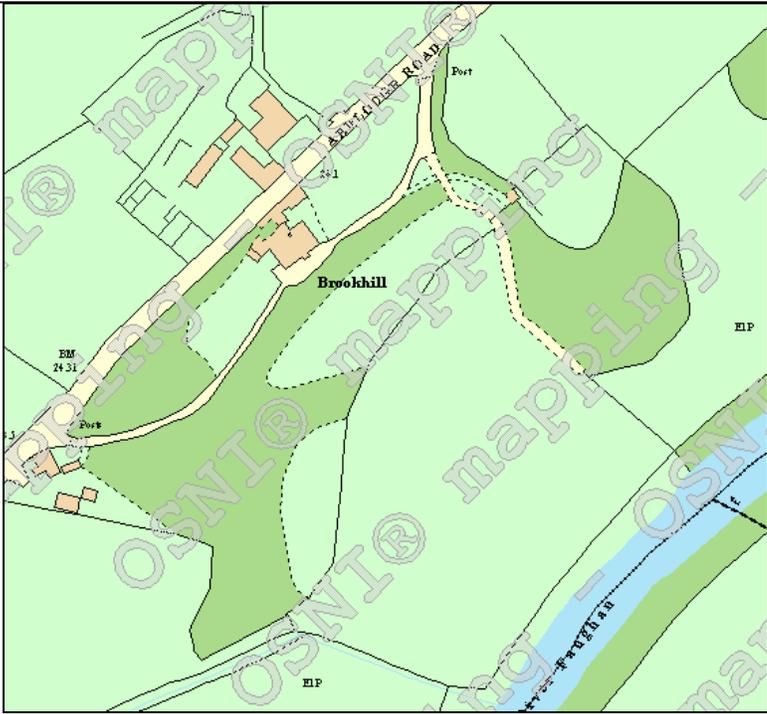


Asset Ref No.	HB/01/08/001 Brook Hill House	
Heritage Type	Built	
	<i>House</i>	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	
	Townland	Ardnabrocky
	Parish	
	LCA	Burngibbagh & Drumahoe
	ITM Coordinates	246395;415735
	NG Coordinates	C4639515735
Protection Status	Listed building	
Condition		
Ownership (if known)	Private	
Site Description	<p>Sited on the east side of Ardrough Road overlooking the winding river Faughan where it flows north between Drumahoe and Mobuoy bridges, Brookhill nestles among tall mature trees with two entrance gates on either side, with short avenues, now much overgrown, leading to the house. At the southern gate, and on the south side, a small low unpretentious gate lodge now used as a shop guards the entrance. Each set of gates has balustraded wing walls and piers and stoutly constructed in wood and painted black. The floor level of the house is a metre and a half below road level and a boundary wall conceals the rear of it with a pass door allowing pedestrian access to the outhouses on the other side of the Ardrough road. Fincarn cottage forms a pleasing vista directly opposite across the Faughan valley. The two storey smooth rendered unpainted five bay wide house symmetrically composed with projecting sandstone porch with entrance doors in each flanking side, has a natural slated hipped roof with lead ridges and hips. Two yellow brick chimneys rebuilt c 1900 sit on the ridge defining the central staircase hall. To the rear an irregular two storey untidy victorian back return which may have been erected at two different times as the window arrangements differ. The earlier return projects beyond the southern gable by one bay. Externally the porch displays Brookhills only architectural detail. A pattern book copy with clasping Tuscan pilasters at the corners and where it abuts the main wall thin half pilasters. Surrounding each doorway a neatly moulded straight architrave while in the gable a large segmented headed window with double sliding sashes with regency patterned astragals and over a neat fanlight. Projecting sprockets support the eaves and open style pediment. The shallow pitched roof is slated. The doors consists of six panels, centre panels oval. The whole has an unfinished look. The walls are built of stone with brick trims to openings easily observed as the rendering is falling off at lower levels and around window reveals. Windows in the main part of house are georgian sliding sashes, slightly taller on the ground floor and each having twelve panes. The windows to the principal rooms are slightly closer together.</p>	
Landscape Context (setting)	On banks of River Faughan.	
Site Appraisal	Provincial mid Georgian house with Victorian exterior extension. Large garden and irregular walled garden with folly. Notwithstanding the lack of maintenance the building survives as a good example of its type.	
Sensitivity	Private	
Associations	According to the present occupier the main house was built by a Judge Brooks c. 1795. The	

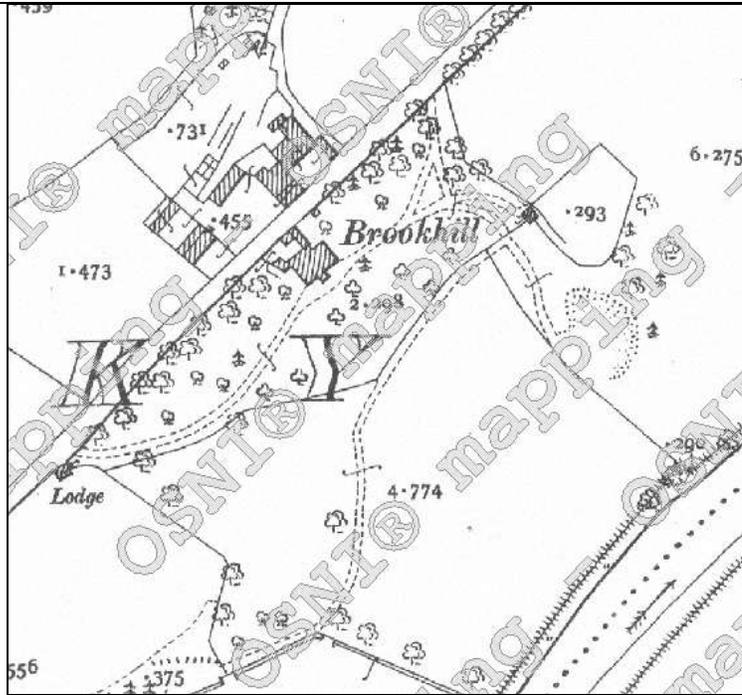
porch and possibly the kitchen return c. 1820 and the Victorian exterior and yellow brick chimneys c. 1900. The occupier gave the date of the garden tower as c. 1880 built by his grandfather. The house is mentioned in Ordnance Survey Memoirs and Griffiths Valuation 1858 and is shown on the Ordnance Survey Sheet 1830. In 1830 it was occupied by Lieutenant Carmalt who was accredited with running a model farm. References: Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland Vol 34 Parish of Clondermot Griffiths Valuation 1858 Occupier (1997)

Recommendations

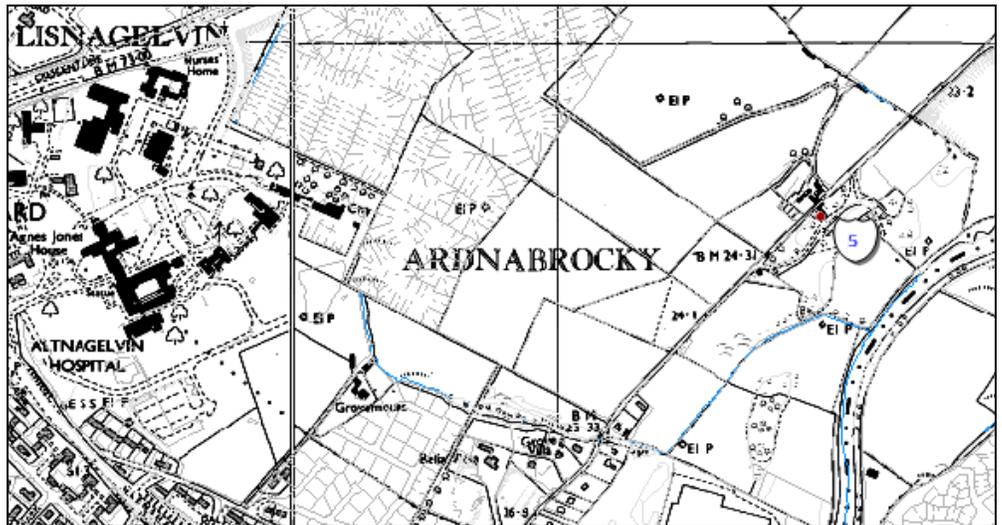
Mapping



Present-day mapping extract (www.osni.gov.uk)



1st edition 25-inch OS map extract (1873-1954)



Extract from NIEA SMR MapViewer of the garden site (Map ID No. 5)



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References	http://maps.ehsni.gov.uk/MapView/Default.aspx
Plates	
Additional Notes	