

Grantown Heritage Plaques: Road to Inverallan

The old road from the Cattle Market Stance to Inverallan was tramped each Sunday, perhaps twice, by townsfolk on their way to church.



*Old Road to the Spey and
Old Inverallan Church*

The old church stood within the graveyard by the river. It was a low building with a turf and heather thatch. Services in those days were often held in the churchyard in Gaelic and in the church in English. It was, in 1802/3, replaced by the "Mission Hall" in Grantown, built by Sir James Grant. The oldest stone in the churchyard dates to 1678 (or possibly 1648 as the markings are now unclear). As one enters the gate, on the left, is a large roughly-hollowed stone which may have been a baptismal font from the church itself.



*The old churchyard and Inverallan
House viewed from across the river.*



In the centre of the graveyard is the priest's stone or Figat's stone, on both sides of which is a rudely carved Latin cross.

In the wall next to the river is a stone with a shallow hollow. This is the "Wart Stone" allegedly. Sufferers washed their hands in the water collected in the stone: a cure quickly followed - providing they believed in its properties! Such a cure is reliably reported even in the 1990's.

The Wart Stone