



Monitoring Report No. 287

**Drumscollop townland
County Fermanagh**

AE/14/209E

Ruth Logue

Site Specific Information

Site location: 40m east of 61 Crott Road, Monea, Enniskillen

Townland: Drumscollop

SMR number: FER 191:101

State Care *Scheduled* *Other* ✓

Grid reference: 1523848179

County: Fermanagh

Excavation licence number: AE/14/209E

Planning reference number: L/2014/0467/F

Date of monitoring: 2 December 2014

Archaeologist present: Ruth Logue

Brief summary: Monitoring of topsoil stripping of test trenches in location of proposed house close to site of monument. Nothing of archaeological significance found.

Type of monitoring: Mechanical back-acting digger

Size of area opened: 3 trenches, each 1.8m wide and 20m long.

Current land use: Grassed field

Intended land use: Dwelling

Account of the monitoring

The application site was located in a field 40m east of 61 Crott Road, in Drumscollop townland, County Fermanagh. The proposed development was for a dwelling. The application site has within it an enclosure, FER 191:101. The enclosure is an AP site of uncertain date. There are slight remains of the enclosure still visible in the north-eastern part of the application site in the form of a very slightly raised sub-circular ring with a depression in the middle (Plate 1).

An archaeological evaluation was requested by Vicky Ginn, Archaeological Inspector with the Historic Monuments Unit; this was to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on any archaeological remains. The evaluation required test trenches to be dug on the location where the proposed dwelling was to be sited.

Monitoring of test-trenching by mechanical digger took place on 2 December 2014. Three trenches were topsoil stripped to the surface of the subsoil. Each trench was 1.8m wide (width of bucket) and 20m long, and aligned parallel to each other north-west/south-east (Plates 2-4). No features or finds of archaeological significance were found during the monitoring.

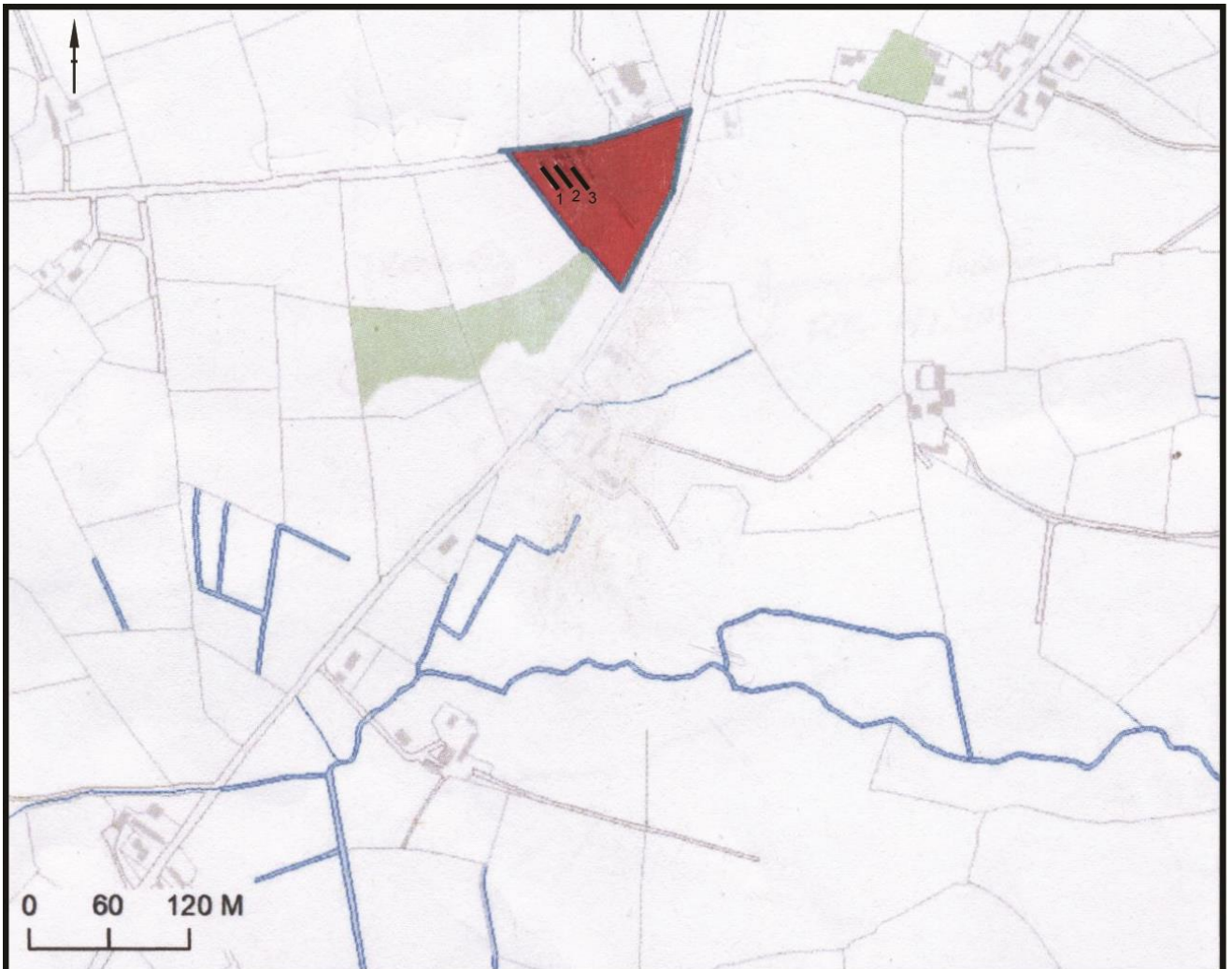


Figure 1: Map showing application site and approximate locations of Trenches 1-3.



Plate 1: FER 191:101, with approximate outer limits highlighted, looking south-east.



Plate 2: Trench 1, post-excavation, looking south-east.



Plate 3: Trench 2, post-excitation, looking south-east.



Plate 4: Trench 3, post-excitation, looking south-east.