

**Site** Dundonald Castle

**N.G.R** NS 3636 3451

**Project Description**

Watching Brief during minor works - excavation of drainage track

**Report**

A watching brief was carried out at Dundonald Castle during the excavation of drainage tracks and the erection of security camera equipment over 2 days (4 & 6.6.97).

The drainage trench measured 40cm wide and 40-90cm deep (deepest to the W and lay to the W of the visitors centre. The installation of security equipment necessitated the excavation of two trenches, a hole to take the upright and a narrow channel for the cabling. The latter lay to the E of the visitors centre and measured 40cm wide and 60cm deep, whereas the latter was up to 1.25m in depth, and measured 1.1 x 1.5m (longer E-W). The excavations revealed that the bedrock lay close to the surface, and that the overburden comprised modern infill for the terrace carrying the visitors centre. No finds were retrieved, modern and late 19th-century ceramics being the only objects revealed.