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concluded: "I haven't any helpful suggestions an alternative to this I think the scheme is ative. If it is built anyike suggested it will be

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## canoeists

## Vandals hit cairn on Mither Tap

VANDALS did not take long to strike at the direction pedestal built on the top of Bennachie's Mither Tap by pupils of Inverurie Academy.

According to teacher Mr Alexander Watson: "The cement hadn't even had time to dry."

And last night after inspecting the damage, Mr Watson, who is clerk to the Baillies of Bennachie added: "It is very disappointing that this kind of thing should have happened only a few hours after the cairn was built."

On Tuesday, 12 fourth-year pupils carted a quarter-ton of cement and sand to the summit. Water had to be carried from a nearby burn.

The indicator is to be officially unveiled on July 14, but Mr Watson does not know if they will now be able to complete it in time.

A copper face has to be fixed on the pedestal, showing 50 hills, villages and other features which can be viewed from the Mither Tap.

The pupils hope to rebuild the cairn next Tuesday.







