

## *County Longford Graveyard Inventory*

Name of Fieldworker & Date of Audit	Jimmy Lennon: August 2005
Name of Graveyard	Abbeyshrule
Dedication	None
Townland	Abbeyshrule/ Driminure
Parish	Carrickedmond
Diocese	Ardagh & Clonmacnoise RC Ardagh, Kilmore & Elphin C of I
County	Longford
Nearest National Primary National Secondary or Regional Road.	R399
Current Status	Old section closed
Graveyard Description	Ruins of old Cistercian Abbey and Tower. Graveyard is in two sections.
Denomination	RC & C of I
Place of Worship	No
Pattern Day	No
Owner	Longford County Council
Number of inscribed memorials	330
Date of oldest inscription	<i>There is an old pre Norman memorial removed for safe keeping. There are other memorials of antiquity in the Graveyard. But below is the oldest script inscribed memorial</i> <b>Ferrall</b> <i>I.N.R.I.</i> <i>Ora Pro Anima Conaty Ferrall de Lislea.</i> <i>Armigeri ibidem</i> <i>Defuncti 18 Januarii An. Do. 1644</i> <i>Et Pro Anima Margaretæ Geraldine relict of Conaty</i> <i>I.H.S.</i>
Date of latest inscription	<i>Thomas Joseph Keenan, Ratharney, died 19<sup>th</sup> March 2004 aged 83 years.</i>
Access	Public, but access is restricted at the moment where work is being carried out on the old Abbey
Access Form	Gravel & Concrete Paths
Gateways & Stiles	Large & small wrought iron gates from road. And 2 further small gates, one from Graveyard to private lands leading to Abbey and one from these lands to Abbey
Wheelchair Access	Partial
Parking Space	None designated
Pathways	Concrete, around the Graveyard
Boundary Type	Stonewall. Section at corner along road has an iron rail mounted on it
Boundary Condition	Good.
Terrain	Mixed
Growth of vegetation	Some yew trees and bramble
Overall condition	Good

Historical Ruins or Artefacts	Abbey, Tower house, vaults, ancient stones as well as standing and flat memorials
Directional Signage and its condition	None
Information Panels and their condition	Yes. Good condition
Signs of vandalism	None.
Area Engineer	Longford County Council Sanitary and Environment Dept. Tel. 043- 43356
Recorded in Irish Church Temporalities Commission Report for Period 1869- 80	Yes
RMP Number	LFO23-113. Abbey
RPS Number	Not listed
Caretaker & contact number	Mr. Peter Courtney. 044 - 57704
Graveyard Committee & contact number	Mr. Brendan Quigley. 044- 57465
Clergy & contact number	Rev. Peter Tiernan. P.P. Carrickedmond. 044-57442
Burial registers & their location and dates	30/11/1944 to present. Available at Local Studies Section Longford Library HQ.
Published references & location	<i>The Cistercians Monasteries of Ireland</i> Roger Stalley  <i>History of the County Longford</i> By James P. Farrell. 1891  <i>Records Relating to the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise</i> By Very Rev. John Canon Monahan D.D. V.F. 1886  <i>Ordnance Survey of the County Longford</i> John O'Donovan 1836-37  <i>History of the Diocese of Ardagh</i> Revd. Dr. James McNamee. 1954.  <i>Topographical Dictionary of Ireland</i> Samuel Lewis.  <i>Teathba</i> Longford Historical Society Publication. Dec. 1969 Vol. 1 No. 1  <i>Irish Churches and Monastic Buildings</i> Leask.  <i>Ardagh &amp; Clonmacnoise Antiquarian Society Journal. 1942 Vol. 2. No.8 and</i>

	<p>1940 Vol. 2 No. 7</p> <p><i>Album and Memorandum</i> Rev. Edward O'Reilly. 1942.</p> <p>Available at Local Studies Section Longford Library HQ.</p>
Memorial inscription documentation	Jimmy Lennon (Rough Proof Only)
Location of transcripts	Curra Creehan, Moydow, Co. Longford.



**Entrance**



**Boundary**



**Sign**



**Abbey**



**Artefact**



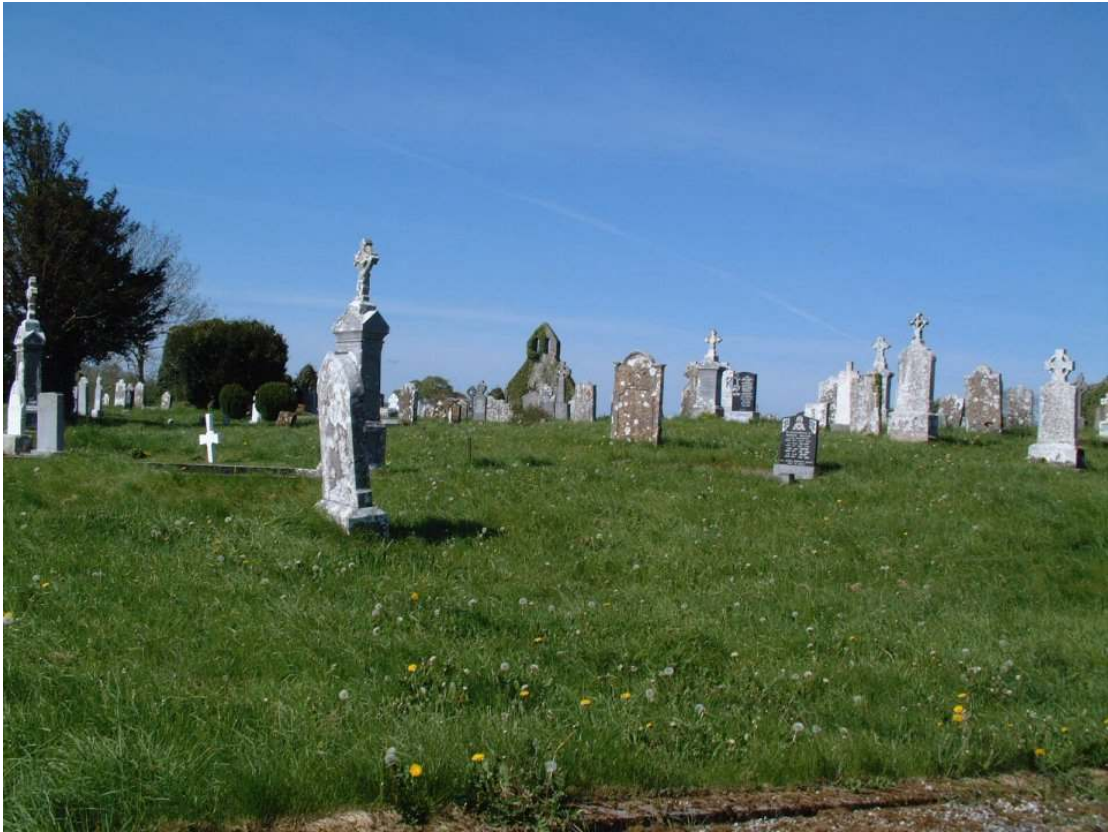
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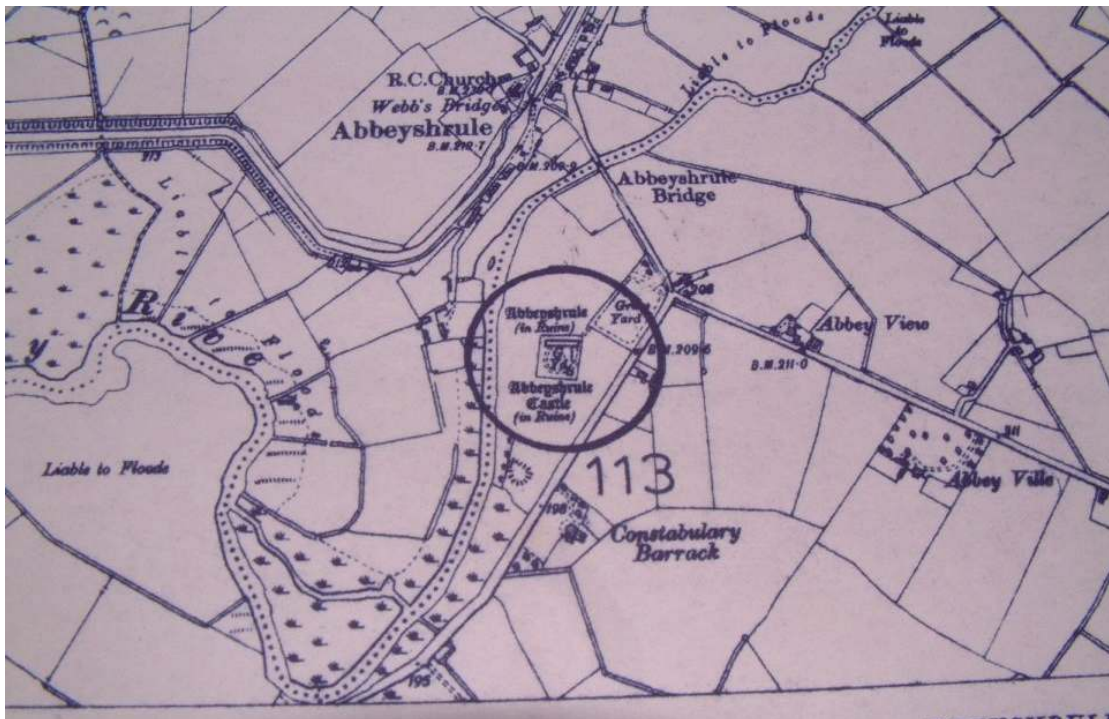
**Artefact**



**Tower**



**Terrain**



**RMP Map**