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Digest 5.1 CATALOGUE OF EARLY MEDIEVAL SCULPTURE

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- K Key pattern YSS Yellow sandstone
 I Interlace GSS Grey/green sandstone
 S Spiral RSS Red sandstone
 A Animal SS Sandstone
 H Human a,b Type of border profile (U = unidentified)
 P Plant Group I Group of similar ornament and border, including conjoining pieces
 TR44 Part of same conjoining group, but not directly conjoining
 IB NMS accession no.
 ECMS Allen & Anderson 1903, part 3, pp 73–5, 91–3

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| | | | | | | | | | K | I | S | A | H | P | |
| 1 | IB190 ECMS no 1 | Churchyard, until c 1850. On OS 1907 E of church, near Dingwall Monument. Other half said to have been thrown into a grave. | 650×1100×150 | YSS | Damaged and worn | Base of cross slab with tenon (Cross A) | Lower part of cross slab, including tenon. Three decorated faces. A: inhabited vinescroll border surrounding figural panel. B: incised interlace. C: crescent and V-rod, serpent and Z-rod, animal, possibly Pictish beast | U | | X | | X | X | X | |
| 2 | IB280-1 ECMS no 2, 2a, 2b, 2c | Churchyard, before 1776 | 490×470×50 (two pieces); 320×460×50; 210×190×40 | GSS | Fragmented (four pieces) and worn | Central panel of a cross slab (Cross B) | Four fragments of upright slab. Central interlace shaft, with panels of interlaced serpents and raised bosses. | U | | X | X | X | | ? | |
| 3 | ECMS no 3 | Churchyard, before 1903 (now lost) | 150×90×50 | – | Not known (lost) | Fragment | Fragment of relief carved interlace | | | X | | | | | |
| 4 | IB282 ECMS no 4 | Churchyard, c 1850 | 270×190×35 | YSS | Worn | Fragment | Possible cross armpit | | | X | | | | | |
| 5 | IB283 ECMS no 5 | Churchyard, before 1850 | 310dia×55 | GSS | Very worn | Fragment (Cross B?) | Boss, comprising seven small spiral? bosses in a wreath of interlace and key pattern | | X | X | X | | | | |
| 6 | IB131 ECMS no 6 | Grave-digging, E side of N aisle, late nineteenth century | 340×300×40 | GSS | Very worn | Fragment (Cross A or B) | Wreath boss decorated with key pattern, with central raised boss (now plain) surrounded by smaller spiral bosses (three survive) | | X | | X | | | | |
| 7 | IB130 ECMS no 7 | Grave-digging, E of E gable, late nineteenth century | 240×175×15 (three fragments) | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of trumpet spiral decoration | | | | X | | | | |
| 8 | IB284 ECMS no 8 | Churchyard, before 1889 | 250×160×60 | GSS | Worn | Fragment | Fragment of key pattern (Cross B?) | | X | | | | | | |
| 9 | IB285 ECMS no 9 | Churchyard, before 1903 | 220×180×190 | YSS | Worn | Fragment (Cross C?) | Fragment with two opposed decorated faces. A: spiral ornament. B: curved edge of an interlace panel | | | X | X | | | | |

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| 10 | IB286 ECMS no 10 | Manse garden wall, before 1903 | 470×310×170 | YSS | Worn | Edge of slab (Cross C) | Sub-rectangular fragment with two adjacent carved faces. A: spiral and peltae design, with flat-band moulding. B: relief-carved inscription in insular majuscule, with traces of interlace | | | X | X | | | | |
| 11 | Miller 1889 | Seen at Invergordon Castle before 1889 (now lost) | Not known | GSS | Not known (lost) | Fragment | 'small boss richly fretted like a knot of young adders interlaced' (Miller 1889) | | | X | | | | | |
| 12 | IB209 | Reported in 1927 as from churtyard | 170×190×40 | YSS | Worn | Cross slab | Flat-band moulding divides a horizontal panel of interlace from an animal panel comprising a cockerel and fox | | | X | | X | | | |
| 13 | IB250 | Grave-digging in churchyard before 1939 | 430×350×80 | RSS | Good | Panel | Two opposed faces decorated, and adjacent edges dressed. A: sunken crosses with moulded borders, within a rectangular panel. B: key pattern within flat-band moulding | U | X | | | | | | |
| 14 | In situ | Rebuilt into the relieving arch supporting the belfry. Seen 1984 by G Stell | 210×160×? | YSS | Worn | Fragment | Panel of interlace design, with flat-band moulding adjacent | U | | X | | | | | |
| 15 | Ritchie 1915 | Seen in 1914 leaning against boundary wall of church. Dug up from beneath a recumbent stone dated 1778; broken up and recycled | 1000×600×175 | RSS | Not known | Slab | Slab with Maltese cross formed from five circles | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | In situ | Built into blocked doorway of the south wall of the nave (east among pieces of a seventeenth- century grave stone. Blocked post 1843 | 250×220×? | SS | Worn | Fragment | Fragment with letter 'A' in insular majuscule. Possible incised decoration | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | – | Found during clearance of the crypt in 1991 by Jill Harden | 215×190×25 | SS | | Fragments (3 no) | Three conjoining fragments. Double moulded border (flat band and thinner inner), with partial spirals and interlace knot | U | | X | X | | | | |

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| 18 | – | Found during clearance of the crypt in 1991 by Jill Harden | 82×111×72 | SS | | Fragment | Roughly shaped rectangular fragment with spiral decoration and single flat-band moulding | U | | | X | | | | | |
| 19 | – | Found by Ian Fisher and removed from the southern wall of the graveyard by Niall Robertson in 1994 | 340×126×80 | | | Slab | Roughly shaped rectangular stone bearing a simple cross in relief | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 19/72 | Located in 1995 built into the crypt vault and extracted in 1997. 19/F2 C1040 | 710×410×178 | | Good | Slab (Cross C) | The <i>Dragon Stone</i> or <i>Apostle Stone</i> . Face 1: panels of spirals and dragon. Face 2: two lions disputing a deer carcass; four clerics | U | | | X | X | X | | | Ass. with TR10 |
| 21 | 17/9 | Located during 1996 excavations, recovered 1997. 17/F2 C1016 | 510×195×45 | | Good | Slab | Small cross-slab bearing a hollow-armed cross one side and a chisel-ended cross the other | – | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 17/10 | Located in excavations of 1996, built into foundations of earlier church. Extracted 1997. 17/F2 C1016 | 1065×460×230 | | | Sarcophagus | The Boar Stone. Two adjacent faces decorated. Face1: lion and boar in relief on panels; divided single flat band moulding. Face 2: cross in relief | U | | | | X | | | | |
| 23 | 14/272 | Found during Glebe Field excavations in 1996. 14/C1002 | 55×30 | | | Fragment (Group I) | Fragment of spiral in relief | – | | | X | | | | | |
| 24 | 16/1 | Found in service trench on N side of church in 1996. 16/C1001 | 470×245×130 | | Good | Cross-incised slab | Roughly shaped stone with crude cross scratched upon it | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 16/3 | Found in service trench on N side of church in 1996. 16/C1008 | 231×195×47 | | Good | Cross-incised slab | Roughly shaped stone with crude cross incised on it | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 19/1044 | Re-used as a lintel in the N light of the crypt. Found in 1997 and left in situ, 19/F19 C1044 | | | | | Part of cross shaft | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | Removed by Niall Robertson from graveyard | 560×150×140 | | | Poss shrine-post | Stone post with side-grooves, possibly a shrine-post or part of a <i>cancellum</i> | | | | | | | | | |

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| 28 | 24/131 | Found re-used in a medieval drain cover in the Glebe Field excavations in 1997. 14-24/C1370 | 775×480×100 | | Good. Unfinished? | Slab | Trial piece or slab, with bull, cow (or two cows), one licking a calf, in low relief. Part of horseman/woman | U | | | X | X | | | | TR35 |
| 29 | 17/361 | Found in the western wall of the crypt in 1997. 17/F97 C1295 | 325×325×72 | | | | Fragment with part of stepped cross in low relief | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 17/465 | Found built into the foundations of the south wall of the early church in 1997. 17/F63 C1180 | 560×620 | | | Cross-incised slab | Part of cross-slab with incised hollow angled cross | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 17/466 | Found built into the foundations of the south wall of the early church in 1997. 17/F63 C1180 | 190×180×70 | | | Cross-incised slab | Part of cross-slab with incised hollow angled cross | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 23/44 | Found in rubble blocking beneath arch in west end of the church during restoration in 1997 | 140×90×60 | | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with two decorated faces. Face 1: flat band moulding and vestiges of spiral design, with C-shaped connectors. Face 2: largely plain, with incised key pattern | U | | X | X | | | | | |
| 33 | 17/467 | Found in the foundations of the S wall of the early church during restoration 1998 | 524×212×56 | | Good | Slab | Cross slab with cross in low relief, with four circles in cross arms | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | | Found in rubble foundations of the external stairs leading to the upper floor of the north aisle during restoration 1998 | 350×350×75 | | | Slab | Fragment of cross slab with two opposed decorated faces. Face 1: hollow angled cross in low relief. Face 2: double moulded border? | U | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 24/1798 | Found 1998 in Sector 2 excavations, lining a medieval drain. 14-24/F166 C1453 | 380×330×80 | | | Fragment of panel (shrine) | Fragment showing lion, above which is a cloven-footed 'manticora' depicted, possibly menacing a lamb. Top displays four incised lines forming a border | U | | | | X | | | | TR28 |
| 36 | 14/2119 | Found 1998 in Sector 2 excavations 14-24/C1506 | 85×50×30 | | Good | Fragment | Small spiral fragment | | | | X | | | | | |

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| 37 | 14/2122 | Found 1998 in Sector 2 excavations 14-24/C1510 | 89×45×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of median incised interlace, single strand surviving, 22mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |
| 38 | 14/2120 | Found 1998 in Sector 2 excavations 14-24/C1510 | 114×88×35 | YSS | Good | Fragments (Group III) | Conjoining fragments of a fragment of median incised interlace; three interlaced strands visible, c25mm wide | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR156 TR177 |
| 39 | | Found 1999 by Richard Blossie in stones originating from the Manse steading | 100×100×50 | YSS | Worn/ mortar visible on surface | Fragment (architectural?) | Prominent, semi-circular boss, decorated with even, single-strand interlace. Strands measure 7mm wide. | | | X | | | | | | |
| 40 | | Found 1999 by Richard Blossie in stones originating from the Manse steading | 370×270×190 | SS | Worn and damaged | Fragment | Decorated on two opposing faces. Face 1: square key pattern. Face 2: Interlace above a panel of spirals | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| 41 | 20/267 | 20/F73/C1175 | 185×116×33 | YSS | Worn and damaged | Fragment | Fragment of hollow armed cross | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | 14/2121 | 14-24/C1510 | 120×90×75 | YSS | Fine cracks | Fragment | Edge fragment with two adjacent faces bearing roll-moulded and flat band moulding with outer rounded moulding (30mm) inner rounded moulding (10mm) and wider, flat band (40mm) | b | | | | | | | | TR243 Similar to TR62 |
| 43 | 14/2136 | 14-24/C1510 | 75×92×55 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Fragment with two adjacent faces decorated; one plain dressed face, and one bearing double roll-moulded border (30mm outer, 15mm inner) with 35mm flat band. Vestiges of design, possibly spirals | b | | | X | | | | | Set 1 TR55 TR68 TR78 TR44 TR47 TR59 TR73 TR94 |
| 44 | 14/2137 | 14-24/C1510 | 135×85×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Fragment with two adjacent carved faces; one plain dressed face, and one bearing double roll-moulded border (30mm outer, 15mm inner) with 35mm flat band | b | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR55 TR73 TR94 TR43 TR47 TR59 TR68 TR78 |
| 45 | 14/2138 | 14-24/C1510 | 110×80×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group 1) | Two worked faces; one plain dressed face, one bearing border moulding. Outer roll-moulding (30mm), inner roll-moulding (10mm) and flat band (35mm wide) | a | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR54 TR129 TR58 |

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| 46 | 14/2164 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×37×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Possible border moulding, with an incised ellipse. Parallels with border known to have been associated with spiral | U | | | | | | | | Like TR117 |
| 47 | 14/2165 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×30×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Small fragment of sandstone. Edge of moulded border, with one slightly rougher side, and a smoother, rounded edge | a | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR78 |
| 48 | 14/2174 | 14-24/C1593 | 12×21×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with a single carved face, representing rounded moulding 1.2m wide | U | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | 14/2178 | 14-24/C1588 | 35×115×35 | YSS | Good, ferrous staining | Fragment | Thin fragment with one decorated face, carved with triangular key pattern | | X | | | | | | | TR63 |
| 50 | 14/2272 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×65×95 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One bears double roll-moulded border (outer 30mm, inner 15mm) with flat band, other is plain worked face | a | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | 14/2273 | 14-24/C1510 | 80×55×40 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One bears double roll-moulded border (outer 30mm, inner 15mm) | a | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 14/2276 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×25×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Single carved face, bearing part of roll-moulded border. No complete widths | U | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | 14/2278 | 14-24/C1510 | 40×23×40 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is rounded, probably edge of roll-moulded border (20mm+), second is plain | U | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 14/2282 | 14-24/C1510 | 90×70×55 | YSS | Good. Some ferrous staining | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One bears double-roll moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm and 20mm+ respectively). Second face is plain | a | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR45 TR58 |
| 55 | 14/2284 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×85×55 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One bears double-roll moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm and 35mm respectively). Second face is plain | a | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR43 TR44 TR78 TR59 |

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| 56 | 14/2286 | 14-24/C1510 | 230×80×75 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Corner fragment, with three worked faces. One has the corner of a double roll-moulded and flat band border (30mm, 15mm). Other two are plain | a corner | | | | | | | Set 2 TR79 |
| 57 | 14/2288 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×90×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment with two worked faces. Remains of double roll-moulded and flat band border. Outer, rounded border broken away (prob 30mm), inner roll-moulding 10mm and flat band 50mm | d | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 14/2296 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×60×10 (two fragments) | YSS | Good | Fragment | Two conjoining fragments. Vestiges of flat band moulding | a | | | | | | | Set 1 TR54 |
| 59 | 14/2311 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×65×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment, with two worked faces. One plain face, one bearing double roll-moulded and flat band border (30mm, 15mm and 20mm+) | a | | | | | | | Set 1 TR68 TR43 TR44 TR55 TR78 |
| 60 | 14/2318 | 14-24/C1510 | 75×70×50 | YSS | Ferrous staining | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment, with two worked faces. One is plain worked surface. The second has two border types, forming a T-junction, between two presumed panels. One panel has double roll-moulded and flat-band border (30mm, 10mm respectively, flat band broken). Second panel has a single, roll-moulded border, 30mm wide | U | | | | | | | Set 1 TR101 TR107 TR74 TR97 |
| 61 | 14/2321 | 14-24/C1510 | 120×105×60 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face, bearing triangular key pattern over an area of 100mm×80mm | | X | | | | | | TR88 |
| 62 | 14/2324 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×100×50 | YSS | Ferrous staining | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment, with two worked faces. One with double roll-moulded border (30mm, 10mm) – rest broken away. Second face has double roll-moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm, 30mm) with triangular key pattern above (10mm wide) | b | X | | | | | | Set 2 TR66 |
| 63 | 14/2325 | 14-24/C1510 | 90×40×35 (2 fragments) | YSS | Good, some flaking | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face, bearing triangular key pattern | | X | | | | | | TR49 |

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| 64 | 14/2327 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×30×20 80×60×25 | YSS | Good, some cracking | Fragment | One worked face, carved up to 3mm deep. Double roll-moulded border with flat band. Broken at both edges so only width of inner moulding can be measured (10mm) | u | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | 14/2328 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×45×40 | YSS | Good, some abrasion | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One plain, the other bearing double roll-moulded border, 30mm (outer) and 12mm (inner) | u | | | | | | | | |
| 66 | 14/2337 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×40×20 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Edge fragment with two carved faces. One is rounded, but width of moulding is broken away. Second face has double roll-moulded strip (30mm outer, 10mm inner) | b | | | | | | | | Set 1&2 TR62 |
| 67 | 14/2340 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×25×20 | YSS | Good, some staining | Fragment | Small fragment with one worked face, with internal corner of border moulding, being a strip 10mm wide. Vestiges of inner flat band | a? | | | | | | | | Set 2 TR56? |
| 68 | 14/2345 | 14-24/C1510 | 140×90×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Two worked faces, with edge broken away. Double roll-moulded and flat band border represented by inner, rounded strip (10mm) wide and part of adjacent flat band and beginnings of outer rounded moulding | a | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR43 TR59 TR78 TR44 TR55 |
| 69 | 14/2350 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×100×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face, with part of a flat band border strip, 27mm wide, adjacent to triangular key pattern | u | X | | | | | | | Set 1 TR72 |
| 70 | 14/2352 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×100×85 | YSS | Good, some lamination | Fragment | One worked face. Single, flat band 45mm wide and 3mm deep. ?internal panel or border | u | | | | | | | | |
| 71 | 14/2354 | 14-24/C1510 | 90×50×55 | YSS | Good, some abrasion | Fragment | Edge fragment with one worked face. One face plain. Second has a double roll-moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm and 10mm+) | a | | | | | | | | |
| 72 | 14/2357 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×110×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment with two worked faces, broken away at the corner. One face plain. Second has double roll-moulded and flat band border (c 30mm, 10mm, 30mm) with triangular key pattern, up to 5mm in relief | a | X | | | | | | | Set 1 TR69 |

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| 73 | 14/2361 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×45×30 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain and flat. Second has double roll-moulded border, outer strip 30mm inner strip 10mm | u | | | | | | | |
| 74 | 14/2364 | 14-24/C1510 | 350×200×80 | YSS | Good, some lamination | Large fragment (Group IV) | One worked face. Vestiges of border moulding, with inner flat band (30mm), rounded strip (10mm) but broken away before the edge. Remaining surface decorated with triangular key pattern | u | X | | | | | | Set 1 |
| 75 | 14/2369 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 65×60×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face, carved with triangular key pattern | | X | | | | | | |
| 76 | 14/2370 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×40×75 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face, with double roll-moulding, 10mm inner and 20mm+ outer, broken before the edge | u | | | | | | | |
| 77 | 14/2382 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×35×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain. Second has fragment of roll-moulded border, 30mm wide | u | | | | | | | |
| 78 | 14/2383 | 14-24/C1510 | 50×40×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face, with remains of double roll moulding, outer strip 30mm+, inner 10mm | U | | | | | | | Set 1 TR47 TR43 TR55 TR44 TR68 TR59 |
| 79 | 14/2384 | 14-24/C1510 | 40×20×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment, with two worked faces. One plain, one bearing outer roll-moulding of a border design, 25mm wide | a | | | | | | | Set 2 TR56 |
| 80 | 14/2385 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×30×45 | YSS | Quite abraded | Fragment | Edge fragment, with two worked faces. One plain, one with outer strip of roll-moulded border, 30mm wide | U | | | | | | | |
| 81 | 14/2389 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 160×60×100 | YSS | Some staining | Fragment | One worked face. Flat band, broken but at least 45mm wide, with pocked surface, above which is the beginning of a finer, rounded relief design | U | | | | | | | |
| 82 | 14/3402 | 14-24/C1510 | 20×32×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment, with possible rounded moulding and flat band | U | | | | | | | |
| 83 | 14/3404 | 14-24/C1510 | 35×22×12 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with one worked face, part of a rounded band, 12mm wide | U | | | | | | | |

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| 84 | 14/3405 | 14-24/C1510 | 35×35×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment, one worked face, comprising a rounded band, 35mm wide, possibly border or animal design | ? | | | | | | | | |
| 85 | 14/3406 | 14-24/C1510 | 75×135×35 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face, with vestigial carving suggesting a broad flat band and possible rounded border adjacent | U | | | | | | | | |
| 86 | 24/3841 | 14-24/C1547 | 135×135×100 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One plain worked surface with some pitting. Double-roll moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm, 30mm). Triangular key pattern | a | X | | | | | | | |
| 87 | 24/3846 | 14-24/C1547 | 30×90×75 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Corner fragment with two worked faces. One plain. Second has double roll-moulded border 30mm, 10mm, 15mm, beginnings of a possible spiral design | a | ? | ? | | | | | | |
| 88 | 24/3895 | 14-24/C1547 | 150×145×70 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face, with 120mm×100mm area of triangular key pattern | | X | | | | | | | TR61 |
| 89 | 24/4013 | 14-24/C1547 | 80×85×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One plain, one with double roll-moulded and flat band border (30mm, 10mm, 30mm), with rounded strip of design – possible key pattern | a | ? | | | | | | | |
| 90 | 24/4024 | 14-24/C2537 | 40×75×13 | YSS | Good, abraded | Fragment | One worked face, plain flat band 40mm wide with thinner band, 10mm wide. | u | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | 24/4040 | 14-24/C1547 | 17×13×4 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment, part of a rounded band, 10mm wide – interlace? | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 92 | 24/4042 | 14-24/C1547 | 27×20×3 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment with rounded face, possibly part of interlace strip | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 93 | 24/4043 | 14-24/C1547 | 23×16×7 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment, one worked face. Rounded face, possible border? | ? | | | | | | | | |
| 94 | 24/4045 | 14-24/C1547 | 50×25×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group IV) | Edge fragment, two worked faces. One plain, one rounded, possibly part of roll-moulded border | U | | | | | | | | |
| 95 | 24/4103 | 14-24/C1805 | 35×35×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment, two worked faces. One plain, one rounded, possibly part of roll-moulded border | U | | | | | | | | |

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| 96 | 24/4324 | 14-24/C1811 | 42×20×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face. Rounded fragment, possibly border or interlace | ? | | ? | | | | | | |
| 97 | 24/4719 | 14-24/C1877 | 190×115×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Large, irregular fragment, with one worked face. Largely plain and smooth, with part of rounded border moulding, 30mm wide and 4mm deep along one edge | U | | | | | | | | |
| 98 | 14/2302 | 14-24/C1510 | 140×50×45 | YSS | Black accretions and staining | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. High relief, roll moulded border, 45mm wide, with vestiges of relief carving above. Second face flatter strip (20mm wide) | U | | | | | | | | |
| 99 | 14/2305 | 14-24/C1510 | 120×40×35 | YSS | Stained | Fragment | Edge fragment, two worked faces. One plain and slightly pitted. High relief rounded border, 45mm wide | e | | | | | | | | TR106 |
| 100 | 14/2320 | 14-24/C1510 | 156×92×45 | YSS | Abraded | Fragment | Corner fragment, three worked faces. One side has a thick, rounded border (60mm), with a flat face adjacent. Face 2 has a roughly worked plain face. Face 3 is a more finely dressed, plain face. Conjoins animal design | U | | | | | | | | TR227 TR260 |
| 101 | 14/2330 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×40×40 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain. The other has a rounded border (35mm). Forms a divide between a panel containing key pattern and a blank panel. | f | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR45 TR107 TR74 TR97 |
| 102 | 14/2343 | 14-24/C1510 | 230×55×60 | YSS | Some abrasion | Frieze? | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One face is plain and roughly worked (?later). Second face has a flat, possible border along one edge, with a perpendicular strip (possibly a panel divide). Panel has unidentifiable, rounded carved design | | | | | | | | | TR22? |
| 103 | 14/2356 | 14-24/C1510 | 55×65×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain. Second has a double roll-moulded and flat-band border (30mm, 10mm and 20mm) | C | | | | | | | | TR104 |

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| 104 | 14/2366 | 14-24/C1510 | 105×75×60 | YSS | Slight cracking | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain. Second has a double roll-moulded and flat-band border (30mm, 10mm and 20mm). Flat band has a small, curvilinear decoration (possible spiral) | C | | | | | | | | TR103 |
| 105 | 14/2681 | 14-24/C1607 | 70×60×27 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Corner fragment. Two apparently plain faces. The remaining worked face has a right angle of two rounded border strips, one 35mm wide, the other 50mm wide | U | | | | | | | | Like TR111 |
| 106 | 14/3714 | 14-24/C1510 | 145×50×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain, the second has a broken off fragment of rounded border, 40mm wide | e | | | | | | | | TR99 |
| 107 | 24/3843 | 14-24/C1547 | 90×90×60 | YSS | Abraded | Fragment (Group IV) | One worked face. Roll-moulding across the centre (30mm and 1mm) divides a flat, plain surface from a flat band (broken off). Conjoining fragments show this to be part of an internal panel divide | A | | | | | | | | Set 1 TR60 |
| 108 | 24/3892 | 14-24/C1547 | 90×75×55 | YSS | Good. Some staining | Fragment | Corner fragment with three worked faces. One face plain. Second face probably plain, although some indentations may be vestigial carving. Third face has corner of rounded border moulding, 30mm wide, with possible inner strip | U | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | 24/4012 | 14-24/C1547 | 160×50×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Edge fragment with two worked faces. One is plain, second has a rounded border, 45mm wide | e | | | | | | | | |
| 110 | 24/4026 | 14-24/C1805 | 37×28×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face, showing an internal corner of rounded border moulding, at least 25mm wide and 6mm deep | U | | | | | | | | |
| 111 | 24/4039 | 14-24/C1547 | 77×80×34 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Corner fragment with three carved faces. Two plain faces. Third has a right-angled corner of rounded border moulding, 45mm wide. Back sheared away in one clean break | U | | | | | | | | |

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| 112 | 24/4046 | 14-24/C1547 | 30×30×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with one worked face. Possibly a corner of a moulded strip, at least 10mm wide | U | | | | | | | | |
| 113 | 24/4720 | 14-24/C1545 | 157×83×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One worked face, with a fragment of rounded border moulding, 55mm wide and 10mm in relief, above a flat dressed surface | U | | | | | | | | Similar to TR38 |
| 114 | 14/2139 | 14-24/C1510 | 120×80×40 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment (Group I) | Triple spiral in low relief, with vestiges of a straight edge suggesting it lies next to a border | | | | X | | | | | Set 1 TR129 |
| 115 | 14/2140 | 14-24/C1510 | 65×45×12 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Outer edge of spiral design, three strands measuring 10mm thick | | | | X | | | | | |
| 116 | 14/2160 | 14-24/C1510 | 85×90×35 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of a small triple spiral, 50mm diameter, with vestiges of connection | | | | X | | | | | |
| 117 | 14/2161 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×34×18 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Outer edge of spiral design, possibly connectors between two spirals | | | | X | | | | | |
| 118 | 14/2162 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×15×15 | YSS | Crumbling/ fragmented (three pieces) | Fragment | Small fragment of outer edge of spiral design, one arm extending and expanding beyond the spiral | | | | X | | | | | Like TR46 |
| 119 | 14/2166 | 14-24/C1510 | 15×15×4 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Tiny fragment of a single, curved, rounded strand – possibly a spiral | | | | ? | | | | | |
| 120 | 14/2173 | 14-24/C1593 | 30×17×6 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Tiny fragment of two adjacent rounded curving strands, 8mm thick, likely to be from a spiral | | | | X | | | | | |
| 121 | 14/2245 | 14-24/C1510 | 50×35×10 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of three adjacent rounded curving strands, forming the outer edge of a spiral | | | | X | | | | | |
| 122 | 14/2274 | 14-24/C1510 | 55×43×22 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment (Group I) | Fragment of a flat-band border, 30mm wide, with rounded design adjacent | a | | | | | | | | TR124 |
| 123 | 14/2275 | 14-24/C1510 | 120×75×45 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment (Group I) | Flat-band border (35mm) with triple spiral, radius 45mm. Appears to be near corner, with small incised ellipse | a | | | X | | | | | TR140 |
| 124 | 14/2277 | 14-24/C1510 | 85×95×45 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment (Group I) | Flat-band moulding (30mm) with adjacent spiral design, comprising possible fragment of C-shaped connection with incised ellipse | a | | | X | | | | | TR122 |

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| 125 | 14/2281 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×75×35 | YSS | Good/ flaking | Fragment (Group I) | Outermost edges of three possible spirals with intermediate designed formed by two strands with elliptical pellet between | | | | X | | | | |
| 126 | 14/2293 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×25×5 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Small fragment of two curving rounded strands, possibly part of a spiral | | | | X | | | | |
| 127 | 14/2297 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×55×8 | YSS | Crumbling/ very fragmented (eleven pieces) | Fragment (Group I) | Two bands of spiral design, forming expanding strands between spirals, with two opposing incised ellipses | | | | X | | | | |
| 128 | 14/2304 | 14-24/C1510 | 115×115×120 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Spiral boss (Group II; Cross C?) | Three adjacent dressed or decorated faces. Face 1: High relief spiral with plain moulded border and three small ellipses; Face 2 (side) vestigial carving of uncertain form above coarsely dressed area; Face 3 (base) dressed face | A | | | X | | | | |
| 129 | 14/2310 | 14-24/C1510 | 85×55×30 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment (Group 1) (Group IV) | Ornate spiral design in low relief, with the outer edges of two larger spirals; divided by expanding double strand which terminates in two smaller spirals with C-connector, with incised ellipses. Adjacent to flat border | a | | | X | | | | Set 1 TR45 TR54 TR58 |
| 130 | 14/2367 | 14-24/C1510 | 125×110×75 | YSS | Good, minor surface discoloura- tion | Fragment | Complete, high relief spiral boss, with smaller spiral and incised ellipses forming surrounding design | | | | X | | | | |
| 131 | 14/2368 | 14-24/C1510 | 105×70×15 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Fragment | Fragment of three curving rounded strands, forming outer edge of spiral design. Vestiges of straight edge adjacent | | | | X | | | | |
| 132 | 14/2371 | 14-24/C1510 | 35×40×8 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of three curving rounded strands, forming outer edge of spiral design. Strands 8mm wide and up to 2mm deep | | | | X | | | | |
| 133 | 14/2372 | 14-24/C1510 | 35×22×6 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of two curving rounded strands, forming outer edge of spiral design. Strands 15mm wide (outer) and 8mm wide (inner), and up to 2mm deep | | | | X | | | | |

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| 134 | 14/2373 | 14-24/C1510 | 50×23×12 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of two curving rounded strands, forming outer edge of spiral design. Strands 10mm wide. | | | | X | | | | |
| 135 | 14/2374 | 14-24/C1510 | 37×21×4 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of spiral, showing central, rounded end of one strand, part of second strand | | | | X | | | | |
| 136 | 14/2375 | 14-24/C1510 | 22×15×6 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Tiny fragment of rounded strand, diverging, possibly at edge of a spiral design | | | | ? | | | | |
| 137 | 14/2377 | 14-24/C1510 | 27×20×5 | YSS | Good/ some crumbling at edges | Fragment | Small fragment of outer two strands of a spiral design, strands 10mm wide | | | | X | | | | |
| 138 | 14/2379 | 14-24/C1510 | 34×14×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of a single strand of spiral, c 10mm wide | | | | ? | | | | |
| 139 | 14/2380 | 14-24/C1510 | 62×39×14 | YSS | Good/ some black accretions | Fragment | Small fragment with vestige of a curving, rounded strand. Not regular enough to be a spiral but possibly part of similar design | | | | ? | | | | |
| 140 | 14/2388 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×35×32 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment of flat-band moulding with outer three strands of spiral design | U | | | X | | | | TR123 |
| 141 | 14/2502 | 14-24/C1510 | 210×230×90 | YSS | Good/ black staining | Fragment | Fragment of spiral designs, representing strands connecting spirals, with possible edge of spiral evident | | | | X | | | | TR143 |
| 142 | 14/2508 | 14-24/C1510 | 89×73×32 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Small fragment with vestigial carving showing an incised curving line, possibly a spiral | | | | ? | | | | |
| 143 | 24/3842 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 170×70×30 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Small fragment of spiral panel, with vestiges of edge of spiral, and curving connecting carving – double-disc? | | | | ? | | | | TR141 |
| 144 | 24/3847 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 105×52×27 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Spiral boss (Group II; Cross C?) | High relief triple spiral boss, 55mm radius, possible edge of border evident adjacent | | | | X | | | | |
| 145 | 24/3891 | 14-24/C1510 | 78×78×20 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Spiral boss (Group II; Cross C?) | High relief triple spiral boss, 40mm minimum radius | | | | X | | | | TR147 |
| 146 | 24/4015 | 14-24/C1547 | 52×45×15 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Fragment | Single strand spiral, carved in low relief, possibly an animal joint | | | | X | ? | | | |
| 147 | 24/4041 | 14-24/C1547 | 38×15×5 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Fragment | Small fragment of two adjacent curving strands, part of outer edge of spiral | | | | X | | | | TR145 |

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| 148 | 24/905 | 14-24/C1310 | 300×240×170 | YSS | Slightly worn/ discoloured | Fragment | Large block of sandstone, with small part of a relief-carved face surviving, (65mm×70mm) showing single strand interlace, possible surrounding larger rounded motif | | | X | | | | | | |
| 149 | 14/2135 | 14-24/C1506 | 97×42×21 | YSS | Good, with possible red pigment | Fragment | Tight single strand interlace. Irregular interlace, with single strand, 8mm wide. Difficult to trace design | | | X | | | | | | Relates to TR14 |
| 150 | 14/2163 | 14-24/C1593 | 60×65×60 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment (Group III) | Small fragment of median-incised interlace, showing three strands, between 20 and 22mm wide, forming a triangle | | | X | | | | | | |
| 151 | 14/2167 | 14-24/C1510 | 20×20×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small, thin fragment of median-incised interlace, representing a 20mm length of one strand | | | X | | | | | | |
| 152 | 14/2177 | 14-24/C1510 | 70×30×10 | YSS | Good/ fragmented/ possible red pigment | Fragment | Small fragment of a strand of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide, one end rounded | | | X | | | | | | |
| 153 | 14/2179 | 14-24/C1510 | 82×40×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small curving fragment of one interlace strand, 30mm wide and 82mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 154 | 14/2271 | 14-24/C1510 | 35×20×5 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Small fragment of one strand of median-incised interlace in two pieces, 35mm long and 20mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |
| 155 | 14/2279 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×48×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group III) | Fragment of flat band border with curving strand of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide | U | | X | | | | | | TR159 |
| 156 | 14/2280 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×30×13 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group III) | Small section of one strand of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide and 30m long | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR38, TR177 |
| 157 | 14/2291 | 14-24/C1510 | 85×66×84 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment (Group III) | Flat band moulding with three curving strands of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide | U | | X | | | | | | TR183 |
| 158 | 14/2294 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×25×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of one strand of median-incised interlace, 30mm long and up to 25mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |

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| 159 | 14/2298 | 14-24/C1510 | 95×165×37 | YSS | Good, some laminating | Fragment | Flat band moulding, 47mm wide, with a suggestion of roll moulding beneath. Above border, two strands of median-incised interlace 25mm meet with an incised ellipse between | U | | X | | | | | | TR155 |
| 160 | 14/2303 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×45×20 | YSS | Good, possible red pigment | Fragment | Two median-incised interlace strands, 25mm wide, crossing at right angles | | | X | | | | | | |
| 161 | 14/2309 | 14-24/C1510 | 140×90×55 | YSS | Good, some flaking | Fragment (Group I) | Median-incised interlace with strands 25mm wide; remains of one strand survive with vestiges of two more evident | | | X | | | | | | |
| 162 | 14/2312 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×70×56 | YSS | Good, red pigment | Fragment (Group III) | Three strands of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide. Evidence for red pigment on one half of the strand | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR163 TR171 |
| 163 | 14/2313 | 14-24/C1510 | 42×46×40 | YSS | Good, red pigment | Fragment (Group III) | Two crossing strands of median-incised interlace, 28mm wide, with evidence for red pigment | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR162 TR171 |
| 164 | 14/2314 | 14-24/C1510 | 65×25×14 | YSS | Good, some flaking, possible red pigment | Fragment | Two crossing strands of median incised interlace | | | X | | | | | | |
| 165 | 14/2315 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×32×8 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Single, rounded, curving strand, 32mm wide and 60mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 166 | 14/2317 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 55×37×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of one curving strand of median-incised interlace, 37mm wide and 55mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 167 | 14/2319 | 14-24/C1510 | 100×45×25 | YSS | Good, with some mineral staining | Fragment | Small area of carving, showing one length of a strand of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide and 35mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 168 | 14/2326 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×45×15 | YSS | Good, with mineral staining, traces of red pigment | Fragment | Small fragment of a curving strand of median-incised interlace 25mm wide. Traces of pigment on one edge of curve | | | X | | | | | | |
| 169 | 14/2329 | 14-24/C1510 | 60×25×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Single curving strand of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide and 60mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 170 | 14/2333 | 14-24/C1510 | 155×60×55 | YSS | Good, some weathering and some mineral staining | Fragment (Group III) | Four strands of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |

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| 171 | 14/2349 | 14-24/C1510 | 95×37×70 | YSS | Good, some laminating, traces of red pigment | Fragment (Group III) | Two crossing strands of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR162 TR163 |
| 172 | 14/2363 | 14-24/C1510 | 32×20×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Rounded, curving strand, 17mm wide and 32mm long, possible suggestion that strand divides in two | | | X | | | | | | |
| 173 | 14/2376 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×25×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of one strand of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide and 30mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 174 | 14/2378 | 14-24/C1510 | 40×22×3 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of one curving strand of median-incised interlace, 22mm wide and 40mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 175 | 14/2381 | 14-24/C1510 | 27×14×4 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of curving strand, apparently one half of a strand of median-incised interlace | | | X | | | | | | |
| 176 | 14/2386 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 50×45×12 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Two crossing strands of interlace, 24mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |
| 177 | 14/2505 | 14-24/C1510 | 90×70×25 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment (Group III) | Fragment of sandstone with very small area of carving surviving, representing one strand of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide and less than 10mm long | | | X | | | | | | Set 3 TR156 TR38 |
| 178 | 14/2647 | 14-24/C1510 | 23×10×8 | YSS | Good, slight flaking | Fragment | Rounded fragment, tentatively identified as interlace | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 179 | 14/2679 | 14-24/C1607 | 14×13×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with a rounded face, with centrally incised line, suggesting median-incised interlace strand | | | X | | | | | | |
| 180 | 14/3403 | 14-24/C1510 | 31×25×16 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small piece of a rounded, curving strand, possibly part of single strand interlace | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 181 | 24/3851 | 14-24/C1547 | 55×25×10 | YSS | Good, trace of red pigment, some mineral staining | Fragment | Small section of a single strand of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide, rounded at one end | | | X | | | | | | |
| 182 | 24/3852 | 14-24/C1547 | 28×55×12 | YSS | Good, slight mineral staining | Fragment | Small length of a curving, rounded strand, 28mm wide and 55mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 183 | 24/3890 | 14-24/C2645 | 150×90×85 | YSS | Good, slight crumbling | Fragment (Group III) | Median-incised interlace, showing two strands. Some suggestion of a border adjacent | U | | X | | | | | | TR157 |

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| 184 | 24/4010 | 14-24/C1547 | 55×65×80 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment (Group III) | Two crossing strands of median-incised interlace, each 25–30mm wide | | | X | | | | | | |
| 185 | 24/4011 | 14-24/C1547 | 80×50×18 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Two crossing, curving rounded strands, 25mm and 30mm across | | | X | | | | | | |
| 186 | 24/4016 | 14-24/C1547 | 30×27×8 | YSS | Good, slightly worn | Fragment | Short section of a rounded strand, 30mm wide, 27mm long | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 187 | 24/4017 | 14-24/C1547 | 70×30×7 | YSS | Good, some reddening | Fragment | Curving, rounded strand, 30mm wide and 70mm long | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 188 | 24/4018 | 14-24/C1547 | 53×30×5 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Slightly curved, rounded strand, 30mm wide and 53mm long | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 189 | 24/4025 | 14-24/C1547 | 45×15×17 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment, with rounded profile and incised line, suggesting median-incised interlace | | | X | | | | | | |
| 190 | 24/4027 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 19×14×7 | YSS | Good; trace of red pigment | Fragment | Very small fragment of median-incised interlace, full width not surviving | | | X | | | | | | |
| 191 | 24/4028 | 14-24/C1805 | 27×15×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of a rounded strand, 27mm wide | | | ? | | | | | | TR192 |
| 192 | 24/4029 | 14-24/C1805 | 40×27×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of a rounded strand, 27mm wide | | | ? | | | | | | TR191 |
| 193 | 24/4037 | 14-24/C1547 | 26×30×10 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Small fragment of a rounded strand, 26mm wide | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 194 | 24/4038 | 14-24/C1547 | 46×27×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of a rounded strand, 27mm wide, with vestiges of a second strand crossing the first | | | X | | | | | | |
| 195 | 24/4047 | 14-24/C1547 | 25×24×12 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of a rounded strand, 24mm wide, slightly rounded at one end | | | ? | | | | | | |
| 196 | 24/4102 | 14-24/C1812 | 50×45×13 | YSS | Abraded | Fragment | Two crossing strands, 25mm wide | | | ? | | | | | | Cf TR176/ 182/195 |
| 197 | 24/4323 | 14-24/C1811 | 42×16×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Straight strand with rounded profile, 16mm wide and 42mm long | ? | | ? | | | | | | |
| 198 | 24/4248 | 14-24/C1547 | 64×27×13 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Curving strand with rounded profile, 27mm wide and 64mm long, possibly crossed by another strand at one end | | | ? | | | | | | |

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| 199 | 24/4954 | 14-24/C2537 | 64×35×21 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group III) | Section of median-incised interlace, 25mm wide and 62mm long, crossing a second strand, of which only the vestiges survive | | | X | | | | | | |
| 200 | 14/2172 | 14-24/C1593 | 60×60×65 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Triangular fragment with a V-shaped design, the identity of which is not clear | | | | | | | | | |
| 201 | 14/2246 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 124×45×28 | YSS | Good/ fragmented/ possible red pigment | Fragment | Fragment of human figure, frontal facing, with face and robe detail. Forked beard with square collar and beginning of book | | | | | | X | | | TR20? |
| 202 | 14/2254 | 14-24/F304/ C1721 | 57×42×33 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Fragment bearing only vestigial carving, including a smooth area in relief, with a curved edge and incised decoration, and vestiges of four rounded strips. Possibly a human figure, with hair, eye and hair represented | | | | | | ? | | | |
| 203 | 14/2287 | 14-24/C1510 | 45×80×90 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Smooth face with a recessed right angle, possibly representing raised panels | | | | | | | | | |
| 204 | 14/2322 | 14-24/C1510 | 167×70×60 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment | Finely dressed face, with incised line delineating a 17mm wide flat band border. Relief carved design resembling an animal foreleg, decorated with a triangular motif | U | | | | ? | | | | |
| 205 | 14/2323 | 14-24/C1510 | 285×80×35 | YSS | Good/ very fragmented/ possible red pigment | Fragment (Cross C) | Cloven-hoofed foreleg and part of hind leg of an animal. Adjacent plain border | e | | | | X | | | | |
| 206 | 14/2338 | 14-24/C1510 | 90×80×80 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining | Fragment (architectural) | Three-dimensional rounded fragment, with rounded strands forming part of a possible zoomorphic design, possibly an eye. Possible chair finial | | | | | ? | | | | |
| 207 | 14/2341 | 14-24/C1510 | 25×35×13 | YSS | Good, some mineral staining and accretions | Fragment | Small fragment with a small V-shaped cut at one edge, possibly part of a key pattern or spiral design | | | ? | ? | | | | | |
| 208 | 14/2362 | 14-24/C1510 | 40×25×15 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Roughly R-shaped, open ended design in relief, resembling a beak | | | | | X | | | | |

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| 209 | 14/2387 | 14-24/C1510 | 30×30×12 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment bearing a design of relief-carved concentric bands, 18mm and 8mm in diameter, with vestige of relief carving adjacent. Possible eye | | | | | ? | | | |
| 210 | 14/2504 | 14-24/C1510 | 125×94×31 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment with small recessed triangle, identity uncertain | | | | | | | | |
| 211 | 14/2506 | 14-24/C1510 | 52×40×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment with small triangular cut, identity uncertain | | | | | | | | |
| 212 | 14/2507 | 14-24/C1510 | 125×86×13 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment with small triangular cut, identity uncertain, possible vestige of key or spiral design | | | | | | | | |
| 213 | 14/2509 | 14-24/C1510 | 65×60×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Two adjacent smoothly dressed faces, undecorated corner piece | | | | | | | | |
| 214 | 14/2566 | 14-24/C1778 | 98×64×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Two adjacent tooled faces, undecorated corner piece | | | | | | | | |
| 215 | 14/3271 | 14-24/C1911 | 85×60×15 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Irregular fragment with a high-relief shape resembling a foot | | | | | | X | | |
| 216 | 24/3844 | 14-24/C1547 | 280×260×89 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Affronted, rearing horses/hippocamps, with part of heads and hooves depicted, with interlaced limbs and plain roll moulded border | U | | | | X | | | |
| 217 | 24/3845 | 14-24/C1547 | 154×115×55 | YSS | Good, some cracking and staining | Fragment (architectural) | Section of plain border with rounded, high relief carving decorated with incised lozenge lattice, shown by conjoining fragments to be hair. Adjacent face plain but dressed | U | | | | | X | | Set 5 TR223 TR263 |
| 218 | 24/3848 | 14-24/C1547 | 150×70×150 | YSS | Good/ fragmented | Fragment | Fragment showing part of two panels divided by a single flat-band border, with top border also showing. Right hand panel shows a bird's head with median-incised interlaced decoration, circular eye and incised beak detail | U | | X | | X | | | |
| 219 | 24/3860 | 14-24/C1602 | 50×65×40 | YSS | Good | Fragment (architectural?) | One face carved, with a curved profile, bearing four adjacent rounded strands each 12mm in width | | | | | ? | | | Similar to TR206 |

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| 220 | 24/3889 | 14-24/C1545 | 110×80×75 | YSS | Good | Fragment | One carved face, with slightly convex profile, decorated with a symmetrical, curvilinear design in low relief | | | | | | | ? | | |
| 221 | 24/3901 | 14-24/C1547 | 147×121×98 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Fragment | Corner fragment with three faces. Face 1: Head of Pictish beast with eye (possible ochre pigment), and top of mane, adjacent to plain, moulded border. Face 2: possible animal foot Face 3: plain with pocked tooling | e | | | | X | | | | TR222 |
| 222 | 24/3902 | 14-24/C1547 | 130×75×165 | YSS | Good/ discoloured | Fragment | Two adjacent carved faces. Face 1: Beak, torso and foreleg of a Pictish beast, remains of mane visible and ending in single spiral. Double spiral joint. Face 2: plain face with pocked tooling | e | | | | X | | | | TR221 |
| 223 | 24/4014 | 14-24/C1547 | 130×54×65 | YSS | Good, some fine cracks and laminating | Fragment (architectural) | Single worked face, showing part of a relief-carved eye, 30mm×25mm | | | | | | X | | | Set 5 TR217 TR263 |
| 224 | 24/4044 | 14-24/C1547 | 14×20×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Single, rounded strand, 14mm wide and 20mm long | ? | | ? | | | | | | |
| 225 | 13/84 | Found during Jill Harden's excavation in the crypt | 125×85×55 | YSS | Weathered | Fragment | Incised double volute cross terminal? | | | | | | | | | |
| 226 | 13/89 | Found during Jill Harden's excavation in the crypt | 100×100×55 | YSS | Weathered | Fragment | Decorated on two opposing sides. Hollow-armed crosses on both sides, one side coarser/more weathered than the other | | | | | | | | | |
| 227 | 24/8038 | 14-24/F527/ C3194 | | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small leg conjoining to TR260 | U | | | | X | | | | TR100 TR260 |
| 228 | 24/5519 | 14-24/C2537 | 15×12×9 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of ?median-incised interlace | | X | | | | | | | |
| 229 | 24/6313 | 14-24/C2537 | 128×144×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Well-preserved fragment of spiral pattern, carved in relief. One near complete triple spiral, 80mm in diameter, with fragments of small spiral and trumpet pattern/volutes between, including incised ellipse | | | | X | | | | | Set 4 TR231 TR233 TR237 TR239 |
| 230 | 24/6314 | 14-24/C2537 | 140×80×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of spiral panel, showing trumpet design and outer edge of spiral | | | | X | | | | | |

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| 231 | 24/6317 | 14-24/C2537 | 44×28×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of the outer edge of a triple spiral, showing three rounded strands | | | | X | | | | | Set 4 TR229 TR233 TR237 TR239 |
| 232 | 24/6318 | 14-24/C2537 | 35×31×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with vestiges of carving along one edge, apparently a roll-moulded band (10mm), with hint of an adjacent flat band | U | | | | | | | | |
| 233 | 24/6319 | 14-24/C2537 | 120×88×50 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group I) | Part of a spiral panel, with two small triple spirals within a trumpet design, decorated with incised triangles and ellipses, with the outer edge of a larger spiral | | | | X | | | | | Set 4 TR229 TR231 TR237 TR239 |
| 234 | 24/6320 | 14-24/C2537 | 100×30×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment (2 pieces) | Single strand of median-incised interlace in two pieces, 30mm wide and 60mm long | | | X | | | | | | |
| 235 | 24/6322 | 14-24/C2537 | 50×35×20 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of relief carving, possibly part of trumpet design between spirals, with adjacent straight edge suggesting flat-band border | U | | | X | | | | | |
| 236 | 24/6323 | 14-24/C2537 | 45×25×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with curving strands, possibly a small triple spiral | | | X | | | | | | |
| 237 | 24/6357 | 14-24/C2645 | 120×60×50 | YSS | Good, flaking | Fragment (Group I) | Fragment of triple spiral design, showing the outer two strands of a triple spiral, the rest of which has flaked off | | | | X | | | | | Set 4 TR229 TR231 TR233 TR239 |
| 238 | 24/6358 | 14-24/C2645 | 78×92×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Two adjacent carved faces. One plain, the other showing double roll moulded border, with flat band. Outer moulding 32mm, inner moulding 13mm, flat band 47mm | d | | | | | | | | |
| 239 | 24/6359 | 14-24/C2645 | 45×33×45 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group I) | Small fragment of the outer two strands of a triple spiral design | | | | X | | | | | Set 4 TR229 TR231 TR233 TR237 |
| 240 | 24/6360 | 14-24/C2645 | 50×30×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Expanded, central end of a strand of a triple spiral | | | | X | | | | | |
| 241 | 24/6324 | 14-24/C2537 | 90×45×44 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of flat-band border, 46mm wide, with adjacent curving relief-carved design apparently part of trumpet pattern/spirals | U | | | X | | | | | |

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| 242 | 24/6362 | 14-24/C2645 | 105×93×75 | YSS | Good | Fragment (two pieces) | Two adjacent carved faces. Both have roll-moulding and flat band border – roll-moulding 30mm (outer) and 12mm (inner) with 35mm wide flat band. One face has a fragment of possible spiral design adjoining | g | | | X | | | | | |
| 243 | 24/6365 | 14-24/C2645 | 40×40×15 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of rounded border moulding, 40mm long | U | | | | | | | | Set 2 TR42 |
| 244 | 24/6367 | 14-24/C2645 | 60×30×6 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Central part of a strand of a spiral | | | | X | | | | | |
| 245 | 24/6370 | 14-24/C2645 | 50×35×25 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Single curving strand of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide and 50mm long, with vestiges of a possible crossing strand | | | X | | | | | | |
| 246 | 24/6371 | 14-24/C2645 | 30×30×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment with rounded face, possible fragment of roll moulding | U | | | | | | | | |
| 247 | 24/6413 | 14-24/C2645 | 22×10×3 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of a curving, rounded strand, 10mm wide and 22mm long. Possible interlace or spiral fragment | | | ? | ? | | | | | |
| 248 | 24/6414 | 14-24/C2645 | 18×10×3 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of a curving rounded strand, 10mm wide and 18mm long. Possible interlace or spiral fragment | | | ? | ? | | | | | |
| 249 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 60×55×30 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Fragment of roll-moulded border, 30mm wide | U | | | | | | | | |
| 250 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 42×26×5 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment, roughly triangular, with incised ellipse. Part of spiral panel design | | | | X | | | | | |
| 251 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 45×15×15 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment, showing the edge of a straight, rounded strand, c10mm wide, part of border moulding | U | | | | | | | | |
| 252 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 30×21×12 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment with a dressed faced and incised, straight edge, apparently part of a border | U | | | | | | | | |
| 253 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 25×10×8 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Small fragment of rounded moulding, 8mm wide (incomplete), possible border fragment | U | | | | | | | | |
| 254 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 15×15×3 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of rounded moulding, 15mm wide | U | | | | | | | | |

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| 255 | 24/6614 | 14-24/C2645 | 25×15×4 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of rounded moulding, 15mm wide | U | | | | | | | |
| 256 | 24/6978 | 14-24/C2946 | 25×10×10 | YSS | Good | Fragment | Very small fragment of rounded moulding, 10mm wide | U | | | | | | | |
| 257 | 24/8040 | 14-24/C3390 | 185×120×111 | YSS | Good | Corner (Group IV) | Corner fragment, with two decorated faces. Face 1: Roll moulded and flat-band border with adjacent median-incised interlace. Face 2: Border fragment, with roll moulded border and part of a perpendicular panel division, with incised decoration. Possible key pattern | h | X | X | | | | | Set 1 TR62 |
| 258 | 24/8041 | 14-24/C2701 | 280×80×70 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group III) | Two conjoining fragments of median-incised interlace, which gives out to a less regular design and possible border | U | | X | | | | | |
| 259 | 24/8041 | 14-24/C2701 | 30×45×11 | YSS | Good | Fragment (Group III) | Small fragment of median-incised interlace, 30mm wide | | | X | | | | | |
| 260 | 24/7811 | 14-24/F527/ C3194 | 200×200×50 | | | Large fragment | Rear end of animal, carved in relief, comprising upper back legs and tail, with haunches and body detailed in ribbed/spiral relief | | | | | | | | TR227 TR100 |
| 261 | 24/7812 | 14-24/C2701 | | | | | Group of three median incised interlace | | | | | | | | |
| 262 | 24/8041 | 14-24/C2701 | | | | | Median incised interlace | | | | | | | | |
| 263 | 24/8039 | 14-24/C3463 | 72×56×30 | | Good | Fragment of head | Head with criss-cross hair. Joins with TR217 and 223 to make a corbel | | | | | | | | Set 5 TR217 TR223 |
| 264 | 24/2195 | 14-24/C1343 | 210×130×100 | RSS | Good | Fragment architectural | | | | | | | | | |

Undecorated fragments: 14.2181, 14.2182, 14.2184, 14.2185, 14.2283, 14.2285, 14.2289, 14.2290, 14.2292, 14.2295, 14.2299, 14.301, 14.2306, 14.2307, 14.2308, 14.2316, 14.2331, 14.2332, 14.2334, 14.2335, 14.2336, 14.2339, 14.2342, 14.2344, 14.2347, 14.2348, 14.2351, 14.2353, 14.2358, 14.2359, 14.2360, 14.2263, 14.2365, 14.2503, 14.2680, 14.2748, 14.2888, 14.3398, 14.3399, 14.3400, 14.3401, 14.3407, 14.3715, 14.3869, 14.3853, 24.3854, 24.3856, 24.3857, 24.3858, 24.3893, 24.3897, 24.3898, 24.3899, 24.3900, 23.4115.

Digest 5.2 MEDIEVAL MEMORIALSLAWRENCE BUTLER[†] (University of York)

Four slabs are described and discussed. Two are clearly late medieval (illustrated), the third is seventeenth century and the fourth is of uncertain date, but probably medieval.

1. Cross-slab grave-cover from east end of Tarbat Old Church (Illus 7.13a, b)**Description**

Tapering cross-slab grave-cover (of coarse sandstone?) with chamfered edges and a low relief design. The main feature is a cross-head with eight fleur-de-lys terminals springing from two interlaced or overlapping diamonds. In the centre of the cross head is a circular ring, whilst at the upper corners of the slab are two further circles, one (left) with a hollowed centre, the other with six petal-shaped depressions. The cross head is supported on a broad shaft with two incised lines running its full length. These incised lines do not continue into the large fleur-de-lys at the upper junction with the cross head nor into the uneven three-step base.

Flanking the shaft are two shields (left) and a sword (right). The upper shield has a beast, probably intended to be a lion rampant. The motif or charge on the lower shield is too indistinct to hazard a suggestion. The sword has a broad tapering blade with a rounded point (perhaps indicating a scabbard), a guard of slightly down-turned quillons, a hilt of concave sides and an unusual pommel of two uneven lobes in the form of a Y. On the blade, just below the quillons, is a sunk concave diamond, which also might indicate decoration on a scabbard, though no sword belt is shown. The outer (right-hand) quillon overlaps the chamfered edge of the slab, as do two of the fleur-de-lys terminals of the head. The chamfer has chevron ornament formed either of lanceolate leaves or (at base and lower right of slab) of simple incisions.

Discussion

The design of the cross head can be readily paralleled in northern England. There has been far less recording of this monument type in Scotland, but Northumbrian patterns extend into the Lothians and Fife. The interlaced diamond design occurs in four churches in Cumbria: Barton (Ryder 2005: 135, slab 1), Warcop (op cit: 46, slab 1), Isel (op cit 127, slab 1) and Dearham (op cit 172–4, slabs 4, 8 and 9). In Northumberland, the same design occurs in three examples: Bywell

St Andrew and Stamfordham in the central Tyne valley, and at Knaresdale in the south Tyne (Ryder 2000, 56 & 85 fig 7, slab 3; 71 & 101, fig 23, slab 2; 76 & 108, fig 30, slab 1; Ryder 2003, 113, fig 6). In County Durham, the diamonds are more clearly interlaced and the motif is set within a circle, though the fleur-de-lys heads remain outside the circle: eg Aycliffe slab 3 (Ryder 1985, 12–13 & fig 1 (p 16), design 13). Sometimes the entire design may be placed within a sunk circle. A few slabs show a central ring (Brancepeth slab 3) or a plain disc (Medomsley slab 5), whilst the majority enclose a central rosette (fourteen examples). On four other slabs the central zone is damaged. This same design of head also occurs just south of the River Tees, within North Yorkshire.

The roundels in the upper corners occur sporadically in the northern counties of England, north of the Trent–Mersey line, sometimes as a sun and a crescent moon, sometimes as stars and sometimes as rosettes of six or eight petals. The steps at the base are also a common feature in northern England, though many slabs with the interlaced diamond design at the head have a base of a plain semi-circular mound or a cusped ogee arch. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the sword guard with the down-turned straight quillons is as common as the sword with a straight guard. However, the pommel is more usually leaf-shaped, either plain or five-lobed (Ryder 1985: p 19 and fig 2). The notched Y-shaped pommel occurs in only two examples: Dearham, Cumbria (Ryder 2005, 172, slab 2), and Hamsterley, County Durham (Ryder 1985, 92, slab 1).

There are slabs with incised and with low relief designs showing shields in the three northern counties of England. In Cumbria, there are fifteen slabs clearly showing heraldic arms and a further seven slabs with plain shields which might have been painted. In Northumberland, there are fourteen slabs with heraldic charges and six with plain shields. In County Durham, there are four shields with heraldic charges and plain shields on six slabs. The running leaf pattern on the edge chamfer occurs in Cumbria at Appleby St Lawrence, Morland and Crosscanonby (Ryder 2005, 25–6, slab 2; 38, slab 2; 170, slab 2), but not in County Durham and Northumberland.

The most useful survey of memorial sculpture in northern Scotland has been that by Steer and Bannerman (1977). In the West Highlands, as on Iona, Oronsay and Kintyre,

it is easy to find parallels on grave-slabs for the type of sword, but not for the design of the pommel (ibid 167–70, fig 19). Sometimes the sword is shown within its scabbard. The sword is placed to the right-hand side of the cross-shaft (as here at Tarbat), whilst the left-hand side has panels of floral design. It is interesting that these floral panels have been linked to Northumberland (by Lamont 1968, 34–5, discussing Islay) as being inspired by a slab at Hexham, in the central Tyne valley. The cross heads in the West Highlands do not closely parallel the design at Tarbat. Where there are well-defined bases (Class I slabs on Iona and Islay: Steer & Bannerman 1977, 17–18, plates 1–2), they have a floral design within a semi-circle. There are no roundels or rosettes, and heraldry only occurs on late fourteenth-century low-relief military effigies. These show a warrior in a quilted surcoat carrying a shield on his left arm, holding a lance in his right hand and wearing a sword, usually with drooping quillons and an elaborate pommel, prominently displayed in a waist belt (ibid 22–6, plate 8). The English examples of this cross design and sword type suggest a date in the early fourteenth century, but for this example in Easter Ross, so far north from Northumbria, it is probable that the central decades 1340–70 may be more likely.

2. Cross-slab grave-cover from internal west end of Tarbat Old Church (Illus 7.13c)**Description**

Cross-slab grave-cover, broken into two equal pieces. Similar red sandstone to above. There are two designs on this slab, an incised sword and four initials, the latter are likely to be a later inscription. The sword is similar to that on slab 1, but originally it was the only design on the slab. The sword has a tapering blade ending in a rectangular scabbard chape. The quillons are straight and down-turned, with each arm ending in a diamond-shaped terminal.

The hilt has a slight taper in its width, and ends in a plain round pommel. The sword design is common in the late fourteenth and fifteenth centuries (Steer & Bannerman 1977, 167–70).

The four initials A M R M are in relief within a sunk rectangular panel, to the right of the sword's hilt. The style of the lettering suggests a seventeenth-century addition, perhaps to two members of the Munro family.

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Discussion

Although there are a number of examples in northern England where the sword is the only carving on the slab, these usually have the sword in the centre of the slab, so that the four arms of the sword can substitute for the cross of the Crucified Christ. At Tarbat, the sword is close to the left-hand margin of the stone in its present condition, but the left-hand margin appears to have been deliberately cut, whilst the right-hand margin is more worn and tapering.

3. Fragments of grave-cover slab re-used in blocked doorway

A slab, either broken in three pieces or, more likely, shown on three separate photographs. It is a coarse red sandstone. This slab has three main elements. Around two sides are the incised letters of a border inscription within a frame. Although individual capital letters can be identified, the full text cannot be recovered; the inscription appears to be in English not Latin. The second element is a sunk roundel at the head of the slab in which is an ornate shield. This has an upper margin of half-round crenellation, straight sides and a bottom margin of two concave bases meeting at a point. The heraldic charge is of a stag and

tree (? for Mackenzie). Below the roundel is a sunk rectangular panel which has, in low relief, a skull and cross-bones at the centre (as originally designed), a sexton's bell, an hourglass and either a miniature spade or an arrow at the top of the panel. For this design, a seventeenth-century date is most likely.

4. Slab re-used within blocked doorway of Tarbat Old Church

Description

Probably a grave cover, but with irregular edges. The stone appears to be metamorphic and not sandstone. The only design that can be discerned is an incised triangular shape with another line(s) near the apex to create a diamond shape. Three possibilities may be suggested. The first is that this is a shield with the heraldic charge of a chevron. The second is this is intended to show an object suspended by a cord, such as a hunting horn. The third is that this is a letter A. For the last two suggestions, the broken edge is at the bottom of the slab, but for the first suggestion the broken edge is at the top. There are faint suggestions of a rectangular object near the opposite margin: this could be a book with a fastening clasp, usually interpreted as the Gospels, indicating the symbol of a priest.

There are no diagnostic features, but a late medieval date is likely.

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