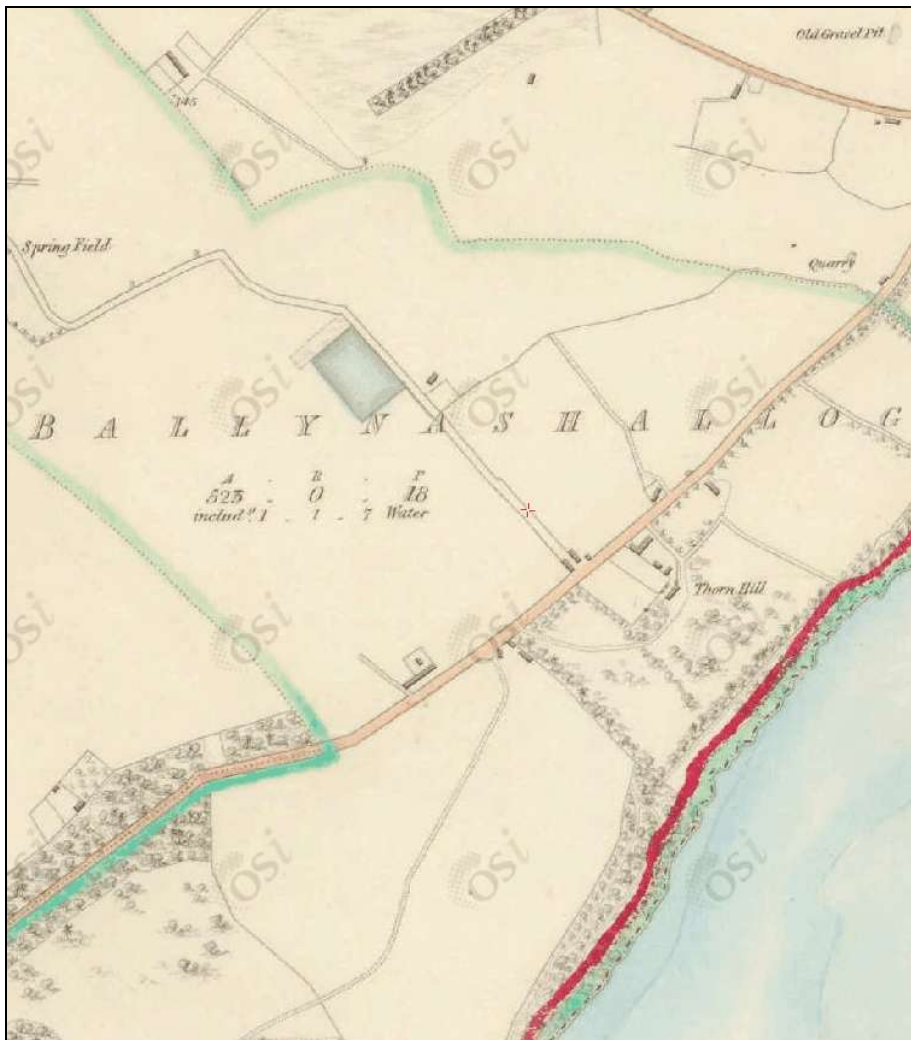


Asset Ref No.	LDY14A:023: Neolithic Settlement - Houses and Palisaded Enclosure	
Heritage Type	Built	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	LDY014
	Townland	Ballynashallog
	Parish	
	LCA	Foyle Valley
	ITM Coordinates	
	NG Coordinates	C4610821364
Protection Status	<i>SMR; Scheduled site</i>	
Condition	<i>Traces only</i>	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p>Numerous flints, worked & wastage have been found in this area during fieldwalking over the course of several years. Other flints & porcellanite have been found nearby [c.f. Ldy 14a:020 & 022].</p> <p>The site was excavated in 2000, when a series of Neolithic Houses within a palisaded enclosure were uncovered. At least seven separate lines of concentric palisades bounded an area containing 5 or more structures. The wealth of remains found on the site seem to represent a lengthy period of activity; artefacts recovered included stone & flint axe fragments, quartz, flint and stone tools, rock crystal and saddle querns, along with much evidence for quartz working, while the flint tools were predominantly finished items. The pottery assemblage mainly consisted of undecorated carinated bowls, suggesting an Early Neolithic date for the site [P.Logue, 2000].</p>	
Landscape Context (setting)	<i>Located on the west bank of the Foyle, within Thornhill Collage grounds and west of Culmore Road.</i>	
Site Appraisal	There are no visible remains of the site above ground, but substantial remains are known to exist under the surface of the topsoil.	
Sensitivity	<i>This site is located within a working school, however, as it is a Scheduled site and well known to the School administrators it is unlikely to be interfered with</i>	
Associations:	<i>The site is one of an increasing number of Neolithic settlement sites known to have existed in the region around the Foyle, which includes early Neolithic houses at Caw, Lough Enagh, Upper Campsie and Longfield beg. There are also a number of sites in the vicinity of LDY 014A: 023 that may be contemporary and associated (see map below).</i>	
Recommendations	<i>The site is of great importance, but as no surface remains are visible, this site does not offer much in the line of a visitor attraction.</i>	

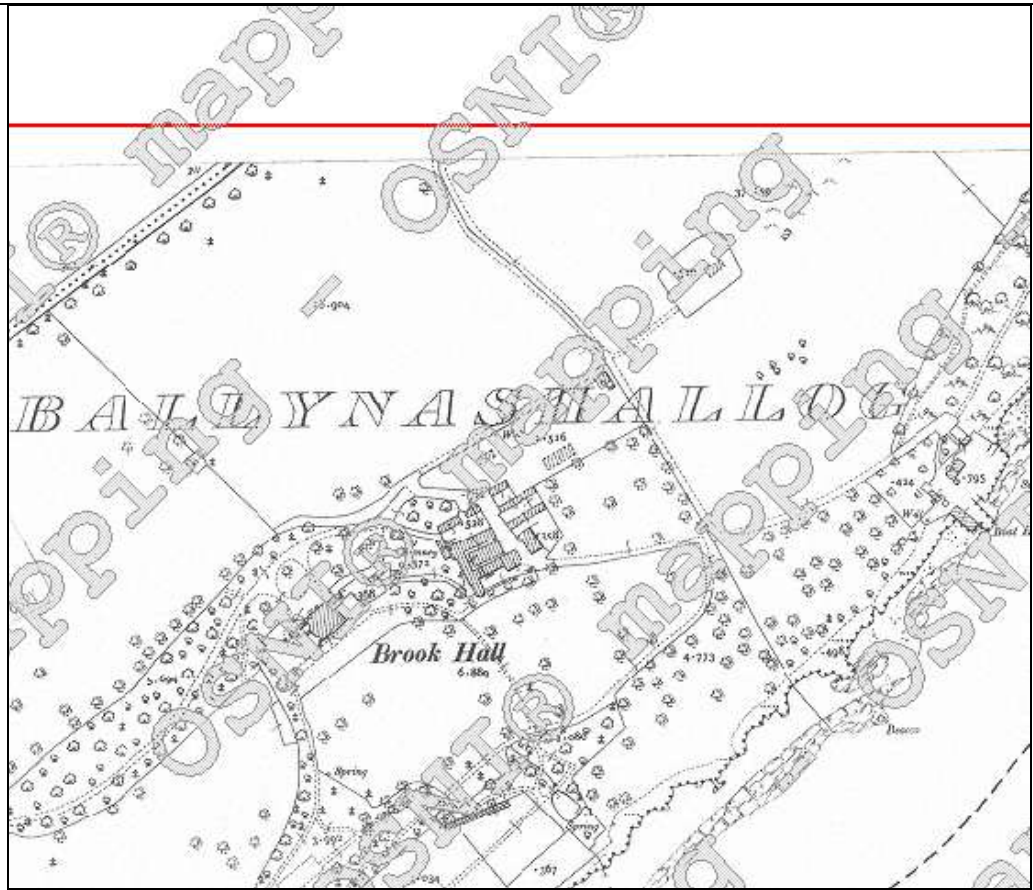
Mapping



NIEA SMR map: LDY 014A:023 is Neolithic Settlement; LDY 014A:034 is an Antiaircraft Battery; LDY 014A:004 is an Enclosure and Flint scatter; LDY 014A:010 & LDY 014A:011 are Circular Enclosures (AP sites).



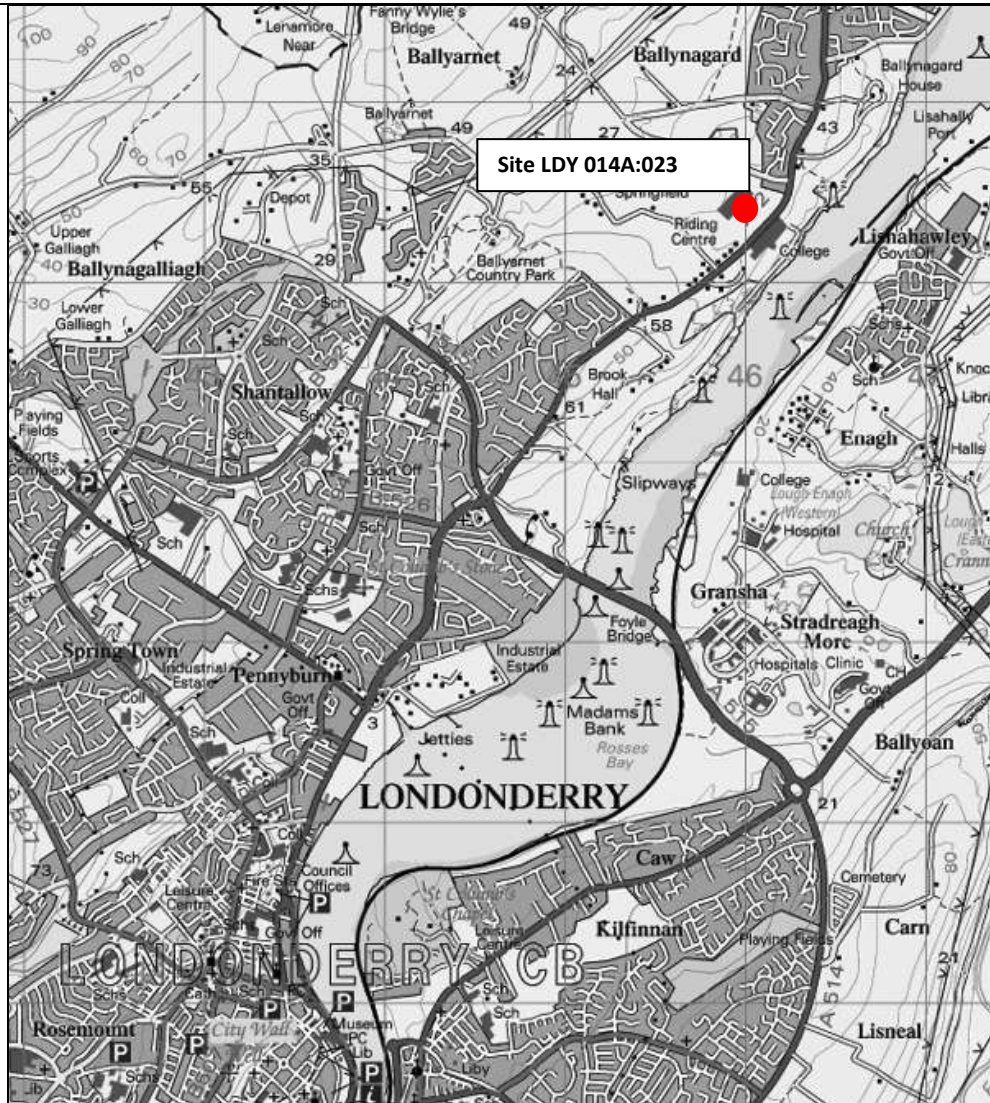
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Aerial Photograph of the site (www.google.com/earth)



OS 1 to 50,000 Discovery Series Map extract(NIEA Map Viewer)

References	NIEA SMRs
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