

Just some thoughts on the Saxa IFF Kiosk

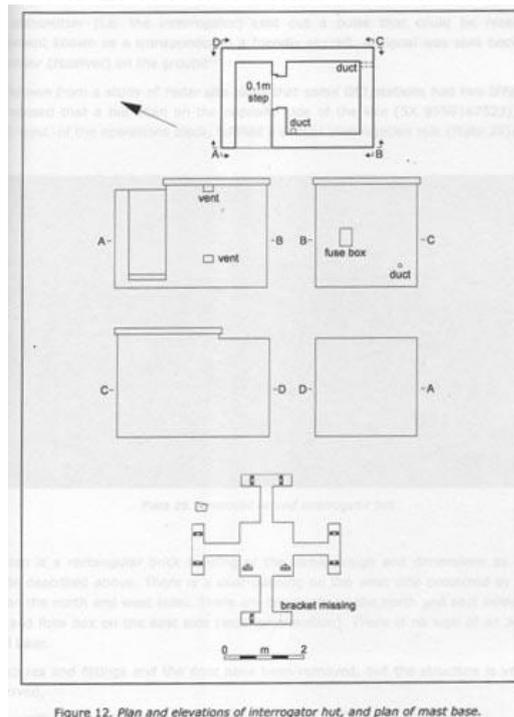
1. My experience of what a Mk 3 Kiosk should look like is based the one at Compass Head, an old photo and on plans (Pics 1,2, & 3)



Pic 1. Compass Head (Antenna New)



Pic 2. WWII IFFMk3 Installation



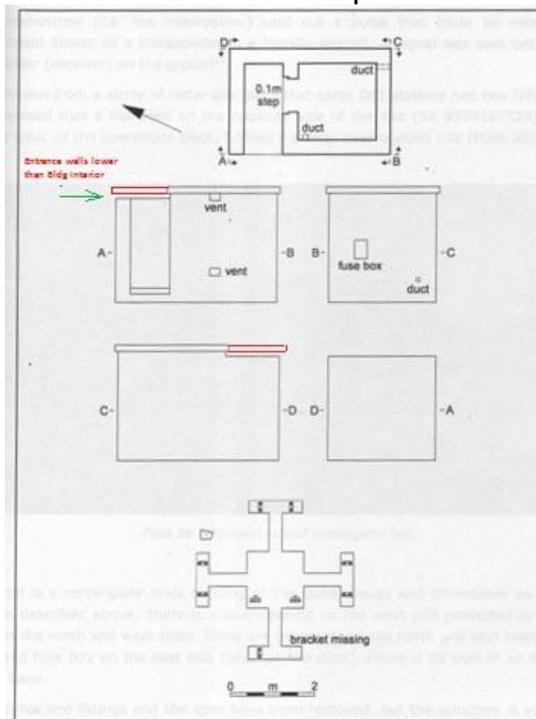
Pic 3. Plan of IFF Mk3 Installation

2. All of the photos I have off the one at Saxa show 2 differences (Pics 4 & 5). These differences are above the "entrance passage". The roof extends to cover the blast wall in the Saxa example and the wall is not "stepped-down" as in the plans and at Compass Head.



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Pic 4. IFF Kiosk Compass Head



Pic 5. Layout of Saxa Kiosk

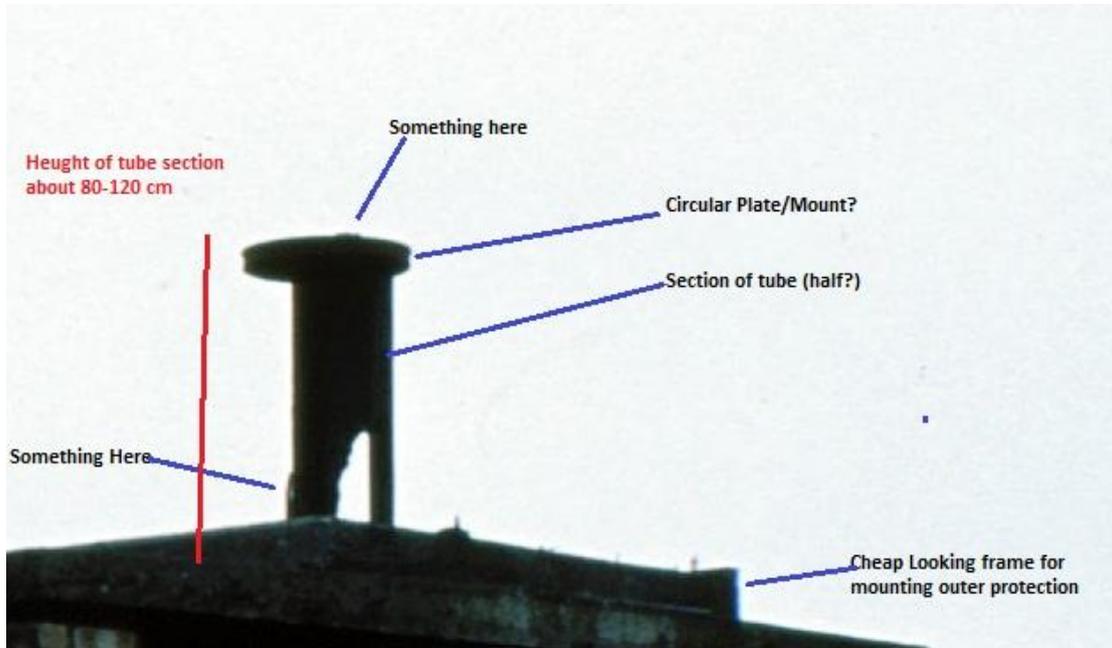
3. To me this means one of 2 things; either:
 - a. At some stage the original roof was removed and a new one added (difficult to see a bit "tacked on"), or
 - b. The Saxa IFF Kiosk roof has always been that way
4. The last photo we have of the Kiosk (early 80's) is Pic 5. It looks to me that the roof was constructed as a single Unit and may even be "curved"; ie, thicker in the middle than at the sides.



5. Going back to 1961 I find it hard to believe that the structure ((which looks open-topped and a bit of a "lash-up" to me) has just survived the massive Gale which dislodged the 18+Ton Type 80 reflector. To me it looks like quick-boarding up to protect something - the metal thing.



6. My imagination tells me:
- The Kiosk has always had a roof covering the entranceway and onto the blast wall
 - The rectangular object is protective (nothing is likely to have been mounted on it - the top isn't horizontal & it doesn't look strong enough). The shape we see in the 1961 & later photos may well be a "replacement."
7. Stating the obvious; I need to find someone who can identify the "thingy" in the last picture and, above all, more imagery of the site 1941 -60, especially oblique images.



Pic 8. Saxa IFF Kiosk Early 80's

It is quite possible (even probable) the section of tube was once a whole tube pre – 1963 but between then and the early 80's the Shetland elements may have removed part of the structure.