



A Survey of Thatched Buildings in Scotland

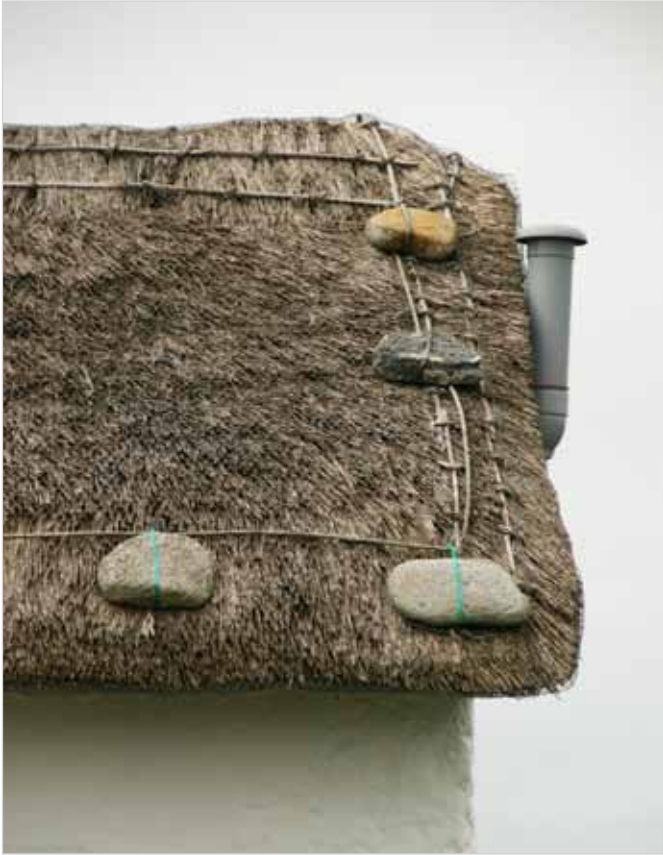
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Howmore Hostel – Western Isles

Address: Howmore Hostel

..... Isle of South Uist

Local Council: WESTERN ISLES

Grid Reference: NF 75756 36446

Date of Visit: 10/06/2015

Thatch Type:

Ridge Type:

Condition of Thatch:

Additional Notes:

Listing Category: Not listed

Date Listed: n/a

Listed Building Number: n/a

Canmore ID: 348818

Building Type: Cottage

Use: Hostel

Occupancy: Occupied

Buildings At Risk: n/a

Marram

Thatched (Marram)

Good

Single-storey cottage with projecting wing to the front (north-east) elevation. According to the Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust website (www.gatliff.org.uk) the hostel at Howmore opened as a hostel in 1966. The roof of both the main cottage and the projecting porch wing are thatched in marram and have a continuous marram ridge. The ridge has been scobed using hazel spars, continued vertically down the skewes on the projecting wing. The entire roof has been netted, and weighted along the eaves and around the chimney stacks at either end of the cottage with stones. The stones have been hung by thin rope in a continuous string,

which has been pegged into the thatch with metal pegs above each of the stones.

