



Monitoring Report No. 11

**CLONTYGORA COURT TOMB (THE KING'S RING)
CLONTYGORA
COUNTY ARMAGH**

AE/04/140

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Site Specific Information

Site Name: Clontygora Court Tomb (The King's Ring)

Townland: Clontygora

SMR No: ARM 029:011

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: J 09871945

County: Armagh

Excavation Licence No: AE/04/140

Dates of Monitoring: 26/08/04

Archaeologist Present: Nicholas Beer

Brief Summary: Monitoring was carried out in advance of the erection of an information board, on behalf of Regeneration of South Armagh (ROSA). A stone feature was discovered at the base of the trench, at a depth of 0.7m. This stone feature was covered over with plastic sheeting before the information board was installed into position.

Type of monitoring: Single trench excavated by hand.

Size of area opened: 0.3 m x 0.35 m.

Current Land Use: Monument in State Care.

Intended Land Use: N/A

Plan of site showing extent of area monitored:

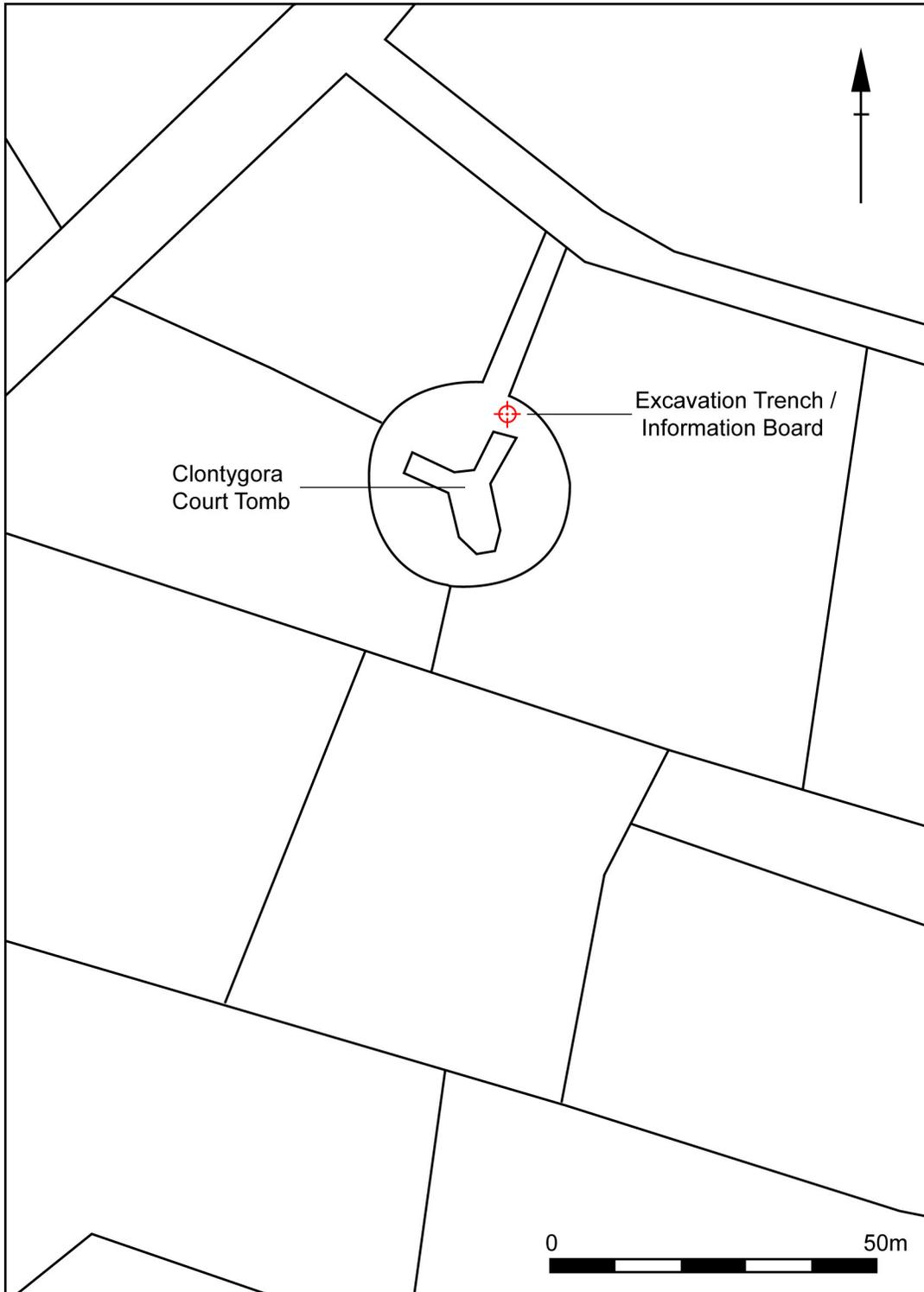


Figure One: Plan of approximate location of Clontygora court tomb information board

Account of monitoring results.

A small trench (0.3 m x 0.35 m) was excavated to a depth of 0.7 m for the installation of an information board at Clontygora Court Tomb, County Armagh. During the excavation three deposits were discovered.

The first deposit (Context No. 101) was a dark brown sandy loam topsoil, which extended to a depth of 0.2 m. Underlying Context No. 101 was an light brown sandy loam deposit (Context No. 102) which extended to a depth of 0.5 m. This deposit overlay a stone feature (Context No. 103) that extended to 0.7 m, where excavation terminated. The exact nature of the stone feature was difficult to determine due to the small dimensions of the trench. A large stone 0.3 m x 0.2 m overlay smaller stones (approx. 0.1 m x 0.1 m) and some of Context No. 102 which had fallen through voids. It is possible that this feature represented a chamber or perhaps a souterrain, but this is difficult to interpret with any certainty due to the limited and restricted nature of the investigation.

The base of the trench was covered with plastic sheeting to protect any possible archaeological features from damage when the information board was set in concrete.

No finds of archaeological importance were uncovered during this excavation.

Archive:

Finds: N/A

Photographs: 3 slide images held by CAF.

Plans / Drawings: N/A

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Date: _____