

**APPENDIX 1:** Records from the Shetland Biological Records Centre which include the Study Area.

Taxon Latin Name	Recommended Common Name	Location Name	Date	Spatial Reference	Obs Abundance s (LC)	Obs Comment
Erinaceus europaeus	West European Hedgehog	Scar Quilse	12/04/2002	HU4160	1 Count of present	Crossing road
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare	Mid Kame	13/01/2012	HU4159	3 Count of present	
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare		25/02/2012	HU4160	4 Count of present	From road
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare		16/01/2003	HU4160	2 Count of present	
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare		14/01/2003	HU414602	1 Count of present	
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare		24/03/2003	HU416596	1 Count of present	
Lepus timidus	Mountain Hare	Lang Kames	19/02/2004	HU415599	1 Count of present	Crossing road
Mustela furo x putorius	Polecat-Ferret	Scar Quilse, Lang Kames	03/09/2000	HU4160	1 Count of present	

## **APPENDIX 2** Target Notes from the Phase 1 Habitat Survey

TARGET NOTE REFERENCE NO.*	NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE	HABITAT AND SPECIES NOTES
1	HU 41340 60700	Repeat otter sprainting site. Mounded grass used over a long period. One recognisable spraint, probably used within the last month or so.
2	HU 41313 60680	Clear otter footprint on burn edge – fresh, likely to be within the last couple of days.
3	HU 41445 60532	Old peat cutting area. Appears to be used as a farm storage area + used as access for recent wood pole electricity line works. It is part track, part eroded peat/acid grassland – small in area.
4	HU 41402 60410	The roadside front of the old quarry is on previously disturbed mixed material. It appears to have been covered with soil/peat and now contains a mixed grassland sward which is complex but dominated by acid grassland with patches of neutral grassland and mixed acid/neutral species. It can be termed semi-improved. It may have been seeded with neutral grassland species and acid grassland colonisers are taking over?
5	HU 41290 60140	This is an area of very eroded blanket bog. There are regular patches of bare peat over its surface and a lack of Sphagnum, although the peat is still over 1m deep in most places. It is classified as wet modified bog. It is in a valley bottom and the damage appears to have been caused by long-term higher density sheep grazing, possibly exacerbated by drainage channels and increased drying.
6	HU 41515 60300	An unrestored old quarry with a small rock face still partly exposed. It appears to have been used for soil/mixed material dumping – some fairly recent. Vegetation present includes grasses indicative of nutrient rich soils.
7	HU 41365 60155	Dry Modified Blanket Bog - Grassy Heath. The peat is over a metre deep but the vegetation has acid grassland characteristics. There is extensive sheep grazing evidence and it appears to be a favoured area. The area is partly south facing. It appears that the vegetation of this area has been altered over time by grazing and enrichment – it is close to being semi-improved. It is possible this area was disturbed during the past upgrading of the A970?
8	HU 41545 60160	This is a Scottish Water compound with a storage tank in the hillside.
9	HU 41685 60480	This is the top of a tributary with several streams joining, all exiting deep peat pipes. Evident that glacial till underlies the deep peat. The area is dominated by acid grassland but has some marshy grassland flush areas which contain clumps of soft rush.
10	HU 41240 60355	This area of blanket bog is valley bog. It contains small ponds and soakaways locally with flushes around the edge of the small burn tributaries. Some ponds/soakaways contain Sphagnums and bog pondweed.

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11	NU 41486 60282	Non-native invasive species present in old quarry on tipped soil – montbretia ( <i>Crocosmia X crocosmiflora</i> ). It is also present in the base of the quarry as well.			

<sup>\* -</sup> See Figure 1 for Referenced Target Note Locations.

## **APPENDIX 3** Phase 1 Plant List

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow foxtail
Anagallis tenella	Bog pimpernel
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica
Anothoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal-grass
Aulacomnium palustre	Moss
Bellis perennis	Daisy
Blechnum spicant	Hard Fern
Calluna vulgaris	Common heather
Calypogeia muelleriana	Liverwort
Campylopus atrovirens	Moss
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy bitter-cress
Cardamine pratensis	Lady's smock
Carex nigra	Common sedge
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge
Cerastium holosteoides	Common mouse-ear
Cirsium arvense	Creeping thistle
Cirsium vulgare	Spear thistle
Cladonia arbuscula	Lichen
Cladonia ciliata var. tenuis	Lichen
Cladonia furcata	Lichen
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted hair-grass
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair-grass
Dicranum scoparium	Moss
Diplophyllum albicans	Liverwort
Drosera rotundifolia	Round-leaved sundew
Empetrum nigrum ssp. nigrum	Crowberry
Equisetum arvense	Field horsetail
Erica cinerea	Bell heather
Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved heath
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common cottongrass
Eriophorum vaginatum	Hair's-tail cottongrass
Festuca ovina	Sheep's fescue
Festuca vivipara	Viviparous fescue
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog
Holcus mollis	Creeping soft-grass
Huperzia selago	Fir clubmoss
Hylocomium splendens	Moss

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME
Hypnum jutlandicum	Moss
Juncus effusus	Soft rush
Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow vetchling
Lophocolea bidentata	Liverwort
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood-rush
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor-grass
Nardus stricta	Mat grass
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel
Pinguicula vulgaris	Common butterwort
Plagiomnium ellipticum	Moss
Plagiothecium undulatum	Moss
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort plantain
Plantago major	Greater plantain
Pleurozia purpurea	Liverwort
Pleurozium schreberi	Moss
Polytrichum commune	Moss
Potamogeton polygonifolius	Bog pondweed
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil
Primula vulgaris	Primrose
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal
Racomitrium lanuginosum	Moss
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup
Rhytidiadelphis loreus	Moss
Rhytidiadelphis squarrosus	Moss
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved dock
Sagina procumbens	Procumbent pearlwort
Scapania gracilis	Liverwort
Sphagnum capillifolium both subsp.	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum compactum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum cuspidatum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum denticulatum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum fallax	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum inundatum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum magellanicum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum palustre	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum papillosum	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum subnitens	Sphagnum moss
Sphagnum tenellum	Sphagnum moss
Stellaria media	Common chickweed
Succisa pratensis	Devil's-bit scabious
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LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME
Taraxacum officinale agg.	Dandelion agg.
Thymus polytrichus ssp brittanicus	Wild thyme
Trichophorum germanicum	Deergrass
Trifolium pratense	Red clover
Urtica dioica	Common nettle
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry
Viola palustris	Marsh violet

## APPENDIX 4: NVC Quadrat Data

	PLANT GROUP			QUADRATS (DOMIN)				
		Latin Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5
COMPOUND				NORTH	NORTH	NORTH	NORTH	NORTH
WAY POINT				147	195	196	198	199
NGR				HU 41522 60416	HU 41694 60229	HU 41680 60472	HU 41401 60398	HU 41346 60176
PHOTOS				-	YES	YES	-	YES
PEAT DEPTH (m)				>1m	>1m	>1m	Varied, 30cm here	>1m
BARE PEAT				None	None	None	None	None
Description				Dwarf Shrub BB, slightly wind- clipped - fairly species poor. In a hagged but recovering area, gullies are revegetating.	Dwarf Shrub BB, in a slightly hagged but recovering area, gullies are revegetating.	Burn valley acid grassland, preferentially grazed by sheep and greylag geese. Is a flushed grassland.	Overall, slightly acid grassland with semi-improved indicators, may have been seeded in the past?	Close cropped acid grassland turf but over deep peat (degraded bog)
National Vegetation Classification				M19b - Calluna vulgaris- Eriophorum vaginatum blanket mire, Empetrum nigrum ssp. nigrum sub- community.	M19b - Calluna vulgaris- Eriophorum vaginatum blanket mire, Empetrum nigrum ssp. nigrum sub- community.	U6d - Juncus squarrosus- Festuca ovina grassland, Agrostis capillaris-Luzula multiflora sub-community. Very mixed community verging on M6 in places.	U4 - Festuca ovina-Agrostis capillaris- Galium saxatile grassland. Not a good match because very mixed, possibly verging on Holcus lanatus-Trifolium repens sub- community U4b.	U4a - Festuca ovina-Agrostis capillaris- Galium saxatile grassland, typical sub- community. Wetter than would be expected because on deep peat and some bog plants present.
GWDTE SENSITIVITY				None	None	Moderate	None	None
PEAT/BOG CONDITION				Slight to Moderately Eroded but recovering	Slightly Eroded but looks to be recovering	Slightly eroded locally, particularly down bog edges	None	None
VEGETATION CONDITION				GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	V. GOOD	GOOD
	Plants							
		Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent			6	8	5
		Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow foxtail				Nearby	
		Anothoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal-grass			5	4	Nearby
		Calluna vulgaris	Common heather	7	8			
		Cardamine pratensis	Lady's smock				Nearby	
		Carex nigra	Common sedge					3
		Carex panicea	Carnation sedge		Nearby	_		3
		Cerastium holosteoides	Common mouse-ear			2		3
l		Cirsium arvense	Creeping thistle				4	

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	Latin Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	
	Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted hair-grass				4		
	Empetrum nigrum ssp.							
	nigrum	Crowberry	3	4				
	Equisetum arvense	Field horsetail				2		
	Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved heath	3	2				
		Common						
	Eriophorum angustifolium	cottongrass	4	3	3		2	
	Erianharum vaginatum	Hair's-tail	7	7			3	
	Eriophorum vaginatum Festuca ovina	cottongrass	1	/	3		4	
		Sheep's fescue					4	
	Festuca vivipara	Viviparous fescue			4		4	
	Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw			4	A.I. I	4	
	Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog				Nearby		
	Holcus mollis	Creeping soft-grass				5		
	Huperzia selago	Fir clubmoss	Nearby					
	Juncus effusus	Soft rush			Nearby	Nearby	Nearby	
	Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush		Nearby	8		5	
	Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow vetchling				3		
	Luzula multiflora	Heath wood-rush			2		2	
	Nardus stricta	Mat grass			4			
	Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel		Nearby				
	Pinguicula vulgaris	Common butterwort		Nearby				
	Potentilla erecta	Tormentil			3		3	
	Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel				3		
	Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved dock				Nearby		
	Trichophorum germanicum	Deergrass	Nearby	Nearby				
	Trifolium pratense	Red clover				4		
	Viola palustris	Marsh violet					3	
Mosses	OVERALL COVER		6	5	7	7	8	
	Aulacomnium palustre	Moss					3	
	Dicranum scoparium	Moss		3				
	Hylocomium splendens	Moss	3	3	Nearby		5	
	Hypnum jutlandicum	Moss	2	4				
	Plagiomnium ellipticum	Moss					2	
	Plagiothecium undulatum	Moss		2				
	Pleurozium schreberi	Moss		3			3	
	Polytrichum commune	Moss			6		4	
	Racomitrium lanuginosum	Moss	Nearby	2			-	
	Rhytidiadelphis loreus	Moss	2	3	5			
	Rhytidiadelphis squarrosus	Moss			4	7	4	
	Sphagnum capillifolium				'	,		
	both subsp.	Sphagnum moss	6	4	2		4	
	Sphagnum compactum	Sphagnum moss	Nearby		2			
	Sphagnum palustre	Sphagnum moss	•		4		6	

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	Latin Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	
	Sphagnum papillosum	Sphagnum moss			Nearby			
	Sphagnum subnitens	Sphagnum moss		3			4	
	Sphagnum tenellum	Sphagnum moss			3		3	
Liverworts	Calypogeia muelleriana	Liverwort	2		3			
	Diplophyllum albicans	Liverwort					3	
	Lophocolea bidentata	Liverwort				4		
	Pleurozia purpurea	Liverwort	Nearby					
	Scapania gracilis	Liverwort		3				
Lichens	OVERALL COVER		3	3	3	0	0	
	Cladonia arbuscula	Lichen	3		3			
	Cladonia ciliata var. tenuis	Lichen	3	3				
	Cladonia furcata	Lichen		2				



