



Monitoring Report No. 07

**HOLYWOOD MOTTE
BALLYKEEL
COUNTY DOWN**

AE/04/130

RUTH LOGUE

Site Specific Information

Site Name: Hollywood Motte

Townland: Ballykeel

SMR No (if applicable): DOW 001:001

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: J40087921

County: Down

Excavation Licence No (if applicable): AE/04/130

Planning Ref / No. (if applicable): N/A

Dates of Monitoring: 16th and 17th August 2004

Archaeologist(s) Present: Ruth Logue

Brief Summary:

(e.g. monitoring carried out in advance of erection of sign, nothing of archaeological interest noted)
Monitoring was carried out as the railings, gate and their concrete footings at the entrance to the motte were to be replaced. In addition, two trenches needed to be dug for the erection of a short length of railing. Nothing of archaeological significance was disturbed during the work.

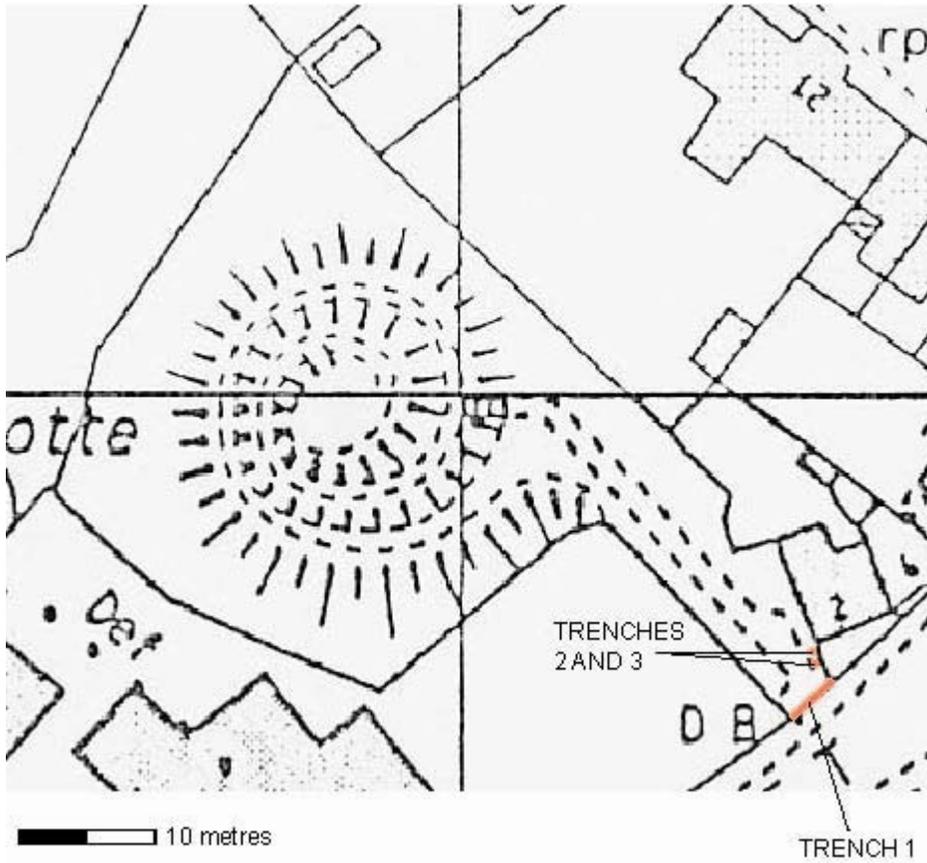
Type of monitoring: Trenches dug by hand.
(e.g., mechanical digger / hand)

Size of area opened: One trench 4.00 m x 0.70 m and 0.87 to 1.07 m deep; and two trenches each 0.75 m x 0.75 m and 0.60 m deep.

Current Land Use: Monument in State Care open to the public.
(e.g., farming / industrial)

Intended Land Use: N/A
(e.g., residential, graveyard)

Plan of site showing extent of area monitored:



Brief account of the monitoring, including recommendations for further action (if applicable).

The railings and gate at the entrance to the site of Holywood Motte on Brook Street were replaced, and a fence was erected parallel and adjacent to the garden wall of the house which bounds the entrance to its northeast. The purpose of these works was to limit access to the monument when it is closed.

Trench 1 involved the removal of the metal railings and gate at the entrance to the site and the digging out of the concrete footings for the railings and gate. Several flag stones and a concrete plinth also had to be removed from the inside of the entrance area to facilitate the removal of the old railings. The trench excavated for the footings was 4.00 m long and 0.70 m wide and was situated along the inner edge of the pavement of Brook Street. The trench was 0.87 m deep at its northeast end and 1.07 m deep at its southwest end.

The dimensions of Trenches 2 and 3 were both 0.75 x 0.75 m and 0.60 m deep. These were excavated to accommodate uprights for another railing. These trenches were set against the wall of the adjoining property.

All three trenches contained modern building rubble (bricks, roof slates etc), and 0.50 m below current pavement level in Trench 1 a number of concrete steps were exposed. Local people informed us that there used to be a house (19th century) on the area where we were digging. Presumably, the steps observed in Trench 1 led to the basement of this house and the rubble observed in all three trenches was from its demolition.

The contractors carrying out the work were H&J Martin, and the work was organised by Michael Sleator from the DoE Moira Depot.

No artefactual material was recovered during the monitoring and no deposits or features of archaeological significance were disturbed as a result of the works.

Archive:

(List any records from the monitoring e.g. finds, photos and plans and state where they are currently available for inspection.)

Finds: N/A

Photographs: One colour photograph of concrete steps in Trench One.

Plans / Drawings: N/A

Signed: Ruth Logue

Date: 20/08/2004