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BALLYRUSH

~~Phyllocladus~~
Bi-velate notes.

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BALLYRUSH
CS 10; IG 167

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VI-VALLATE RATH

200ft+ OD
J 4333 6585

On the SE slope of Hill Head, about 100 m from the summit, with fair views of the surrounding country. The pasture fields, divided by low stone banks and neat quickthorn hedging, are being prepared for ploughing. An impressive tri-vallate rath with massive innermost bank with exterior ditch entirely closes the interior. The outermost ditch survives along the N. side and a portion of the 3rd, outermost, bank stands at the NW. The interior, which measures 32.5 m N-S by 31.5 m E-W, is saucer-shaped and slopes down the the S. in line with the external slope of the hill. The surface is grass-covered and reasonably even with some quickthorn and mature deciduous trees planted about. The interior slope of the perimeter bank merges with the slope of the surface of the interior which makes it difficult to identify the foot of the bank; it appears to measure about 3.0 m wide, is 1.0 m high internally and 2.4 m above the interior ditch. The steep-sided innermost ditch measures 5.0 m wide. The centre bank measures 2.7 m above the innermost ditch and 2.0 m above the outer ditch and it is 5.0 m wide. The outer ditch, where it survives along the N side, is 4.5 m wide and has steep sides. The outermost bank is visible for about 8.0 m at the NW and at its highest measures 1.5 m above the outer ditch and 0.5 m high externally and is 2.6 m wide. There is an entrance which cuts through both extant banks at the SE, with a ramp over the ditch; the entrance through the inner bank measures 3.0 m wide and that through the centre (here the outer) bank is 4.0 m wide. The site has been planted in the past as a copse of deciduous trees surrounded by a quickthorn hedge, but it has been neglected for some time and rotted trees are lying where they have fallen. The owner is in the process of cutting back the shrubs and smaller trees in an effort to tidy up the site. A plastic yellow drain is being laid at the SE, to drain the ditch which is at present water-logged.

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MR	Td	Type	
DOWN 10:49	BALLYRUSH	Rath	
No.	Site Name	Parish	Alt
			200' +
G	GR	Barony	DC
167	J4333 6585		

DS

VB

This is a fine rath for this area & perhaps should be scheduled.

Condition	Threat	Check/Action	Schedule
01 Well preserved	01 None		
Land use	Field boundaries		
Pasture preparing to plough	Low stone banks & g thorn (neat)		
Site description	Photos? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

On SE slope of hill c. 150 m from summit with fair views of surrounding country.

Impressive tri-vallate rath with outer ditch & 3rd bank surviving at N.

Interior sloping to S & saucer shaped; otherwise level ground. Grass, some thorn & mature trees. Perimeter bank, ditch & bank survive all way round & are most impressive at N.

Out ditch & bank survive at N.

Site covered - grass & mature trees

Two drain big land into ditch at S where it is waterlogged

Entrance through both inner banks at SE

OVER

Visited by

DM

Date of visit

29/3/94

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Input

Interior 32.5 m N-S
31.5 m E-W.

~~Outer Bank~~

Interior Perimeter Bank

1.0 m high internally
2.4 ~~m~~ m high externally (over inner ditch)
3 ~~m~~ m wide

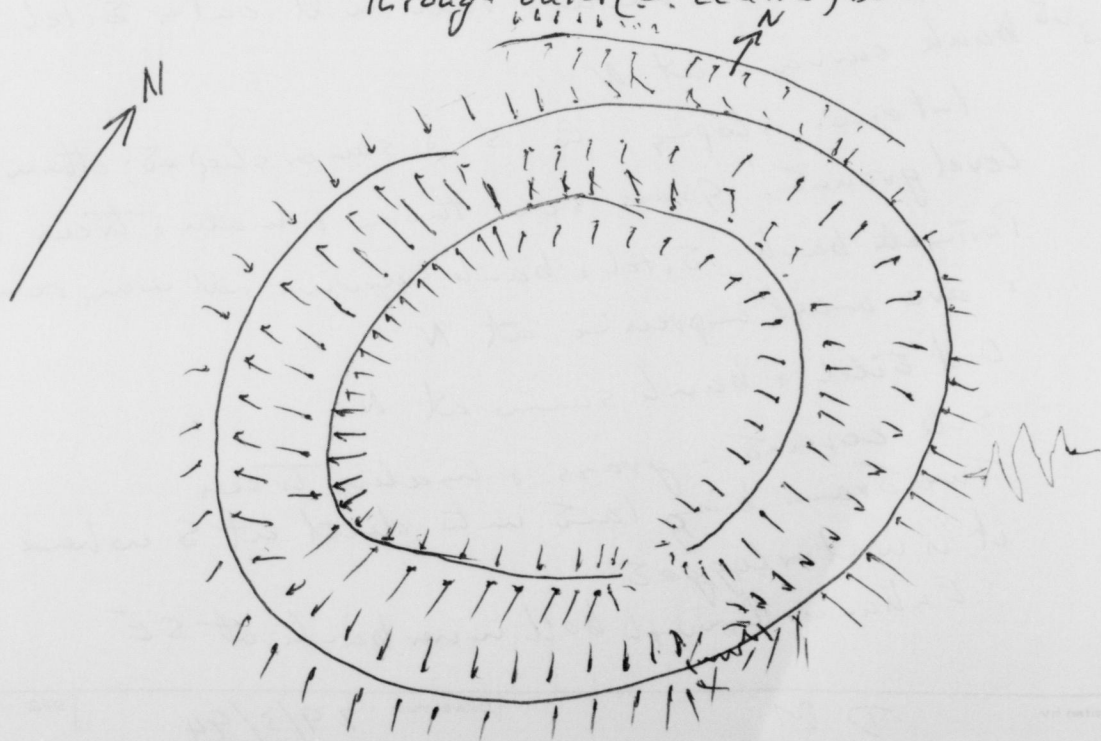
Inner Ditch 5.0 m wide

Centre bank 2.7 m high internally (over inner ditch)
5.0 m wide
2.0 m high externally (over outer ditch)

Outer ditch 4.5 m wide

Outer bank 1.5 m ^{high} internally (over outer ditch)
2.6 m wide
0.5 m high externally.

Entrance at ~~SE~~ ESE: through inner bank - 3 m wide
through outer (i.e. centre) bank - 4 m wide



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHERN IRELAND, 66 BALMORAL AVENUE, BELFAST BT9 6NY
FIELD RECORD

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SITE NO	Td.	TYPE	ALT.
O.S. 6" I.G. DOWN 10:49	BALLYRUSH	Enclosure	200+
PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS		GRID REF.	

near to hd. boundary
with Ballycreelly.

1. 'fort' + concentration
2. undesignated fort concentration

344 undesignated hachured circle,
shows bank + ditch also circle of
field boundary outside ditch.

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THREATS AND/OR CHECKS	FURTHER ACTION

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SITE REPORT

G.R.

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(TRI-VALLATE) RATH

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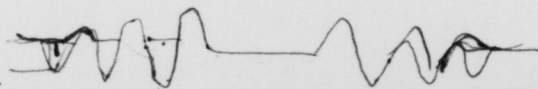
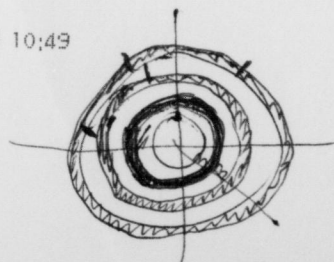
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