Asset Ref No.	TYR002:003, Mountcastle: Plantation Castle	
Heritage Type	Built	
	Post-Medieval Plantation settlement site	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	002
	Townland	Mountcastle
	Parish	Clondermot
	LCA	Burngibbagh & Drumahoe
	ITM Coordinates	241740;405157
	NG Coordinates	C4174105157
Protection Status	Scheduled	
Condition	Some remains	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	Mountcastle belongs to the proportion of Dunnalong granted around 1610 to James Hamilton, Earl of Abercorn. In 1622 the castle was described as built of lime and stone to a height of three stories with a bawn 54 foot long, 42 foot broad and 6 foot high, with two open flankers. By the time of the Civil Survey of 1654 it lay in ruins, having been attacked during the 1642 Rebellion. The present remains consist of a very fine corbelled- out turret attached to some walls which once formed part of a house sited in this corner of the bawn. The open grassy space between this fine feature and the present day house is the area of the original bawn. It was originally enclosed by a wall and is probably cobbled.	
Landscape Context (setting)		
Site Appraisal	A significant reminder of the Plantation of this area during the 1600s. Some remains of this scheduled site.	
Sensitivity		
Associations	No documentary associations for its use.	
Recommendations	A good example of its type this could be a good demo training site/place for guided tour/individual tourist experience. Access and land ownership details would require investigation.	







