

Moray

Clach-neart Glenlivet

Rhindhu Farm.

130kg/286lb

Editor – Peter did not have an article for this stone. What follows below is pieced together from a series of emails in 2013 and my personal memories.



The Glen Livet stone upon its plinth. The stone itself is smooth and oval on one side but flat and ragged on the other. It is unclear if the stone was more roundish in former days.

For once, Peter had no part in the location of a Scottish stone. In this case, the ground work was undertaken by two of his friends. They were a retired lecturer named Malcolm Jones and a mutual friend by the name of David Toovey

Malcolm found the stone via a Victorian Ordnance Survey reference map. He took a trip to the location and - to his amazement - the stone was found to be exactly where the map said it should be.

County of Banff		No. 21, Parish of Inveraree			
List of Names as written on the Plan	Various modes of Spelling the same Names	Authority for those modes of Spelling	Situation	Descriptive Remarks, or other General Observations which may be considered of Interest	
Clach Neart	Clach Neart	Thomas Shaw Peter Stewart Peter Lulloch Knochkan	Sheet Plan 11 3	"Putting Stone" a large Surface Rock on the Course of the Muir. The literal meaning of the name is the Stone of Strength.	

1867 Ordnance Surveyers report. Referring to the *Clach Neart*



Corresponding Ordnance Survey map with the text *Clach Neart* indicating the location of the stone.

Despite that wonderful starting point, access to this stone remained extremely difficult. The location is remote and the stone is located several miles inside the boundaries of a farm.

By July 2013, arrangements had been made with the local farmer who agreed to transport a motley collection of academics, historians, stone lifters and curious onlookers using 2 off-road vehicles. Seatbelts and suspension appeared to be optional as the white knuckle trip began, and continued for much longer than I had hoped for.

There are no roads to speak of and at times I could see no discernible track either. None the less, we arrived at the location to be greeted by a 130kg stone. I felt like I was disembarking from a ship and it took a few minutes to walk-off my sea legs.

After some pleasantries and a recap of the history of the stone, James Grahame and Martin Jancsics became the first known lifters in modern times.



The remoteness of the location.





