

## ‘The Cone Gatherers’ - Narrative Structure Timeline

Day/time	Main events	Chapter(s)
Thursday evening	Neil, Calum & Duror – the rabbit scene	Chapter 1
	Duror at home – relationship to Peggy and Mrs Lochie	Chapter 2
Friday morning	Duror meets Dr Matheson – insight into his condition, Duror visits LRC and starts rumour about Calum	Chapters 3 & 4
Friday afternoon	The deer drive	Chapters 5 & 6
Saturday	The visit to town – Duror visits doctor, LRC struggles with her conscience, Calum & Neil in pub with COs	Chapters 7 - 9
Sunday	The storm	Chapters 10 & 11
Monday	Roderick stuck up tree, Neil’s refusal, Duror’s final deterioration, tragic ending	Chapters 12 - 16

***The concentrated time span adds to the intensity of the action and the tension of events.***

Narrative drive is given by Duror’s desire to harm Calum and his brother. This springs from his nature and his attitudes, not from any wrong-doing on the brothers’ part.

The story follows his pursuit of the brothers, trying to enlist the support of others by concocting a story against Calum. Lady Runcie-Campbell, who has her own reasons for disliking Calum, is taken in.

Duror becomes increasingly sadistic and his obsession turns to madness leading finally to Calum’s death and his own suicide.