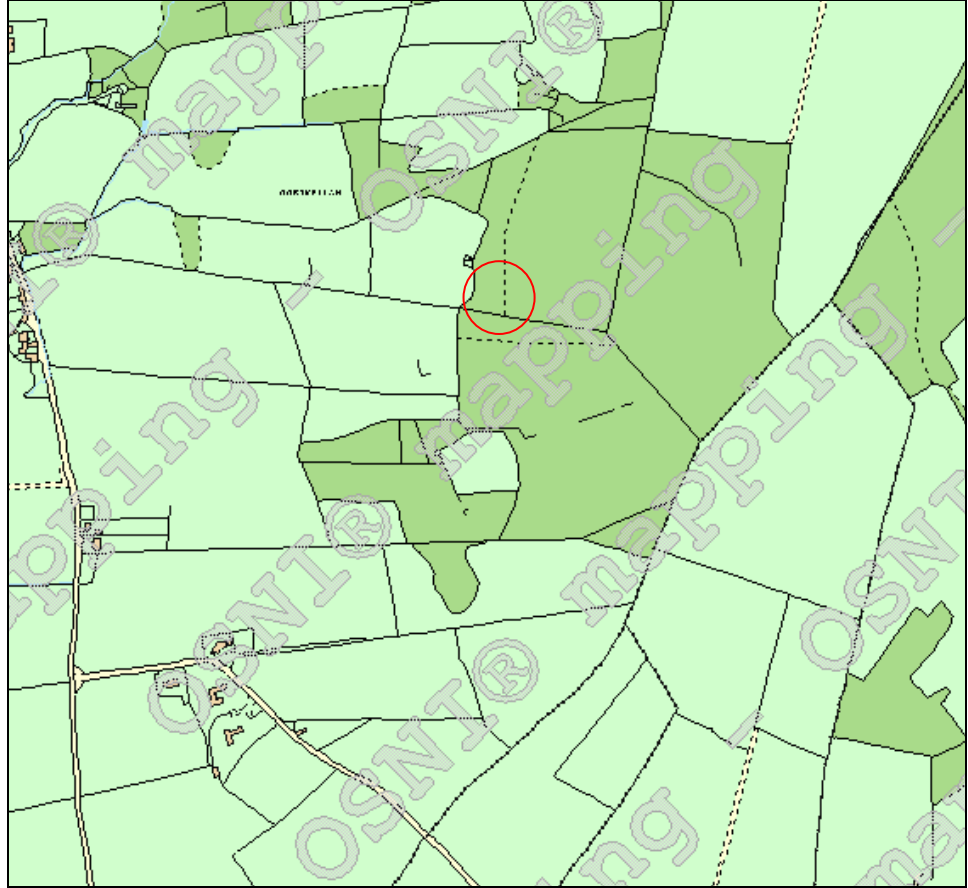
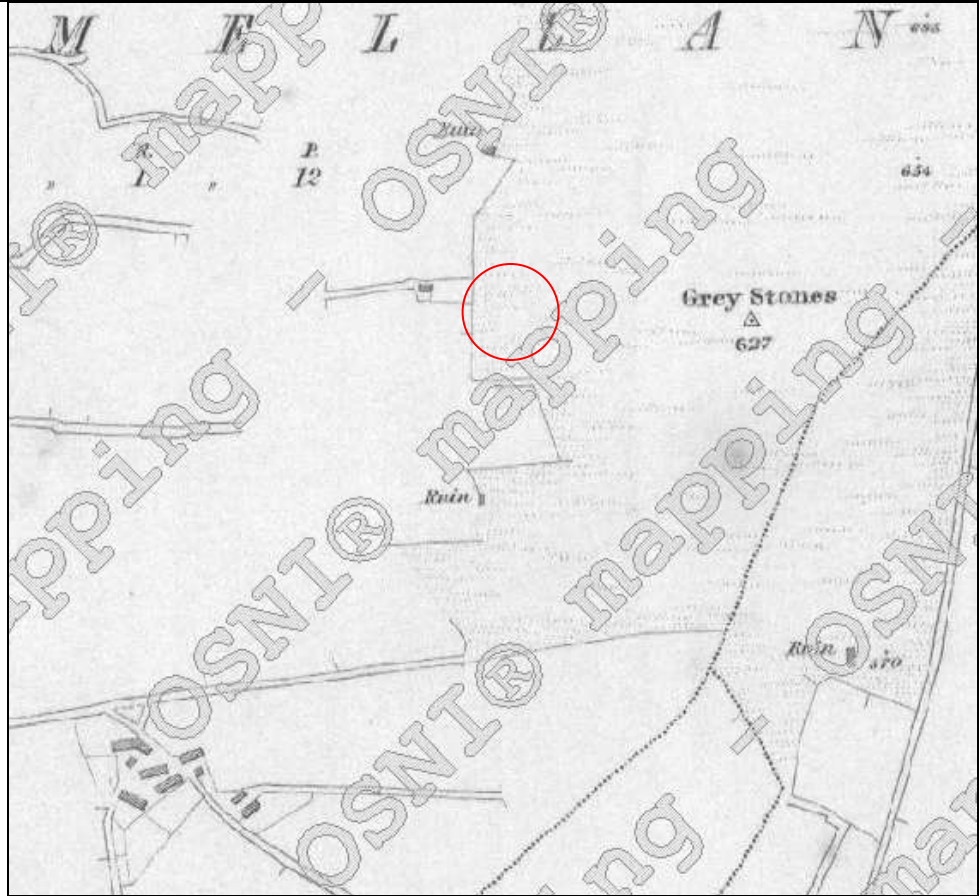


Asset Ref No.	LDY002:037, Gortmellan, Pre-Bog Field System	
Heritage Type	Built	
	<i>Prehistoric site</i>	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	002
	Townland	Gortmellan
	Parish	Donaghedy
	LCA	Burngibbagh & Drumahoe
	ITM Coordinates	242300;406600
	NG Coordinates	C4230006600
Protection Status	SMR	
Condition	Traces only	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p>Located outside LCA boundary. On rough ground to E & S of TYR 002:023 (cairn: 'Grey Stone' on a flat terrace of rough scrubland with good views to W but backed to E by steeply rising ground. Local tradition presumes this site to consist of a small circular cairn c.1m diam. & standing 0.5m high. There is no sign of a cairn "60ft across" as noted in PSAMNI, but a large, amorphous boulder lies in this position. The tradition attached to the small cairn is locally strong.)</p> <p>The field system is on the ridge of high ground which runs N towards Killmally. Although indistinct, a number of the many stones which protrude through the bog cover form alignments which appear to divide up the hillside. It is interesting that a number of the apparent pre-bog alignments which run E-W seem to link up with the field divisions in use on the lower, improved slopes today. The system may also link up to TYR 002:030, which may be a prehistoric settlement.</p>	
Landscape Context (setting)	Set on a ridge of high ground outside LCA boundary.	
Site Appraisal	There is possible apparent continuation of the pre-bog field boundary layout fossilised in the modern agricultural landscape today.	
Sensitivity	The field systems are largely preserved by virtue of the bog cover at this location. However, this may also serve to mask the site even further into the future.	
Associations	Indicative of prehistoric settlement in the region and agricultural practices. It may be associated with a cairn site to the N (TYR002:023) and a prehistoric settlement TYR002:030. It is also possible that the land divisions are partially fossilized in the modern agricultural landscape today.	
Recommendations	PSAMNI, 1940, 214	

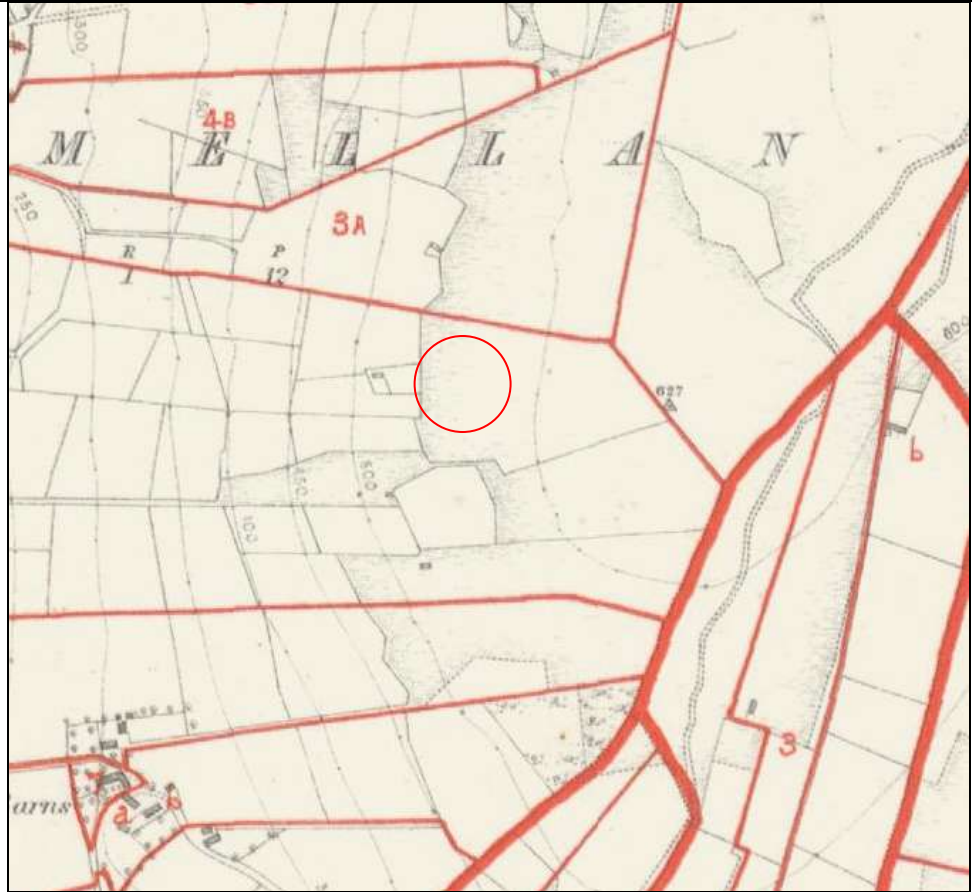
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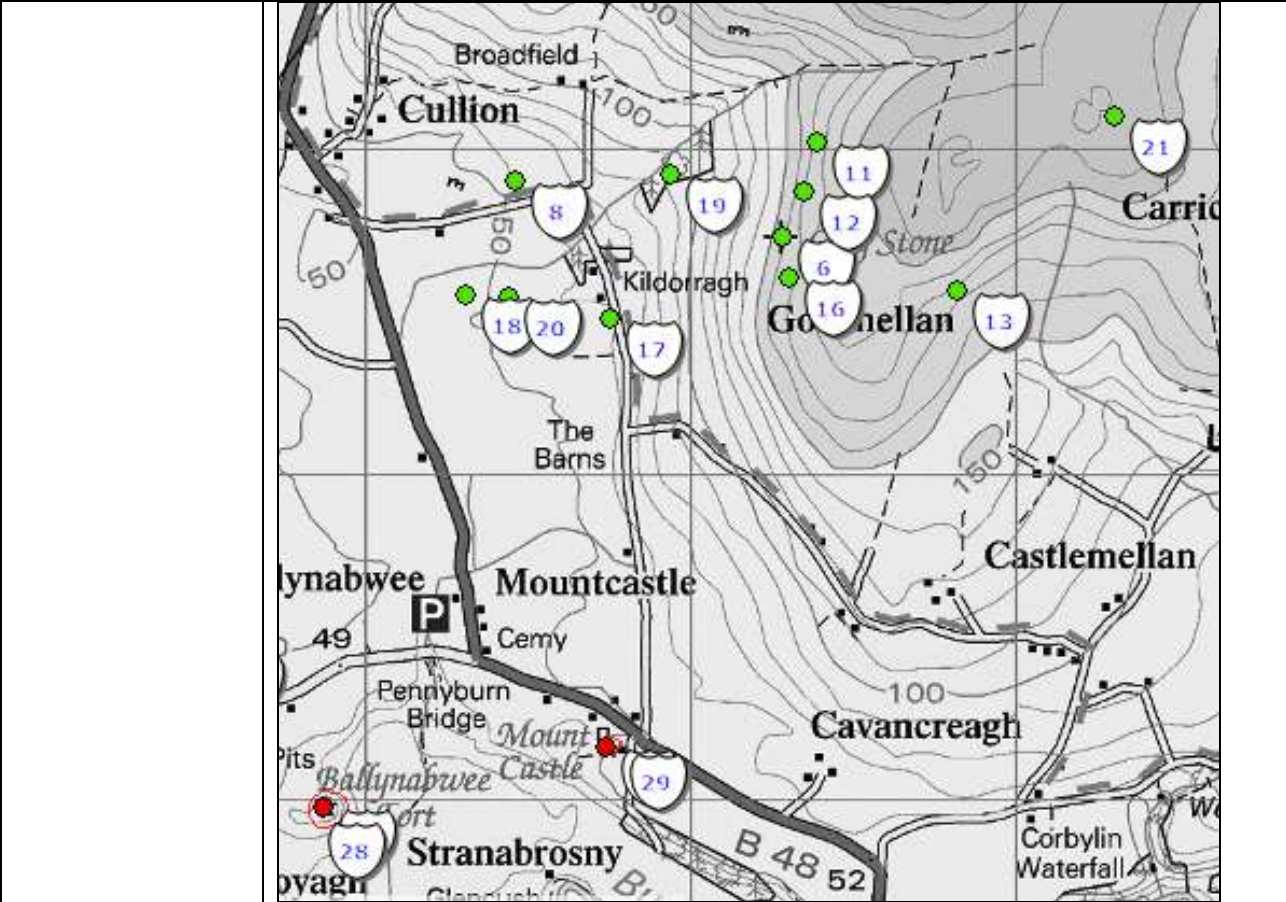
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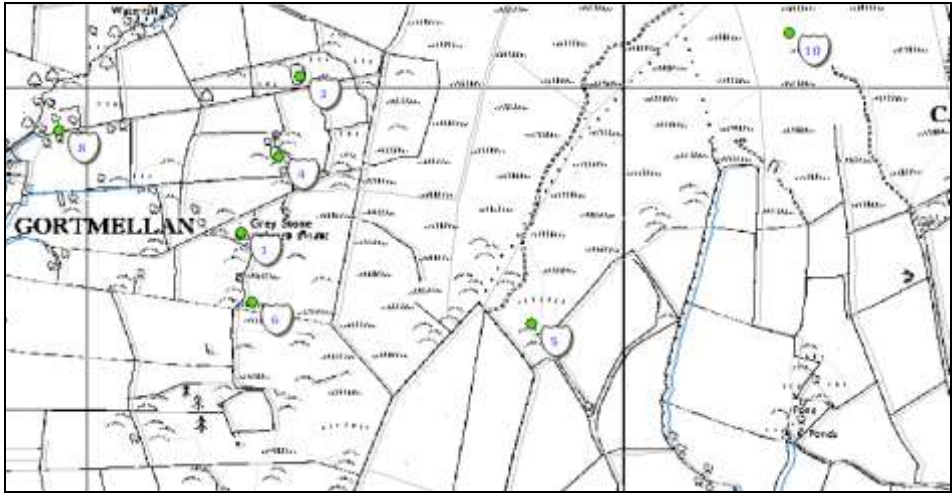
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GORTMELLAN. (Ord. S. 2.)							
1	James Day.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, offices, and land.	146 3 5	13 10 0	0 10 0	14 0 0
2	Thomas Gilmore.	Same.	Land.	07 3 10	30 0 0	—	30 0 0
3	William Lecch.	Thomas Gilmore.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
4	William Donnell.	Same.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
5	Hugh Donnell.	Same.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
6	William Logue.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, offices, & land.	84 2 55	14 5 0	0 10 0	15 0 0
7	Mathia Hamilton.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, offices, & land.	—	10 5 0	1 5 0	11 10 0
8	William Brown.	William Logue.	Offices and land.	—	18 10 0	0 10 0	19 0 0
9	James McGovern.	William Logue.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
10	James Campbell.	William Brown.	House, and office.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
11	James Brown.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, offices, & land.	111 2 22	60 0 0	2 0 0	63 10 0
12	William Debertry.	James Brown.	House.	1 3 15	1 10 0	—	2 5 0
13	John Dehertry.	Same.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
14	Menahce Hill.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, offices, and land.	31 3 0	10 0 0	1 10 0	31 0 0
15	William Chisholm.	Same.	House, offices, & land.	0 5 0	0 10 0	1 10 0	2 0 0
16	Joseph Love.	William Chisholm.	House.	02 1 10	20 0 0	—	22 0 0
17	Thomas Cunningham.	Same.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
18	William Colhoun.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, office, and land.	14 0 10	8 0 0	0 10 0	8 15 0
19	James Colhoun.	Same.	House, offices, and land.	07 3 5	20 0 0	1 10 0	21 10 0
20	James M'Farland.	James Colhoun.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
21	James M'Ginley.	Marquis of Abercorn.	House, office, and land.	41 5 15	4 10 0	0 5 0	4 15 0
Total.				674 1 12	280 5 0	15 5 0	293 10 0
GULLION. (Ord. S. 3.)							

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