



## **Monitoring Report No. 113**

**90m north-east of 4 Feegarran Lane  
Feegarran  
Cookstown  
County Tyrone**

**AE/07/10**

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## Site Specific Information

*Site Name:* 90m north-east of 4 Feegarran Lane, Cookstown

*Townland:* Feegarran

*SMR No (if applicable):* scheduled wedge tomb – TYR 029:014  
long cairn – TYR 029:045  
findspot of stone axe – TYR 029:059

State Care            Scheduled             Other

*Grid Ref:* H77238228

*County:* Tyrone

*Excavation Licence Number:* AE/07/10

*Planning Reference Number:* I/2006/0552/O

*Date of Monitoring:* 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007

*Archaeologist Present:* Ruth Logue

### *Brief Summary:*

Monitoring of four test trenches excavated to subsoil to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on any previously unrecorded below-ground remains. Nothing of archaeological significance found.

*Type of monitoring:* Mechanical back-acting digger

*Size of area opened:* Two trenches each 20m long and 2.5m wide, two trenches 20m long and 2m wide

*Current Land Use:* Waterlogged, unutilized field

*Intended Land Use:* Dwelling and domestic garage

## Account of the monitoring

The application site is located in a field 90m north-east of 4 Feegarran Lane, Feegarran townland, near Cookstown. The ground is very wet and boggy with substantial gorse cover. The site is located within a concentration of prehistoric activity: it is adjacent to a wedge tomb (TYR 029:014); a long cairn which is known locally as “the Giant’s Grave” (TYR 029:045) and the findspot of a neolithic stone axe (TYR 029:059). There are a number of other archaeological sites in the vicinity including: a standing stone (TYR 029:013); findspot of worked flints (TYR 029:058); 2 cairns (TYR 029:055 and 029:056); a trackway (TYR 029:039) and a hearth (TYR 029:054).

An archaeological evaluation was requested to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on any hidden archaeological remains. Monitoring of test trench excavation took place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Four test trenches were excavated in the area requested by the Protecting Historic Monuments Casework Officer, Andrew Gault. Trenches 1, 2 and 3 had initially been requested to be aligned north-west to south-east but this layout was revised on site due to the nature of the vegetation cover. (Figure 3)

The topsoil was uniform in all four trenches, a mid-brown peaty loam, which averaged .30 to .35m. The topsoil lay directly above the subsoil, a buff clay with stone inclusions. Trenches 1 and 2 contained some very large boulders in the clay subsoil, the largest being 2.2m long. (Plate 5)

Trench 1 was 20m long and 2.5m wide, and aligned north-east to south-west. Topsoil (Context 100) lay above subsoil (Context 101). (Plate 1)

Trench 2 was 20m long and 2.5m wide, and aligned north-east to south-west. Topsoil (Context 200) lay above subsoil (Context 201). (Plate 2)

Trench 3 was 20m long and 2m wide, and aligned north-east to south-west. Topsoil (Context 300) lay above subsoil (Context 301). (Plate 3)

Trench 4 was 20m long and 2m wide, and aligned north-west to south-east. Topsoil (Context 400) lay above subsoil (Context 401). (Plate 4)

No features or finds of archaeological significance were found in any of the test trenches.

## Archive:

*Finds:* N/A

*Photographs:* 13 digital photos, held in Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork offices

*Plans / Drawings:* N/A

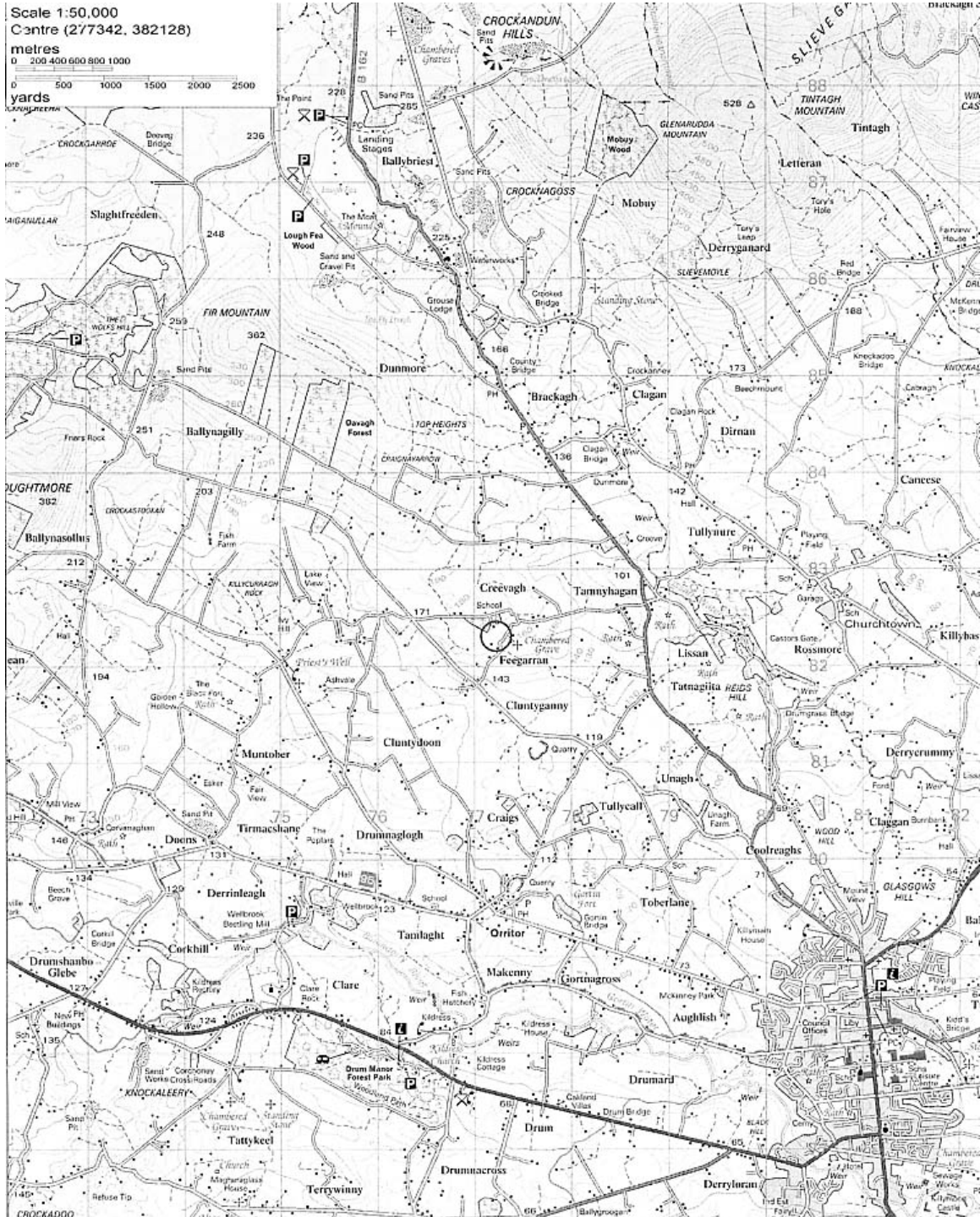


Figure 1: 1:50,000 map showing location of application site (circled).

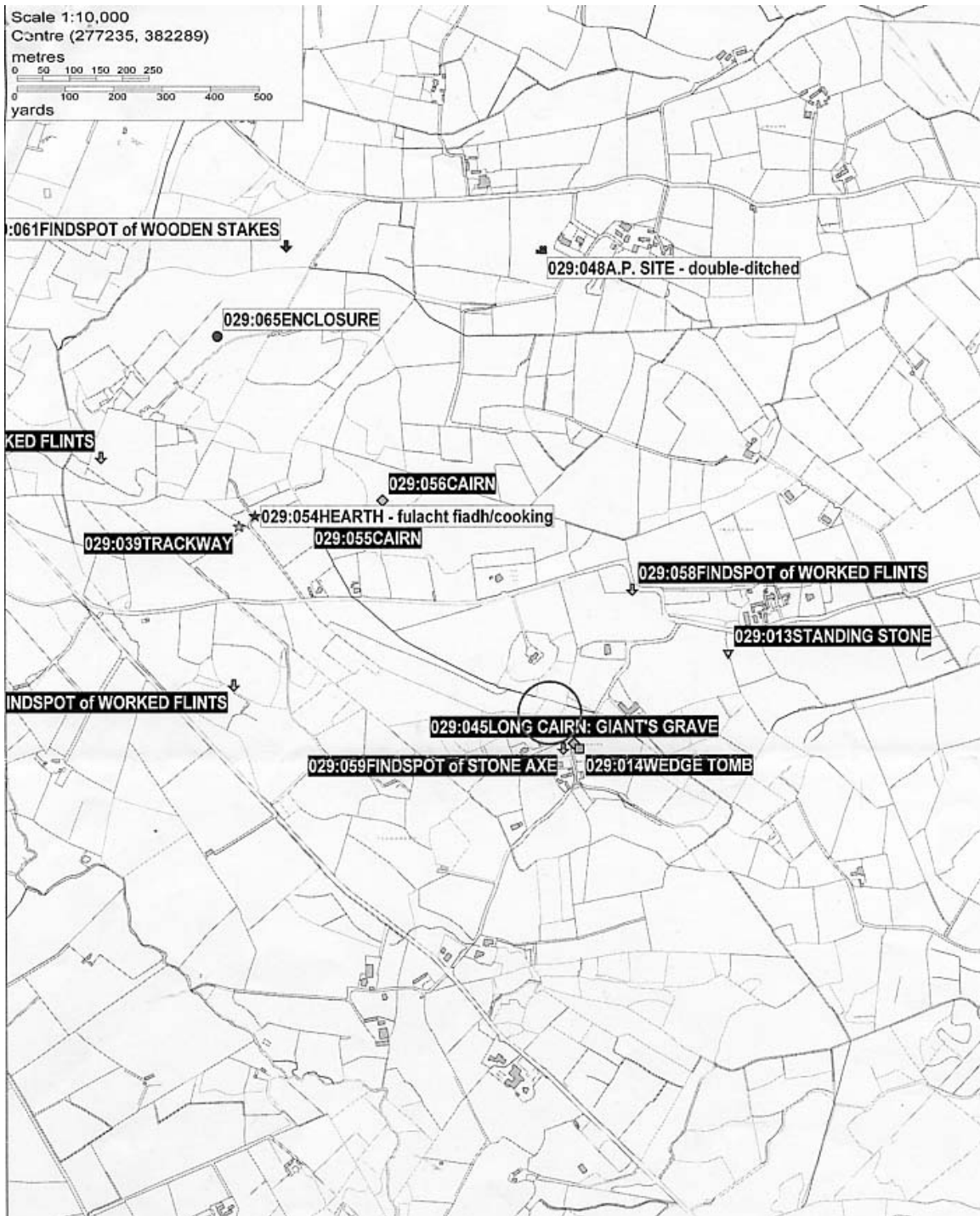


Figure 2: 1:10,000 map showing location of application site (circled) and archaeological sites in the immediate vicinity.

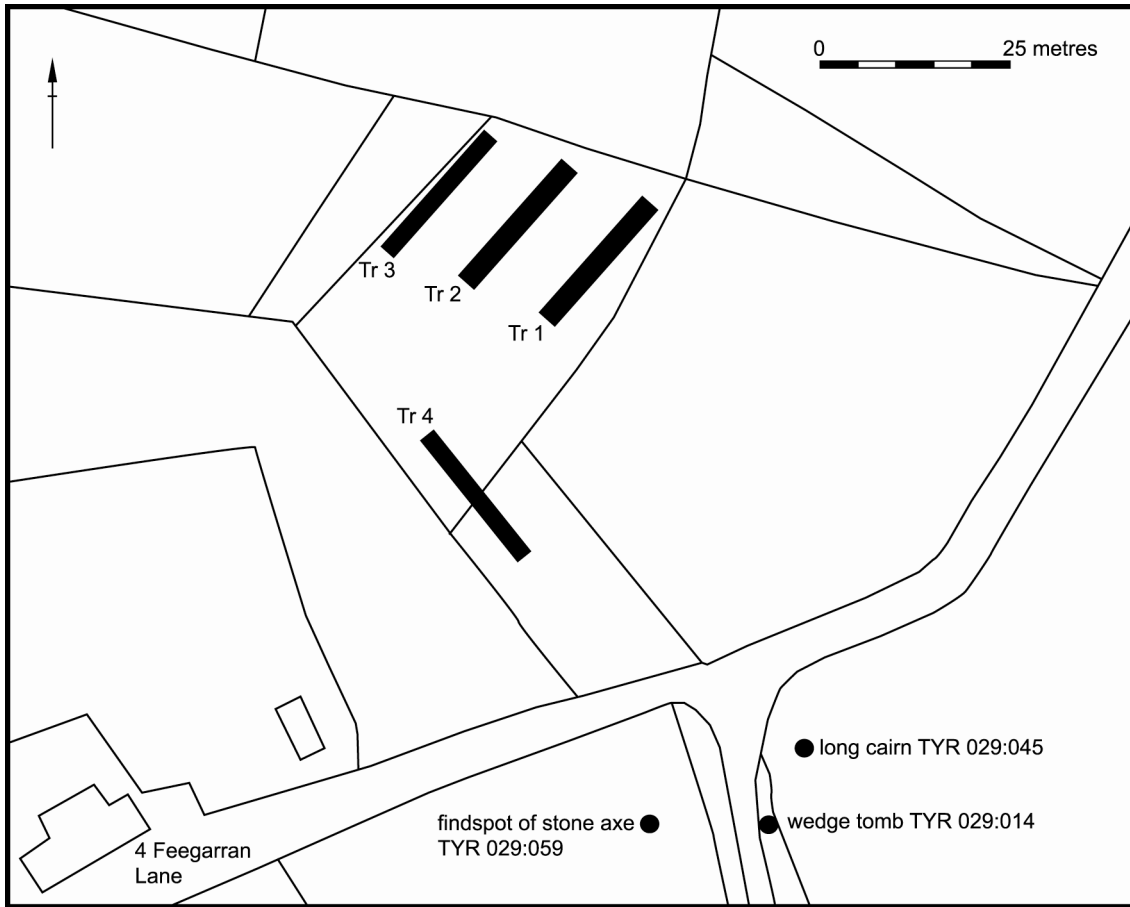


Figure 3: Plan of application site showing location of trenches and nearest archaeological sites.





Plate 1: Trench 1, looking south-west.



Plate 2: Trench 2, looking south-west.



Plate 3: Trench 3, looking south-west.



Plate 4: Trench 4: looking north-west.





Plate 5: Boulder in Trench 1, looking south-east.



Plate 6: A view of the application site, looking north-east.





Figure 7: View up access lane to site, looking north-west.