

Asset Ref No.	TYR 017:012 Castle & Bailey: Harry Avery's Castle	
Heritage Type	Built	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	TYR 017
	Townland	Upper Or New Deerpark
	Parish	Ardstraw
	LCA	Foyle Valley
	ITM Coordinates	
	NG Coordinates	H3914085220
Protection Status	<i>SMR; State Care</i>	
Condition	<i>Substantial Remains</i>	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p>The site is on a prominent hill commanding important river routes. It is named after Henry Aimbreidh O'Neill, who died in 1392, but it is not sure if it dates to C14th or C15th. It is one of the few native built stone castles in Ireland. An artificially scarped mound forms an elevated bailey surrounded by a polygonal curtain wall. At SW end is a tower that looks like a gatehouse, entered between high D-shaped towers, but the only way in was up a stair & through the hall at 1st floor level, like in a tower-house</p>	
Landscape Context (setting)	<i>Located within Lough Catherine, approximately 3.5km southwest of Newtownstewart, west of the B84 road, in a woodland landscape.</i>	
Site Appraisal	This is a scheduled site and area, which is an indication of its significance to the archaeological record of Northern Ireland.	
Sensitivity	<i>This site is located on an island and therefore is less prone to human interference.</i>	
Associations:	<i>This site is associated with the later Medieval settlement in this area (around Newtownstewart), thusly they are also associated with the Historic Settlement of Newtownstewart (TYR017:066), Newtownstewart Castle (TYR 017:047) and Pigeon Hill Castle (TYR017:011).</i>	
Recommendations	<i>This site is very accessible and should be grouped together with the Historic Settlement of Newtownstewart (TYR017:066), Stone Head (TYR 017:065), Newtownstewart Castle (TYR 017:047) and Pigeon Hill Castle (TYR017:011) as an overall visitor attraction in this area.</i>	

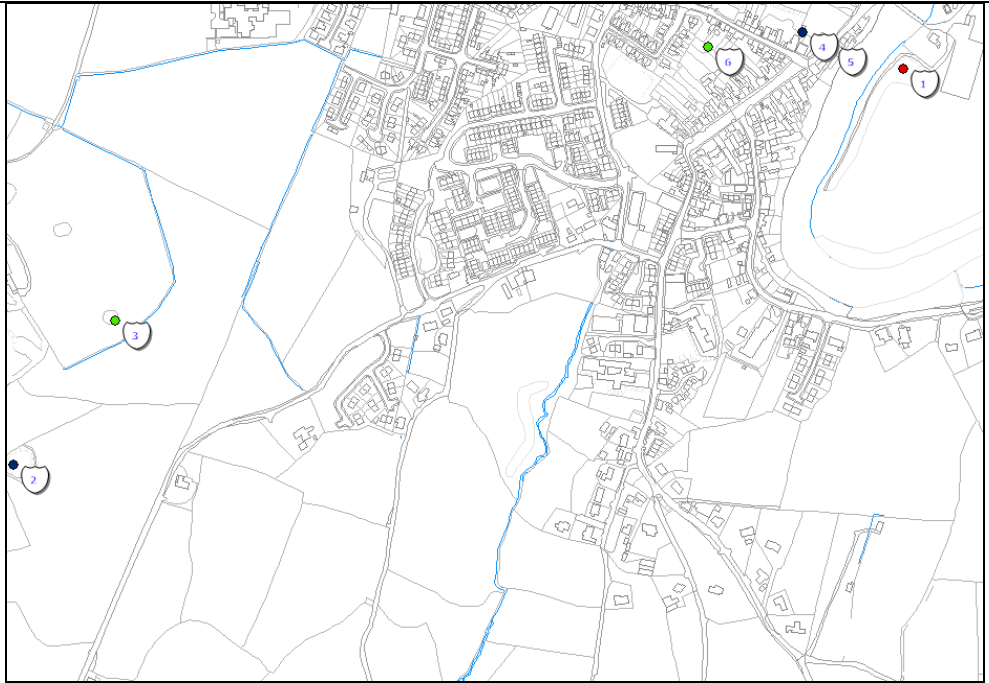
Mapping



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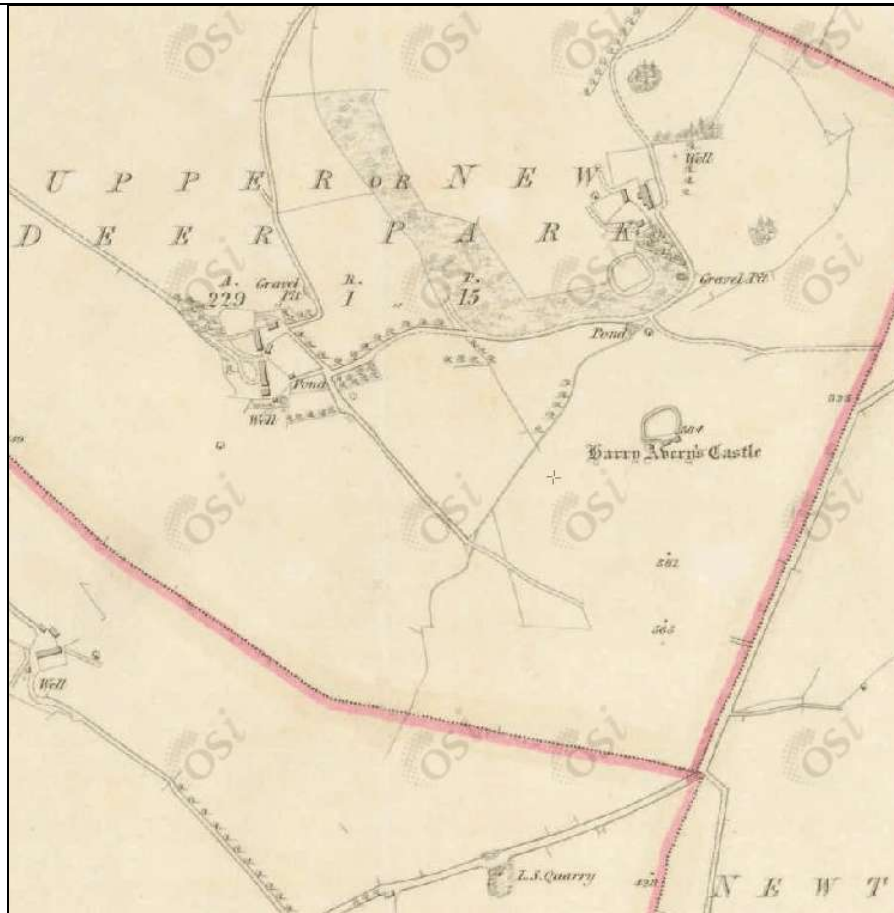


NIEA SMR map: Pigeon Hill Castle TYR 017:011 is marked as no. 1, Harry Avery's Castle (TYR017:012) is marked as no.2, Tree Ring (TYR017:014) is marked as no.3, Newtownstewart Castle (TYR 017:047) is marked as no.4, Stone Head (TYR 017:065) is marked as no.5 and Historic Settlement of Newtownstewart (TYR017:066) is marked as no.6.

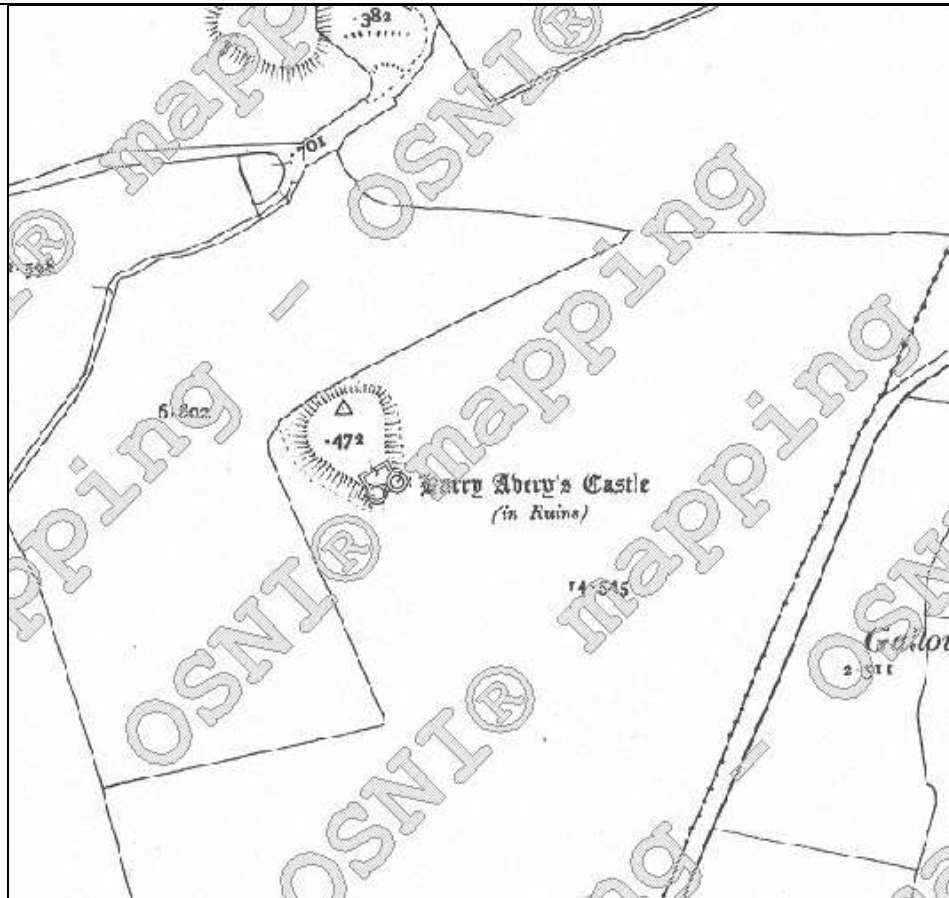
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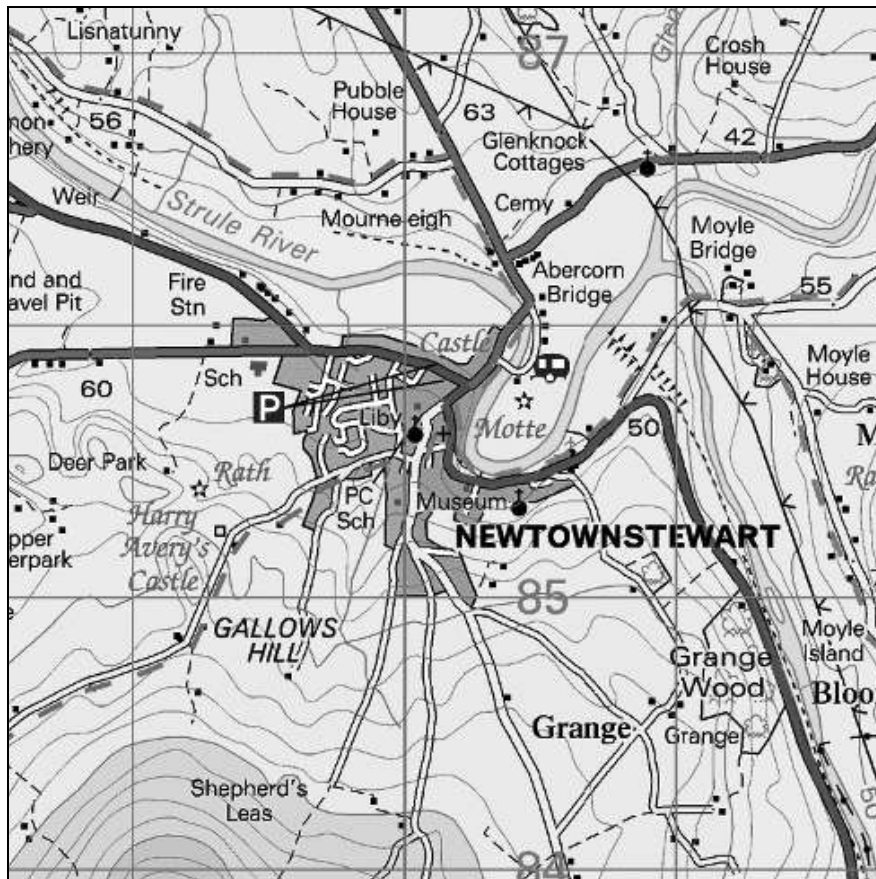
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1st ed OS Map extract (1829-1842)(www.osi.ie) Extended view



2nd ed OS Map extract (1905) (www.osni.gov.uk)



Appendix 4: Foyle Valley

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	<i>NIEA SMR map: showing Harry Avery's Castle in relation to Newtownstewart</i>
References	<i>NIEA SMRs</i>
Plates	
Additional Notes	