSGB: NJ 88223 09399

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/H1tM1AXutSZaa5EQ7

Access:

On the north side of the main Kingswells – Bucksburn road, east of Newhills church and Hopetoun Reservoir, 175 metres east of Stone 41.



March Stone 43: 43 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17459 -2.18765

OSGB: NJ 88753 09324

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/qDYftgrsiGQG9EURA

Access:

Entering Bucksburn from Kingswells, you are on Kepplehills Road. After a couple of hundred metres, you come to a small row of shops on the right. The stone is in the parking / utility area at the back of these shops.

It is located at the near end of a row of lock-ups, directly behind the back garden of Number 1 Netherbrae.



March Stone 44 – New: 44 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17318 -2.17996

OSGB: NJ 89217 09165

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/oCyr1GHzN9dgCozf9

Access:

This stone can be difficult to find in the summer, when the undergrowth is dense.

Head up Howes Road from Bucksburn side.

Look out for small metal bridge crossing the burn, down on your right. Continue along the road 80 metres beyond this bridge, round a LH bend. The new stone is about 10 metres into the undergrowth here. The old stone is visible directly across the burn, you may need to move around the trees blocking the view to be able to see it.



March Stone 44 – Original: 44 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17320 -2.18015

OSGB: NJ 89206 09167

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/dvnB5ENwcXNSZATG7

Access:

This stone can be difficult to find in the summer, when the undergrowth is dense.

It can be reached either by crossing the burn from the Howes Road side, or through a field from Hillocks Way.

From Howes Road:

Head up Howes Road from Bucksburn side.

Look out for small metal bridge crossing the burn, down on your right. Continue along the road 80 metres beyond this bridge, round a LH bend. The new stone is about 10 metres into the undergrowth here. The old stone is visible directly across the burn, you may need to move around the trees blocking the view to be able to see it. Cross the burn at a convenient point.

From Hillocks Way:

Enter the field south of Hillocks Way, turn left and follow the field boundary eastward till it turns right. At the very corner of the field, there is a gate. You may need to pass through some dense undergrowth to reach the gate. Through the gate, there is a very overgrown path heading south east. This will lead you close to the stone.



March Stone 45

GPS Location: 57.17280 -2.17520

OSGB: NJ 89505 09122

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/mM55NCumRtRN3QFBA

Access:

At Auchmill Golf Club.

From the top of Provost Rust Drive, turn right into Bonnyview Road. Follow this till you reach the golf club entrance on your left. On turning into the golf club, there is a car park and clubhouse on the left, and another car park on the right. There is a paved lane with dykes either side heading straight ahead. The stone is about 300 metres along this lane. After about 200 metres, the road bends to the right. In a further 100 metres, it bends to the right again. The stone is by the dyke on the right, at this second bend.



March Stone 46: 46 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17099 -2.16859

OSGB: NJ 89905 08920

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/UfKxEyDy3ZPs4pEM7

Access:

In the front garden of number 104 Bonnyview Drive.



March Stone 47: 47 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17067 -2.16650

OSGB: NJ 90030 08883

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/Sjk5tjaudeYtUTtu5

Access:

In the lane at the rear of 17 Howes Drive.



March Stone 48: 48 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16919 -2.15842

OSGB: NJ 90519 08718

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/z3rhEoZdHhzfcGnRA

Access:

In a grassy amenity area at the junction of Marchburn Drive and Oldtown Place.



March Stone 49 - New: 49 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17573 -2.15205

OSGB: NJ 90906 09445

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/Xu4UMw2scXf9zhTR7

Access:

At the south west corner of Persley Bridge, immediately adjacent to the parapet.



March Stone 50: 50 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17309 -2.12790

OSGB: NJ 92366 09148

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/bBJEq5cawDtTXWDv6

Access:

On Don Terrace.

Follow Gordon's Mills Road eastwards, to the junction down to the Grandholm Bridge. Continue upwards into Don Terrace. Follow this for around 200 metres, past the top of the old stairs on your right, which are now closed to the public. The road turns to the left here, and the stone is on the far edge of the corner.



March Stone 51: 51 ABD

GPS Location: 57.17087 -2.12997

OSGB: NJ 92240 08901

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/TxvaNs4CpcJsGD6z6

Access:

On Clifton Road, at the back of the pavement opposite Woodside primary school. Close to the junction with Deer Road.



March Stone 52: 52 ABD

GPS Location: 57.1699605 -2.12965

OSGB: NJ 92259 08800

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/x6F2sWxtoTowhARG9

Access:

On Smithfield Road, at the back of the pavement outside the front garden of number 2. Adjacent to the school boundary wall.



March Stone 53: 53 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16693 -2.12980

OSGB: NJ 92249 08462

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/Kna2cBtad5TEQCFM6

Access:

On the junction between Hilton Drive and Hilton Road.

Set flush into the pavement, on the south west corner of the junction, outside the convenience store.



March Stone 54: 54 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16554 -2.14047

OSGB: NJ 91604 08309

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/Z1ZFgALqNgjyWWWt7

Access:

On the junction between Provost Rust Drive and Smithfield Drive.



March Stone 55: 55 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16075 -2.11835

OSGB: NJ 92941 07774

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/F1XGCAU2Jt3WXGVD9

Access:

On the junction between Back Hilton Road and Cattofield Terrace, against low wall.



March Stone 56: 56 ABD

GPS Location: 57.16252 -2.11730

OSGB: NJ 93005 07971

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/sy4MAiF9xtB7KDLx9

Access:

At the back of the pavement on the west side of Cliffton Road, opposite number 12.



March Stone 57: 57 ABD

GPS Location: 57.15989 -2.11408

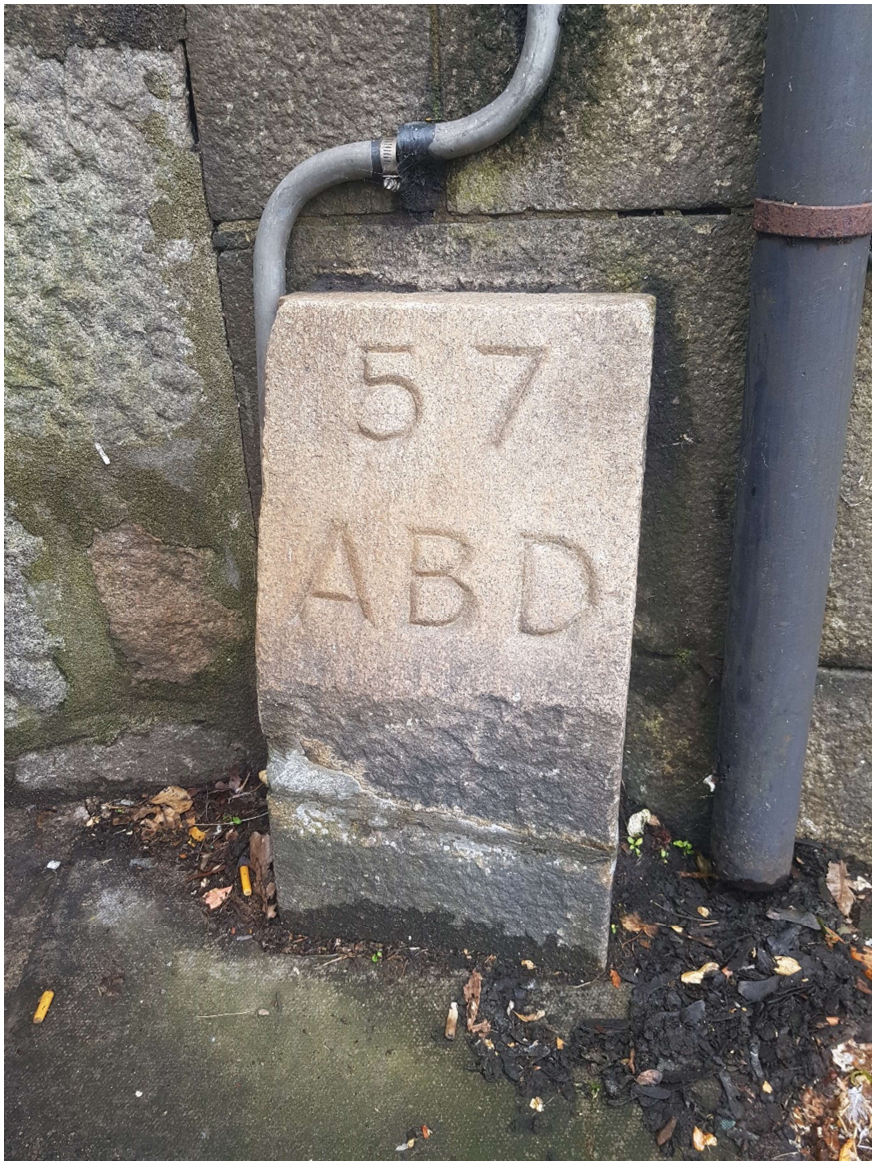
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Google Sat View link:

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Access:

On the west side of Powis Terrace at number 55, close to the junction with Belmont Road.



March Stone 58: 58 ABD

GPS Location: 57.15801 -2.10793

OSGB: NJ 93570 07468

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/jeptgjnfmuiot7gr6

Access:

Back of pavement against front garden wall of 21 Elmbank Terrace.



March Stone 59: 59 ABD

GPS Location: 57.15724 -2.10544

OSGB: NJ 93721 07381

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/ABGyv8ypioSCfWUFA

Access:

Follow Elmbank Terrace south east to the point where it turns right to cross the railway bridge and becomes Canal Road. The stone is on the left here, at the back of the pavement directly opposite the bridge. Behind the stone, down a grassy bank, is number 10 Elmbank Terrace.



March Stone 60: 60 ABD

GPS Location: 57.15729 -2.10316

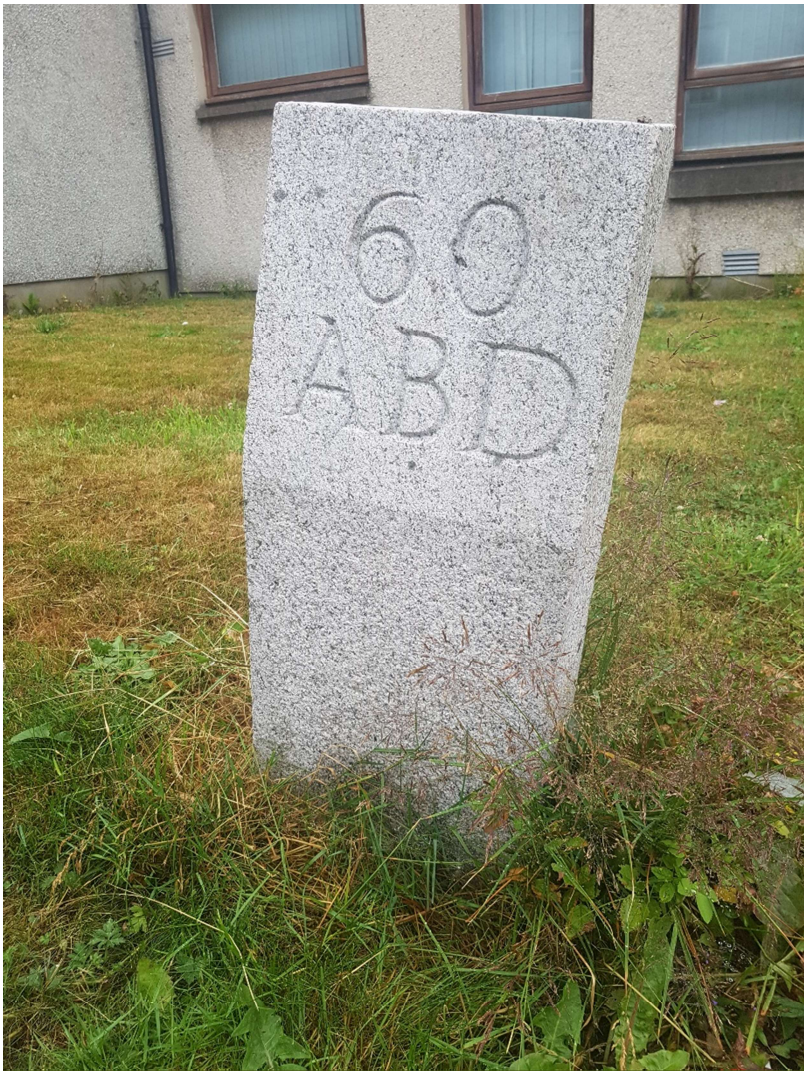
OSGB: NJ 93859 07387

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/twcdigDoFSMuE7Ng7

Access:

In front garden of number 74 Jute Street, near gate.



March Stone 61: 61 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.15693, -2.09967

OSGB: NJ 94070 07347

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/5eX4poMaaYDSAGub6

Access:

This stone is not accessible to the public. It is in the private garden of number 37 King's Crescent, 'Viewton Cottage'. However, it is visible from the front gate. It is at the back left of the garden, adjacent to the gable wall of the neighbouring property, number 35.



March Stone 62: 62 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.15723 -2.09916

OSGB: NJ 94101 07379

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/APfD7hk1kX7jYYWw9

Access:

About 30 metres north of Stone 61, on the east side of King's Crescent, at the junction with St Peter Street.



March Stone 63: 63 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.15903 -2.08622

OSGB: NJ 94884 07579

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/ZoDwwc1X28nMjPSp9

Access:

Set flush into the pavement on Golf Road, near the South East corner of Pittodrie Football Stadium.



March Stone 64: 64 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.16627 -2.08725

OSGB: NJ 94823 08385

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/WnMpiJBkWYV6KJoq5

Access:

Follow Golf Road northwards to the junction with School Road. There is a small grassy triangle to the right here, where the access road to the cat and dogs home starts. The stone in on this grassy triangle, near the cat and dogs home access road.



March Stone 65: 65 ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.16763 -2.08558

OSGB: NJ 94924 08536

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/JZzb32isuS7APJmt8

Access:

From the north end of Golf Road, follow the access road to the cat and dogs home. At the end of this road, it turns left into a car park. The stone is on this corner, set against the boundary wall of the dogs home.



March Stone Omega: Ω ABD CR

GPS Location: 57.17393 -2.08407

OSGB: NJ 95016 09237

Google Sat View link:

https://goo.gl/maps/DNqi9ikQcYicisuF8

Access:

Follow the Esplanade northwards till it turns left along the south bank of the River Don. The stone is set back in the grassy verge, on the north side of the Esplanade. It is about 400 metres from the junction with King Street. The outlet of the Powis Burn is a short distance behind the stone.

