

**ARDNAMURCHAN TOWNSHIPS WITHIN THE  
ACHARACLE COMMUNITY COUCIL ARAEA**

**ACHARACLE**

**ARIVEGAIG**

**ARDTOE**

**GORTENEORN**

**GORTENFERN**

**SALEN**

**SHIELFOOT**

**TARBERT**

## **ACHARACLE (Ath Tharacheal).**

Aherkill, 1651, (11)  
Aucherkill, 1667 (5).  
Airkill, 1667 (5).  
Aharakill, 1694 (6).  
Aherickle, 1694 (6).  
Aharkill, 1723 (10).  
Acharakle, 1723 (7).  
Acharacle, 1875 (8).  
Acharacle, 2002 (9).

### Settlements

NM 6786 6778 Acharacle.

### Shielings

Not known.

1. **Ru na Nell (1). NM 6928 6820.** Gaelic? English? Named *Rubha na h'Eala* on OS maps.
2. **Not allocated**
3. **Innis an Druim (2). NM 6862 6645.** Gaelic? Pasture or enclosure of the ridge.
4. **Gobsheiloch (3). NM**
5. **Hope's Road (4). NM** This name appears to have been used for the Salen to Acharacle road but its use now appears to be confined to the short section leading down to the pier.

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## **ARIVEGAIG (Airigh Bheagaig)**

Arrevegaig, 1807 (1).  
Arevegaig, 1875 (3).  
Arivegaig, 2002 (4).

### Settlements

NM 6562 6816. Arivegaig  
NM 6538 6759 Aultbay  
NM 6846 6703

Shielings  
Not known.

1. **Ru Illan Da Try (1). NM 6446 6827.** Gaelic? ‘Headland of the Island of Two Beaches’.
2. **Skeir Dou (1). NM 6440 6825.** Gaelic? ‘Black Skerry’.
3. **Illan na Shumraig Beg (1). NM 6427 6843.** Gaelic? English?
4. **Aultbay (1). NM 6546 6760.** Gaelic? ‘Birch-tree Burn’.
5. **Ru Craig an Glass (1). NM 6485 6858.** Gaelic? ‘Headland of the Blue/Grey Cliff’.
6. **Skeir Dou (1). NM 6450 6830.** Gaelic? ‘Black Skerry’.
7. **Ault Foilgach (2). NM 6524 6878.** Gaelic? English? *Allt a’ Ghatha.*
8. **Ault Foilbane (2).** *Allt Faodhail Bhan.* ‘Burn of the White Sea Ford’.
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#### ARDTOE (Aird Tò(gh)a.

Ardto, 1667 (4).  
Ardtoo, 1690 (5).  
Ardtoe, 1723(6).  
Artoe, 1723 (9).  
Ardtoe, 1807(1).  
Ardtoe, 1875 (7).  
Ardtoe, 2002 (8).

#### Settlements

NM 6286 7020 Ardtoe  
NM 6490 7004 Gobshealach  
NM 6455 7062 Newton of Ardtoe.

Shielings  
Not known.

1. **Eaoil Vausa (?) or Eoad Vaunau(?) (1). NM 6532 6880.** Gaelic? English?
2. **Ru na Maurrie (1). NM 6458 6894.** Gaelic? English?
3. **Illan an Dou (1). NM 6444 6920.** Gaelic? English? Named *Eilean an Eididh* on OS maps.
4. **Port na Hinnse (1). NM 6389 6984.** Gaelic? English?
5. **Port na Glac (1). NM 6351 7008.** Gaelic? English?
6. **Ru Linnen (1). NM 6240 7064.** Gaelic? English? Named *Rubha Luinngeanach* on OS maps.

7. **Ru Fasan a Feorag (1).** NM 6220 7154. Gaelic? English? Named *Rudha Fassadh nam Feòcullan* on OS maps.
8. **Illan Dou (1).** NM 6265 7108. *Eilean Dubh*; ‘Black Island’.
9. **Camus Linga (1).** NM 6270 7075. Gaelic? English?
10. **Ru Lunga (Linga?) (1).** NM6262 7084. Gaelic? English?
11. **Not Allocated.**
12. **Port Huin (Bain(?) (1) NM 6273 7074.** Gaelic? English?
13. **Skeir Adhie (1).** NM 6185 7125. Gaelic? English? Named *Sgeir an Eididh* on OS maps and this may just be a phonetic rendering. ‘Skerry of the Clothing’.
14. **Shea Rauch (Ranch ?) (1).** NM 6211 7159. Gaelic? English?
15. **Ru Clach Bane More (1).** NM 6222 7195. Gaelic? ‘Point of the Big White Rock’. Named *Rubha na Cailleach*, ‘Point of the Old Woman’ on OS maps.
16. **Ru Port an Da Salen (1).** Gaelic? ‘Point of the Port of Two Inlets’. Named ‘Farquhar’s Point’ or *Rubha Mhic Artair*, ‘MacArthur’s Point’ on OS maps.
17. **Slandravi (1).** NM 6285 7290. Gaelic? English? Named *Eilean Raonuill* on OS maps and described by Bald as belonging to Clanranald, so it probably formed part of *Bailetonach, Eilean Shona*.
18. **Island Rhul (1).** NM 6285 7290. Gaelic? English?
19. **Ru Port a’ Varra (1).** NM 6350 7254. Gaelic? English?
20. **Port Varra (1).** NM 6331 7246. Gaelic? English?
21. **Core Island (1).** NM 6354 7270. Gaelic? English?
22. **Glass Illan (?).** NM 6328 7279. Gaelic? ‘Blue/Grey Island’. Named *Sgeir an Durdain*, ‘Humming Skerry’ on OS maps.
23. **Skeir a Clairv (?) (1).** NM 6394 7235. Gaelic? English?
24. **Islands Rogg (1).** NM 6410 7215. *Eileanan nan Ròg*, ‘Shag Islands’. *Ròg* is a Gaelic loan-word from Old Norse ‘hrókr’, shag, a seabird related to the cormorant.
25. **Port Loach (1).** NM 6391 7210. Gaelic? English?
26. **Port Caulson (?) (1).** NM 6360 7222. Gaelic? English?
27. **Nuig Dou (1).** NM 6450 7166. *An Uig Dubh*, ‘Black Bay’. Named *Faodhail Dhubh*, ‘Black Sea Ford’, on OS maps. The bay dries out at low water, leaving the remains of a tidal fish-trap exposed.
28. **Ru Vurr ?) (1).** NM 6246 7100. Gaelic? English?
29. **Finlason’s Bay (2).** NM 6445 6984.
30. **Waterfoot (2).** NM 6578 7111. Gaelic? An alternative name for Shielfoot.
31. **Ardtoe More (3).** NM 6284 707072. *Aird Tògha Mor*, English?

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#### GORTENEORN (An Goirtean eorna)

In 1651, the 2½ merk land of Aldor, 6/8d land of Laik, 6/8d land of Longarie, and the 6/8d land of Craig were listed between Claish and Ardrimnish, and Ardtoe, suggesting that they should be included in Gorteneorn and Arivegaig (8).

Aldore, Lock, Langarie and Craigow, 1667 (9).

Lecki(sh?), 1723 (7).

Gorteneorn, 1807 (1).

Gorteneorn, 1875 (5).

Gorteneorn, 2002 (6).

#### Settlements

NM 6330 676782 Gorteneorn

NM 6550 6747 'Torran Iamhair'.

NM 6304 6980 Camasdail.

NM 6235 6874 Daal of Kintra

NM 6356 6773 Arieian

NM 6100 6858 Leckish

Shielings

Not known.

1. **Ault Lochan a' Loist (1).** NM 6269 6600. *Gaelic?* English? Named *Allt a' Ghortein eorna* on OS maps.
2. **Maoll na Leacach (1).** NM 6087 6592. *Gaelic?* English? Named *Leac Shuilleir* on OS maps.
3. **Allt Lochan Creag Dou (1).** NM 6365 6712. *Gaelic?* English? Named *Allt Eas an Taileir*, 'Tailor's Waterfall Burn' on OS maps.
4. **Drim Lochan Sliognach (1).** NM 6446 6540. *Gaelic?* English?
5. **Ault Bodach (1).** NM 6460 6435. *Gaelic?* 'Old Man's Burn'.
6. **Illan na Gad More (1).** NM 6433 6815. *Gaelic?* 'Big Island of the Withies'. Named *Eileanan nan Gad* on OS maps.
7. **Illan na Gad Beg (1).** NM 6394 6802. *Gaelic?* 'Small Island of the Withies'. Included in the *Eileanan nan Gad* on OS maps.
8. **Skeir Torra Murchy (1).** NM 6160 6834. *Gaelic?* English? Named *Sgeir an Rathaid*, 'Skerry of the Track' on OS maps.
9. **Port n'a Nian (1).** NM 6180 6920. *Gaelic?* 'Port of the Birds'.
10. **Cual na Cross (1).** NM 6195 6950. *Cùl na Croise*, 'Back of the Cross'. The OS put *Cùl na Croise* in the adjoining bay, ½ km to the NE.
11. **Ru Daal (1).** NM 6259 7025. *Gaelic?* 'Promontory of the Meadow'.
12. **Camus Dall Vurra (1).** NM 6304 6980. *Gaelic?* English?
13. **Ru Vurra (1).** NM 6309 6982. *Gaelic?* English?
14. **Ru Taigh Slore (1).** NM 6359 6932. *Gaelic?* English?
15. **Illan na Shumraig (1).** NM 6376 6896. *Eilean na Seamraig*, 'Clover Island'. Named *Sgeir na Seamraig Iosal*, 'Lower Skerry of the Clover' on OS maps.
16. **Ru McLeod (1).** NM 6350 6890. *Gaelic?* 'MacLeod's Point'.
17. **Kintra (1).** NM 6300 6900. *Ceann-tra*, 'Head of the Beach'. Bald named the peninsula to the west of Kintra Bay as 'Kintra'.
18. **Daal (1).** NM 6235 6974. *Dail*, 'Meadow'. This settlement is named 'Dale of Kintra' in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century documents and the machar was occupied from Mesolithic times onward.
19. **Kinira Bay (2).** NM 6150 7050. *Gaelic?* English? Should this have been Kintra Bay?

20. **Ariean (3). NM 6356 6773.** *Gaelic?* English?
21. **Leckish (4). NM 6100 6858.** *Gaelic?* English?
22. **Gorton nevin (4). NM ??** *Gaelic?* English? Was this an alternative name or confused spelling of Gorteneorn? The Rental in the reference names 'Leckish, Dale of Kintra, Gortennevin and Craiglow'.
23. **Craiglow (4). NM ???** *Craig Dubh?* 'Black Crag'? Named *Craigdow* in GD 241/64.

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### **GORTENFERN ( An Goirtean fearna)**

Class; Ardrumneis, 1651. (Both 6/8d lands) (9).

Classe; Ardyna, 1667 (10).

Clash and Ardimsnish, 1723 (8).

Gortenfern, 1875 (6).

Gortenfern, 2002 (7).

#### Settlements

NM 6030 6885. Clash.

NM 6074 6918. Camas an Lighe.

NM 5947 7098. Liath Dhoire.

NM 5839 7255. Acarsaid Bheag.

NM 5870 7211. Acarsaid Mor.

NM 5991 7043. Garvalt.

NM 6074 6887 Gorstenfern.

#### Shielings

1. **Ault inner Corrie na muchk (1). NM 5827 7132.** *Gaelic?* English? Named *Allt an Rudha Ruaidh* on OS maps.
2. **Skeir Vick Crian (1). NM 5912 7188.** *Gaelic?* English?
3. **Mull Liador (1). NM 5952 7116.** *Gaelic?* English?
4. **Camus na Lee (1). NM 6080 6924.** *Gaelic?* English? Named *Camas Liath* or *Camas an Lighe* on OS maps.
5. **Lochan na Clash (1). NM 6020 6882.** *Gaelic?* English? Named *Lochan na Glaice* on the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition OS map.
6. **Clash (1). NM 6030 6885.** *Gaelic?* English?
7. **Lochan Dun na Gour (1). NM 6000 6760.** *Gaelic?* English? Named *Lochan Dubh* on OS maps.
8. **Ru na Hacarsaid More (1). NM 5905 7208.** *Rudha na h'Acairseid Mòr*, 'Point of the Big Harbour) (or Anchorage).

9. **Thun na Ranna (2).** NM ?? *Gaelic?* English?
10. **Camas ne Leigh (3).** NM 6074 6918. *Gaelic?* English? A settlement that takes its name from the bay.
11. **An Innis Dubh (4).** NM ?? *An Innis Dubh*, ‘Black (Second Rate?) Water-meadow’.
12. **Peendow or Blackpenny (5).** NM ?? *Gaelic?* ‘Black (or Second Rate) Pennyland’.
13. **Rathad nam Mealla Ruadh (2).** NM ?? *Gaelic?* English? Described as ‘Steep rocks on the south side *thun na Ranna* (North side of Ardnamurchan).
14. **Liathadair (2).** NM 5947 7098. *Liath Dhoire*, ‘Grey Grove’.
15. **Ard Drimnish (?).** NM 5839 7255; NM 5870 7211. *Gaelic?* English? 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century documents refer to Gortfern under several different names, including ‘Clash and Ard Drimnish’. The most likely locations for the settlement are the ‘two Acarsaids’.
16. **Garvalt (6).** NM 5991 7043. *Garbh Allt*, ‘Rough Burn’. A small settlement that took its name from the adjoining burn.

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### SALEN (Sailean Loch Suaineart)

Salen, 1807 (1).  
 Salen, 1875 (6).  
 Salen, 2002 (7).

#### Settlements

NM 6887 6471 Salen.

#### Shielings

Not known

1. **Port na Tusta (1).** NM ?? *Gaelic?* English?
2. **Mill Stream (2).** NM 6881 6460. *Allt a’ Mhuilinn*. This was let to John Clark along with the bobbin mill, mill dam and pond.
3. **Sg. Ruadh (3).** NM 6890 6436. *Sgeir Ruadh*, ‘Red Skerry’.
4. **am Bréum Torr (4).** NM ?? *Gaelic?* English? Described as being ‘west of Salen’.
5. **Salen of Sunart (4)** NM 6900 6400. *Sailean Loch Suaineart*. Named **Tarbat Bay** on General Roy’s Map of c. 1750.
6. **Pirn Mill (5).** NM 6884 6460. Salen Bobbin Mill

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## SHIELFOOT

Sheil Foot, 1807 (1).  
 Shielfoot, 1875 (4).  
 Shielfoot, 2002 (5).

### Settlements

NM 6577 7111 Shielfoot

### Shielings

1. **Port Ru na Nuan (1). NM 6488 7184.** *Gaelic?* English?
2. **Skeir na Druiden (1). NM 6502 7222.** *Gaelic?* English?
3. **Ru P. Min (?) (1). NM 6474 7199.** *Gaelic?* English?
4. **Port Buin (1). NM 6491 7190.** *Gaelic?* English?
5. **Ru Dou Clau Sui (?) (1). NM 64547131.** *Gaelic?* English?
6. **Not allocated.**
7. **Ardtoebeg (?) NM 6578 7113.** *Gaelic?* English? Known locally as ‘Old Shielfoot’.
8. **Penbunochan (2). NM 6575 7137.** *Gaelic?* English? Possibly an old name for ‘Old Shielfoot’, and a Pennyland of Ardtoe.
9. **Waterfoot (?). NM 6578 7113.** *Gaelic?* An alternative name for ‘Old Shielfoot’.
10. **Inchbord (3). NM ??** *Iubhard*, English? ‘The island at the mouth of Loch Shiel should be *Iubhard*. Where is the island at the foot of Loch Shiel?

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## TARBERT = An Tairbeart.

Camustorsay; Tarbert, 1651 (4).  
 Camstorse; Tarbet, 1667 (5).  
 Tarbert; Camistorsay, 1723 (6).  
 Camistorsa, 1723 (7).  
 Camistorse; Tarbat, 1750 (8)  
 Tarbert; Camastorsa, 2002 (9).

### Settlements

NM 6824 6378 Tarbert  
NM 6710 6216 Camas Torsa  
Shielings  
Not known.

1. **Ault Tarsin (1). NM 6585 6446.** *Gaelic?* English? Named on OS maps as *Allt Beithe*, 'birch Burn'.
2. **Skeir Vull (1). NM 6891 5413.** *Gaelic?* English?
3. **Ru na nish Ruay (1). NM 6880 6380.** *Gaelic?* English?
4. **Port Ru Vuilt (1). NM 6866 6354.** *Port an Rubha Bhualte*, English?
5. **Ru na Trivan (1). NM 6857 6344.** *Gaelic?* 'Point of the White Beach?'
6. **Port na Batachin (1). NM 6845 6349.** *Gaelic?* English?
7. **Port Vichk McLean (1). NM 6821 6324.** *Gaelic?* English?
8. **Ru an Tormollach (1). NM 6780 6246.** *Gaelic?* English?
9. **Illan Irach (1). NM 6746 6217.** *Eilean Aighearach*, 'Mirthful Island'.
10. **Ru Suna Port (1). NM 6660 5128.** *Gaelic?* English?
11. **Tom na Buachailleart (2). NM 6720 5342.** *Gaelic?* English?
12. **Goirtean Gun fhios (3). NM ??** *Gaelic?* English? Described as being '1½ miles W of Salen'. There are several small enclosures to the east of the Camas Torsa crofts and it is uncertain which one this name refers to.

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