



Monitoring Report No. 09

**BALLYKEEL DOLMEN
BALLYKEEL
COUNTY ARMAGH**

AE/04/143

NICHOLAS BEER

Site Specific Information

Site Name: Ballykeel Dolmen

Townland: Ballykeel

SMR No: ARM 028:020

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: H 99502132

County: Armagh

Excavation Licence No: AE/04/143

Dates of Monitoring: 24/08/04

Archaeologist Present: Nicholas Beer

Brief Summary: Monitoring carried out in advance of the erection of an information board, on behalf of Regeneration of South Armagh (ROSA). Nothing of archaeological significance encountered.

Type of monitoring: Single trench excavated by hand.

Size of area opened: 0.46 m x 0.4 m.

Current Land Use: Monument is in State Care, surrounded by fence to prevent cattle gaining access from adjacent fields. However, this fence is in poor condition and cattle incursions are occurring and damaging the site.

Intended Land Use: N/A

Plan of site showing extent of area monitored:

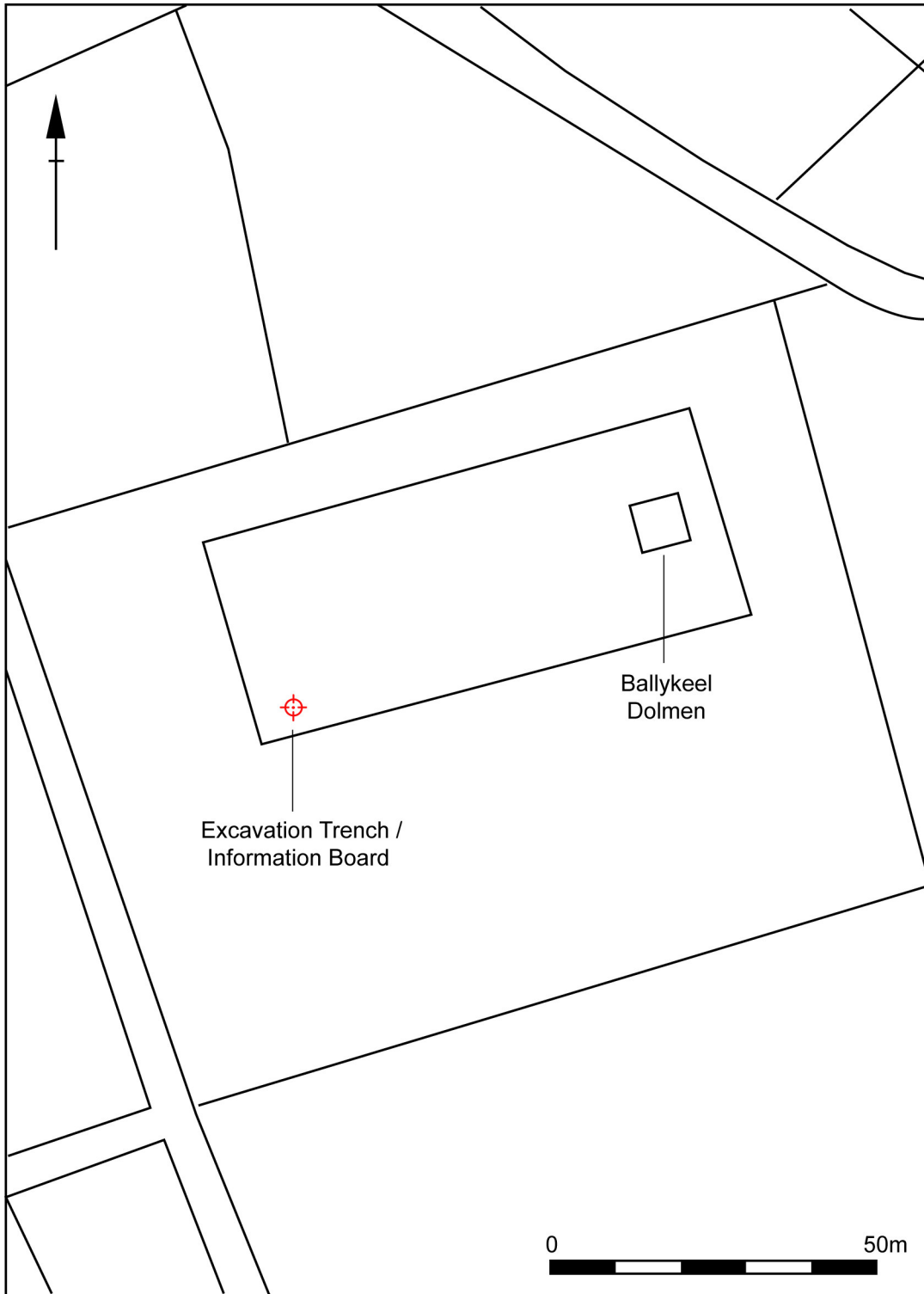


Figure One: Plan of approximate location of Ballykeel Dolmen information board

Account of monitoring results.

A small trench (0.4 m x 0.46 m) was excavated to a depth of 0.75 m for the installation of an information board at Ballykeel Dolmen, County Armagh. During the excavation three deposits were discovered.

The first deposit (Context No. 101) was a brown loam topsoil, which extended to a depth of 0.1 m. Underlying Context No. 101 was an orange-brown clay-loam deposit (Context No. 102) which extended to a depth of 0.6 m. This deposit overlay a grey clay deposit (Context No. 103) that extended to at least 0.75 m, where excavation terminated.

No features or 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: _____