

# THE KILKENNY FIELD NAME RESEARCH PROJECT (2014)

## TUTORIAL SUPPORT

These pages can be used in addition to the **Field Name Research Handbook** supplied to all participants and in conjunction with the **online tutorial**. If you do not have a copy the handbook can be downloaded from the Townlands Project website:

<http://www.townlands.net/a-field-name-research-handbook/>

It can also be downloaded from the Heritage Page of the website of Kilkenny County Council (see Survey Forms below.)

To view the online tutorial visit: <http://youtu.be/TGilyvsIR9E>

### **SURVEY FORMS 2014**

**NB.** Before you begin work: Have you got copies of the **2014 Survey Forms**? You will need these to work with. You can request them directly from the Heritage Office or the Project Co-ordinator or you can download them directly to your computer.

### **1. HOW TO DOWNLOAD SURVEY FORMS?**

Click on either of the following website links

- <http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Digital Mapping/Townlands GIS Mapping Application/>
- When this page opens click on “**HERITAGE**” in the sidebar beside the aerial map.
- On the **Heritage** page, scroll down to **Kilkenny Field Name Recording Project**. Click on the link. Scroll down to the resource and support forms.
- Select the form you require and click on Download.
- <http://www.townlands.net>. **Kilkenny Field Name Recording Project** Page: Select the form you require and click on Download.

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The following Sections offer guidance for:

- **Viewing maps of your townland;**
- **Viewing aerial photos of your townland;**
- **Identifying your townland’s borders;**
- **Identifying fields in your survey;**
- **Identifying and recording the GIS co-ordinates for fields in your survey;**
- **Viewing any listed national monuments within them.**

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### 2. HOW TO ACCESS / NAVIGATE MAPS AND RECORD DATA FROM THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS SERVICE WEBSITE.

<http://www.archaeology.ie>

- Click on the above link.
- Scroll down the **Home Page** of the **National Monuments Service**.
- Select the Image Window for the **Archaeological Survey Database**. Click on that title.



- The following Window will now open:



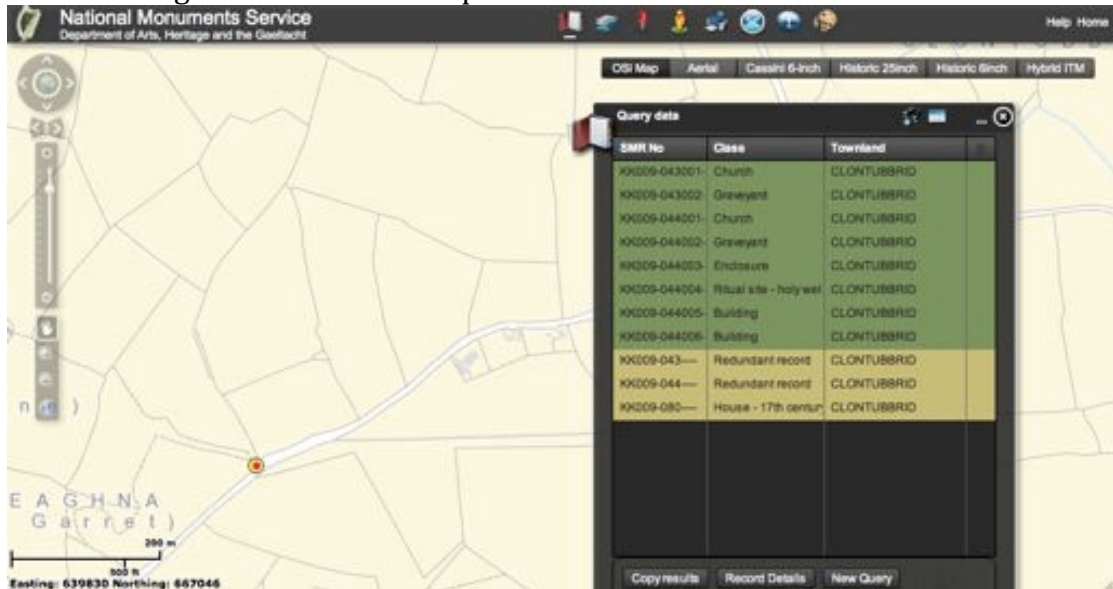
- In the relevant boxes select the **county** and **townland** of your choice.

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- The **Query Data** box will now show your selections.
- Click on '**Search**'.

The following Window will now open:



- The **Query Data** box now shows all the **National Monuments** recorded for your chosen townland.
- Close this box by clicking on the '**X**' in the upper right corner.
- The screen now shows your townland in an **Ordnance Survey Map**. The **red dots** mark the **locations** of the **recorded National Monuments** in your area.
- Click on the various buttons in the tool bar shown below:



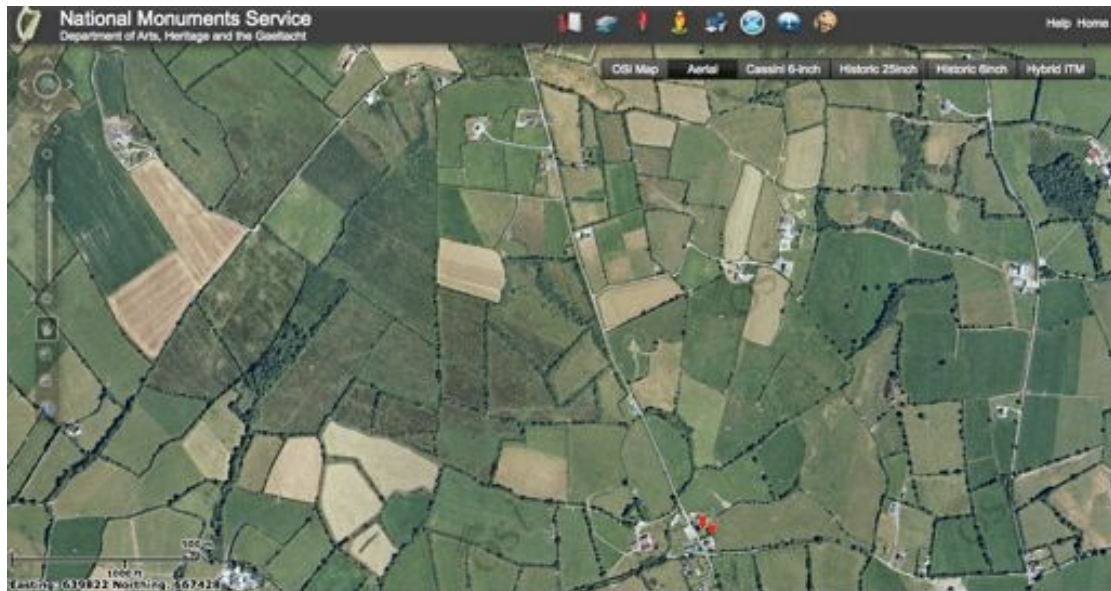
- For **aerial views** of fields the most effective button will be '**Aerial**'. (You can print this for survey use as an aerial view of your townland)
- To discover the Townland boundaries use the '**Historic 6 inch**' button. The boundaries appear as **bold dotted lines** on these OSI maps. ( You can print this map as a working desk copy. )
- To navigate the landscape or maps use the **navigation tools** to the **left** of the screen.
- To learn more about any recorded monument in the landscape click on the Information button (**i**) at the base of the **Navigation Bar**. Then use your mouse to click on the **red dot** of your choice, The **Query Data** box will open with all the relevant data on file for that monument. (see Section 4. below)

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### 3. HOW TO RECORD THE GPS CO-ORDINATES FOR FIELD NAME LOCATIONS

To record the **GPS** information that will allow us to log the **exact location** of the fields and associated field names that you are recording please use the **Aerial View** of the landscape or townland.



- In the bottom left of the window you will see two sets of **six figure digits** listed as **Easting** and **Northing**. These will provide you with the **exact GPS location** of the fields and associated field names you wish to record.
- Now drag the cursor across the landscape. The **Easting** and **Northing** changes accordingly.
- Place the **cursor** in the **middle of the field** that you wish to record.
- Log the GPS data, Easting and Northing, for that field into your **Survey Form**.

**For Example: E 639822; N 667428.**

**PLEASE ALWAYS LIST THE EASTING FIRST.**

**NB:**

If using older Survey Forms place the **Easting** in the **Latitude** column and the **Northing** in the **Longitude** column.

For clarity please cross out the Latitude and Longitude headings and replace them with Easting and Northing as appropriate

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### 4. SITES AND MONUMENTS WITHIN SURVEY AREA

Click on [www.archaeology.ie](http://www.archaeology.ie) the website of the **Archaeological Survey of Ireland**. All listed sites and monuments in your townland or parish will be recorded as red dots on the maps and aerial photos that you will already have seen above. To learn more about them click on the information icon at the bottom of this bar located to the left of your screen beneath the navigation scroll and zoom bar.



After you have clicked on this icon move your mouse to the site or monument (red dot) about which you wish to learn. A data box will appear with the relevant information. Each listed monument will have a numerical code. Please record this number in the **Notes** section of your Survey form relevant to field where it is located.

### 5. TOWNLANDS GIS AND MAPPING.

- To view the results of a previously recorded parish Field Name Survey visit:
- [http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Digital\\_Mapping/Townlands\\_GIS\\_Mapping\\_Application/](http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Digital_Mapping/Townlands_GIS_Mapping_Application/)
- This will take you to an aerial photo of the county landscape. Each red dot within the blue townland boundaries represents a field surveyed. Drag the cursor over each dot until a finger icon appears and hold it while the name of the field and its townland appears on your screen.

The information you provide to us in your survey forms will allow us to expand the GIS Field Name Archive for County Kilkenny to include your research and to make it available online in a similar way for the benefit of future generations.

We also recommend a visit to the website of the Meath Field Names Project who have gathered 25,000 field names to date: [www.meathfieldnames.com](http://www.meathfieldnames.com)

There is much work yet to be done! Any further challenges or questions can be forwarded to : [info@alancounihan.net](mailto:info@alancounihan.net)

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