

<b>Asset Ref No.</b>	<b>Monreagh or Barr of Kilmackilvenny: Burnt Spreads (DG038-056)</b>	
<b>Heritage Type</b>	Built	
	<i>Prehistoric site</i>	
<b>Location</b>	OS 6-inch map sheet	038
	Townland	Monreagh or Barr of Kilmackilvenny
	Parish	Fahan Upper
	LCA	Quigleys Point – Burnfoot
	ITM Coordinates	638248, 923880
	NG Coordinates	238304, 423894
<b>Protection Status</b>	RMP	
<b>Condition</b>	Preserved in situ	
<b>Ownership (if known)</b>		
<b>Site Description</b>	<p>Description: The proposed development would involve the construction of 75 dwellings at Kilmackilvenny, Burnfoot. Development would also involve the provision of treatment works, a percolation area, landscape areas and associated site development works. The excavation by Dermot Nelis, under licence No. 08E0468 of twelve test-trenches located throughout the proposed development area revealed the presence of four previously unidentified spreads of burnt stone in the north-eastern end of the site. Two spreads of burnt stone were identified in Trench 5 and three additional trenches, Trenches 10–12, were excavated to help define their extent, character and condition. Spreads of burnt stone were revealed in two of these test-trenches and it is suggested that they form two individual though contemporaneous and directly associated features. These features are interpreted as the ploughed-out remains of probably Bronze Age burnt spreads. No evidence of troughs was revealed as a result of the testing. Test-trenching revealed one of the spreads over a distance of 9.1m north-south. It had a maximum exposed width of 6m. The second burnt spread was revealed over a distance of 6.6m north-south and it is suggested it may extend for an additional 1–2m to the south. It had a maximum exposed width of 2.3m. Excavation of the remainder of the trenches failed to reveal either archaeological features or artefacts. In total, 1,854m<sup>2</sup> of test-trenches were excavated within the 37,050m<sup>2</sup> site, giving an approximate 5% test-trenching sample of the proposed development area (Bennett 2011, 84).</p>	
<b>Landscape Context (setting)</b>	Located in Burnfoot in an area adjacent recent housing development (i.e. the remaining houses planned for this site were not/have not been constructed to date). Sited north of the Burnfoot River.	
<b>Site Appraisal</b>	An RMP site but sub-surface and preserved in situ.	
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Sub-surface site originally and most likely wholly removed today. However the presence of a possible other cist 20m distant may suggest multiple burials at this location in the form of a Bronze Age cemetery. This site is located close to an operating quarry and some threats/risk may be present should additional cists be present in the area.	
<b>Associations</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>	This site does not have good visual impact for tourist potential however investigations could be made in terms of the location/condition of the bowl food vessel found which may be a good visual/display piece for promotion of the LCA/region. This is also a site that could be subject to future investigation in terms of ground survey such as geophysics for research purposes.	


Mapping



Present-day mapping extract ([www.osi.ie](http://www.osi.ie))



Present-day aerial view extract ([www.osi.ie](http://www.osi.ie))

	 <p><i>Extract from 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map (1820-1840)</i></p>
<b>References</b>	<a href="http://www.archaeology.ie">http://www.archaeology.ie</a>
<b>Plates</b>	
<b>Additional Notes</b>	