

SUBJECT TITLE: BURNFOOT HOUSE, CARRIDEN, BO'NESS

Warnings: The foot of the Carriden Boat Yard Ltd slipway is broken up.

There is stoney ground below the wooden jetty of the adjacent yard. The jetty is usable but has some rot in the slatted deck. Place feet over the main support timbers, not the unsupported slats. Yachts advised to remain afloat when alongside this jetty.

Location description: Carriden, Bo'ness. Sheltered from the south.

Chart No: Imray C27 Firth of Forth **Lat/Long:** 003⁰ 34'.4W 056⁰ 01'.0N (Carriden Boatyard Ltd)

OS 1:50,000 sheet number: 65 **National Grid Ref.:** NT 025809 (Burnfoot House)

Subject description: Burnfoot House (ruin), birthplace of Colonel James Gardiner 1687-1745, died at the battle of Prestonpans.

Approach by sea: Beacon to the west is loosing its top mark. It is still attached to the spar but at a rakish angle.

Directions by land: Leave cars in the lay-by outside Caledonian Produce, a vegetable packing factory North of the Carriden churches. The House is a five minute walk. Continue East following the stone wall of the estate. Where the road turns left a steel farm gate with pedestrian access at the side opens onto a gravel track. After a few hundred yards, on the right, a high voltage power line on poles begins and where the wires cross the track, looking over to the right, the ruins can be seen.

Anchoring / Mooring: Anchor off Carriden Boatyard Ltd away from the moorings or by arrangement pick up a mooring or berth alongside the wooden jetty at the adjacent yard.

Landing: Landing at the Boat Yard slip.

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