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BALYRUSH
Enclosure

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BALLYRUSH
CS 10; IG 167

ENCLOSURE

200ft+ OD
J 4395 6541

To the NE of a summit of a relatively high hill with long views to the N. and NW and good views of the surrounding hills in other directions. The site is marked on the 2nd edition of the OS six-inch map of 1860 as 'Site of Fort' and shown as a small, circular enclosure but does not appear on any other editions. The position of the enclosure is identified by the curve of the field boundary opening to the N. and situated in the SE corner of a small field to the S. of a farm. The arc is 25.5 m wide E-W and is 8.6 m deep. The interior, which is flat and grass-covered, slopes a little to the N. and is level with the field. The bank is 1.2 m high both internally and externally and it is 3.5 m wide. There is some sheep erosion on the exterior of the bank which is topped by a few stunted quickthorn bushes. A silage clamp has been built against the E.

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Site was re-visited for a criss application, shortly after reseeded. I spoke with the owner, Mr Gabbey Senior, who told me that the site is not known locally as a fort. He remembers a large hole dug in the area of the site, used for collecting water for horses, known as 'the horse hole'. He had always assumed the mound of material in the field boundary had come from the excavation of this hole, which was filled in many years ago. The field had been reseeded shortly before my visit + there was no indication of any archaeological features.

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MR	Td	Type	
DOW 10:48	BALLYRUSH	Enclosure	
No.	Site Name	Parish	Alt
			200'
G	GR	Barony	DC
167	J 4395 6541		

OS

NB

Condition	Threat	Check/Action	Schedule
03 Some remains	01 None		
Land use	Field boundaries		
36 Pasture	low bank + g. thorn		
Site description	Photos? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

On NE of summit of relatively high hill with long views to the N + N.W. + good views of surrounding hills otherwise.

Enclosure survives as arc in boundary opening to N, at the SE corner of a small field to S of farm. A silage clamp scarp the out edge at the SE. Interior flat slopes v. slightly to N.

Grass bank, some erosion by sheep on exterior. Neglected, stunted g. thorn along top.

Chord of arc ϕ 25.5 m E-W

Depth of arc 8.6 m

Bank 1.2 m high internally + externally.
3.5 m wide.

OVER

Visited by	Date of visit	SM2	Input
DM.	28/3/94		

FIELD RECORD

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SITE NO	Td.	TYPE	ALT.
O.S. 6" I.G. Down 10.48	BALLYRUSH	Enclosure	200 +
PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS		GRID REF.	

1. ? ✓
2. 'site of fort' + small circular enclosure - no further details
- 3+4 not shown

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THREATS AND/OR CHECKS	FURTHER ACTION

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SITE REPORT

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