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| SMR ANT 10:27 | Td East Torr | Type Mound and standing stone? | |
| A No. | Site name | Parish | Alt 300 ft+ |
| IG | GR D2270 4003 | Barony | DC Moyle |
| OS | Photos | | |
| NB | | | |
| Condition Some remains | Threat Quarrying | Check / Action | Schedule N |
| Land use Unimproved grassland | Field Boundaries | | |
| <p>Site description</p> <p>A site visit was carried out on 10 August 2011 by Mr. Rory McNeary and Dr. Kieran Westley of the CMA at the request of NIEA: Built Heritage.</p> <p>The site in question appears as an ovoid mound c. 3m N-S x c. 5m E-W and c. 0.6m in height which is perched on top of natural hillock c. 30m E-W and c. 35m N-S. There is an irregularly shaped stone c. 0.38m x c. 0.21m, H. 0.36m located on top of the smaller ovoid mound. This stone while earth-fast could be readily moved so the quoted dimensions above are roughly its true dimensions.</p> <p>This suggested site is not noted on any of the OS edition maps, but there are a number of accounts in the OS memoirs of enclosures, standing stones and mounds in the immediate locality that remain unlocated. This site may be the one described as:</p> <p>'...In Torr East, and holding of Widow McClaster, there stands a small hill...On its summit is a raised mound 13ft by 10ft and 4 feet high, and composed of earth and stones, and in the centre of which is an ancient standing stone stone 2 feet high, 1 feet broad and 9 inches thick...' (OS Memoirs, Co. Antrim, Vol. 24, p. 83).</p> <p>The quarrying/excavations in the immediate vicinity falls outside the curtilage of the site and has removed maybe as much as a third of the natural hillock. These excavations fall short of destroying the smaller mound located on the summit of the hillock, but are only approximately 2.5m away. No artefacts or features were noted in the vicinity of the excavations during our visit and there appeared to be no exposed archaeological stratigraphy in the excavated section face.</p> <p>While we have no definitive evidence to prove that this is a genuine archaeological site without testing we believe there is enough circumstantial evidence to argue its potential.</p> | | | |
| Visited by R. McNeary & K. Westley | Date 10 August 2011 | SM2 | Input |