

What is the UKWMO there for ?

According to the UKWMO's free glossy booklet, they have five main functions:

- * Warning of air attack, conventional and nuclear.
- * Confirming any nuclear strike.
- * Warning of the approach of radioactive fallout.
- * Supplying government HQ and home defence forces in the UK and neighbouring countries with details of nuclear bursts and with a scientific assessment of the path and intensity of fallout.
- * Providing a post-attack meteorological service.

In charge at Scottish UKWMO HQ in Dundee is a pleasant civil servant, Mr. G.J.G. Halford, Sector Controller, HQ Caledonian Sector, UKWMO, Craiglebarns, Dundee, DD4 7PJ, tel. 0382 454013. Mr. Halford's happy to communicate with the general public, and can send you their booklet. He can even give you a tour of their deep bunker at Craiglebarns. But he's not quite so keen on people talking to ROC volunteers at the bunkers during UKWMO exercises, and he's not able to be very specific on the UKWMO's involvement with the military.

How can you make your anti-nuclear point ?

Try getting together with others from your local peace group who are worried about nuclear war games. A few days before the next exercise, follow up the map reference numbers and see if you can find your local bunkers (they are not marked on the map, of course!). Write to your local council to ask if council staff are involved in these exercises, and if so, why (there is no legal requirement for them to be involved). Publicise the exercise as much as you can locally by making a leaflet and a writing a press release and a letter to the local paper. Invite along a sympathetic councillor and a press photographer - bunkers and councillors are very photogenic! Most people will be surprised to hear about these nuclear war exercises going on in their own back-yard, at the expense of the taxpayer. Local nuclear war exercises are one good way of bringing home to people the futility of preparing civil defence for a nuclear war.

Can we just go along to the bunkers ?

Liven up your bunker visits with a picnic / pet show / cart-wheel competition / die-in / badminton tournament / press photo. Take your own camera too in case the photographer can't make it. The ROC volunteers at the bunkers always come up for air when they hear visitors, and some are quite chatty, so you can try asking them about their nuclear war exercises, and what arrangements they are making for their pets and families. Remind them that nuclear war would leave our country hungry, thirsty, diseased, cold, and impossible to survive in. Query why ROC weren't involved in monitoring radiation levels after Chernobyl. Ask if they know about the UKWMO plans to pass their monitoring information on to military as well as to civil authorities. Same day, phone in your news to papers, local radio and TV.

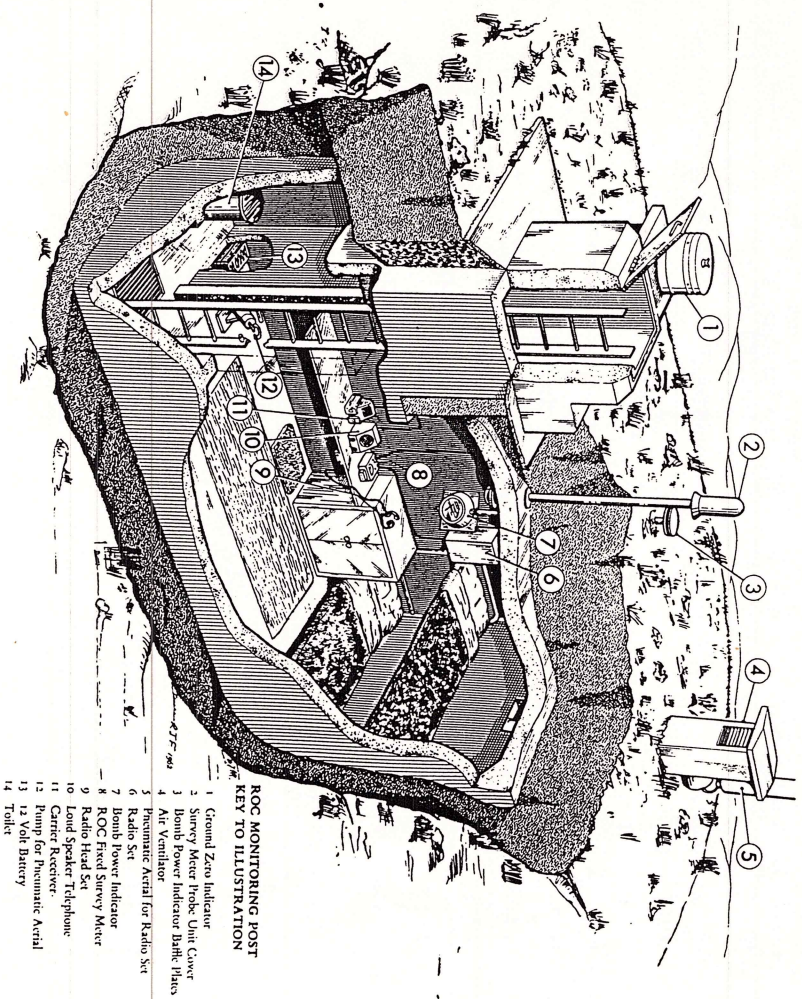
Any problems ?

If you have difficulty in finding your local bunker, or want to know more about other bunkerburfs' activities, or would like a copy of a draft leaflet that you could overwrite for local use, contact Kristin Barrett, 25 Ashgrove Terrace, Blairgowrie, PH10 7ET, tel. 0250 4594. If you want a "BUNKERS IS BUNKERS" badge, send 50p to Scottish CND, 420 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G2, tel. 041 331 2878.

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NUCLEAR WAR GAMES IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD ?



This is a Royal Observer Corps bunker. Did you know that there are 217 of these bunkers scattered evenly all over Scotland? And that ROC volunteers use these bunkers to carry out nuclear war exercises for the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation several times each year? The next is the WARMON I Exercise on Sun.21 June 1987, and the following are the WARMON II Exercises, Phase I on Sun. 11 Oct. and Phase II on Sun.1 Nov., all from 8am to 5 pm. So what can you do to put your anti-nuclear point of view ?

Ordnance Survey Map Reference Numbers of ROC Bunkers in Scotland

Alford 565143	Cockburnspath 746726
Ballater 266954	Duns 752516
Braemar 143910	Gordon 688437
Cruden Bay 096356	Greenfield 943586
Ehlt 741055	Lauder 526467
Huntly 546385	Norham on Tweed 907463
Methlick 869278	Oxton 478575
Pitcairle 718261	St. Abbs Head 912691
St. Fergus 102506	Brodick 032353
Strathdon 354129	Kilchattan 082562
Strichen 948559	Dunbeath/Berrisdale 123327
Tarland 479045	Dunrobin Head/John O' Greats 405732
Turriff 730505	Lathron 203334
Undy Station 912243	Barrook 204768
Arbroath 647412	Matton 246541
Clouva 341715	Beattock 085033
Cortachy 383601	Cummerrees 141662
Edzell 594691	Dumfries 983752
Glamis 371470	Eskaledemuir 250980
Inverellor 684501	Kirtlebridge 217732
Letham 526499	Langholme 366858
Newbiggin 515376	Parkgate 045909
Tarfside 492801	Sanguhar 784105
Secourie 149448	Thornhill 883940
Appin 910457	Dunbartonshire
Arduaine 823064	Alexandria 404798
Bridge of Orchy 299419	Arrochar 276028
Carradale 813389	Cupar 385149
Ardrasar 655069	Elie 484003
Tighnabruich 987712	Thew 148915
Kildonan, Isle of Arran 036232	Oysart 296950
Lochaline 673452	St. Andrews 526159
Lochfillhead 849860	Aviemore 895139
Machrihanish 667224	Beaully 519472
Mihard 976964	Gannich 337313
Salem 688674	Dalwhinnie 639860
Sacrahanish, Isle of Tiree 996447	Drumadrocht 505292
Seil Island 769168	Fort Augustus 374097
Tarbert 854682	Fort William 109758
Tobermory, Isle of Mull 524529	Glen Finnan 900805
Darvel 569377	Kingsisle 772011
Dunlop 398497	Invergarry 299984
Girvan 189950	Lochboisdale 771203
Joppa 419195	Lochmaddy 914688
Kilmarnock 443388	Mallaig 675954
Muirpark 702281	Onich 025614
New Cumnock 614133	Tomatin 798299
Port Ellen, Isle of Islay 323517	Tulloch 374812
Skelmorlie 195649	Gorthleck 490156
Stratton 381043	Feughside 641922
Turnberry 211059	Port Lethan 926961
West Kilbride 202484	St. Cyrus 752647
Aberchirder 619563	Stonehaven 688629
Buckie 409649	Milnathort 097039
Cabrach 380310	Douglas 767624
Drummuir 382444	Carsphairn 562934
Grange 521527	Dalry 632814
Macduff 708644	Kirkbean 975599
	Kirkcubright 704517

Parton 689704	Jedburgh 636196
Abington 921251	Kelso 744347
Airdrie 777669	Morebattle 778248
Barrenman 347772	Steel Road 518935
Carlisle 866486	Yarrow 302247
Douglas 844314	Lerwick 447424
Forth 939557	Sumburgh 392127
Gilbertfield 679542	Voë 439726
Glasgow 554659	Walls 236491
Strathaven 708442	Broadford 655235
Tankerton 971376	Portree 473447
Boness (West) 019816	Uig 400635
Dalkeith 301633	Bannockburn 822897
Garvald 579704	Bannockburn 815808
New Mills (East) 027898	Killlearn 528863
North Berwick (East) 579853	Kirkintilloch 670756
Penicuik 235576	Kippen 635943
Turnhouse 177735	Slamannan 861732
West Calder 028623	Altnaharra 569357
Carron 234441	Brora 910040
Elgin 196608	Dunross 394678
Findhorn 038649	Elphin 218119
Grantown on Spey 031282	Kinbrace 865315
Candor 855511	Lairg 583073
Glenferness 963444	Stoer 042275
Deerness 569073	Melvich 875655
Kirkwall 411116	Tongue 599563
Stromness 231099	Erwie of Kirkcolum 006713
Peebles 244413	Garlieston 465466
Tranquair 328343	Kirkcowan 326612
Tweedmuir 112358	New Luce 177662
West Linton 138523	Sandhead 079528
Aberfeldy 858489	
Abernyte 256326	
Alyth 234475	
Blair Athol 868665	
Braco 827089	
Callander 636091	
Comrie 768202	
Crianlarich 386249	
Dunning 018141	
Dunkeld 035433	
Killin 575331	
Kinloch Rannoch 660579	
Kirkmichael 091596	
Methven 016265	
Scone 144271	
Strathyre 563201	
Barrow 493593	
Bridge of Weir 377654	
Gourock 238771	
Achnashneen 162584	
Invergordon 683692	
Ardgay 593907	
Fearn 863759	
Dingwall 555603	
Fortrose 746558	
Gairloch 800774	
Garve 392628	
Kyle of Lochalsh 779309	
Stornoway 448325	
Ullapool 134939	
Tain 792826	

This list of bunkers is taken from Derek Wood's "Attack Warning Red", an interesting tome available through your local library. The bunkers are usually easy to find as they are on exposed sites near a road, painted an inoffensive green, with a small fence and stile around them. They are unmanned except on exercise days.

There are also 5 group control bunkers in Scotland, not quite so easy to find. Read more about ROCs and UKWMO in Duncan Campbell's "War Plan UK", chapter 9.