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Figure 1: Plan of Ballintober Castle
Figure 2: Location Map

Source of main map:
OS 1:50,000 Discovery Map series
Figure 3: Landscape context, based on surrounding townlands

Sources
OS 6-inch/mile series RO 27, 34
Townlands coloured for convenience
Figure 4: Ortho image showing aerial view of present-day landscape

Source: Ortho image courtesy of Roscommon County Council
Figure 5: Map showing royal castles, de Burgh castles and other sites

Notes:
Royal castles in blue
De Burgh castles in orange
Other sites in green
Figure 6: Comparative ground plans of keepless castles in Connacht and at Caernarvon

Sources:
Murphy and O’Conor 2008;
O’Conor Don 1899;
Sweetman 1985/86; <en.wikipedia.org/>
Figure 7: Detail from John Browne’s Map of Connacht, 1591

Sources:
Taken from Andrews 2003, original map TCD MS 1209/68
Figure 8: Nineteenth-century map details of Ballintober

Top: John Johnston 1812, in Pakenham Mahon collection, NLI
Bottom: OS 6-inch/mile, 1838
Figure 9: Detail from OS 25 inch/mile showing castle layout recorded in early 1900s

Source: <http://webgis.archaeology.ie/>
Note: NTS
Figure 10: Ballintober Castle, as drawn by Angelo Bigari in 1779. The view looks west at the east wall from outside the castle.

Source: NLI PD Coo 2122 TX-3-23
Top: View of Southwest corner tower by Wakeman. The image is undated but is published by O’Conor Don’ in 1899. Note the shattered nature of the base batter on the tower, and the absence of ivy and the visible extent of the stairwell, and the absence of any clear indication of the internal support column that now exists on the north end wall of the tower. The fosse is filled with water, and the causeway across it is exaggerated.

Bottom: View of Southwest corner tower by unknown photographer, published by Fitzpatrick in 1935. Note the base batter has been repaired. The ivy growth that now covers much of the stonework is already established but it is possible to make out details on the residential block, while the fabric of the west perimeter wall north of the tower is exposed.

Figure 11: Ballintober Caste, historic images

Sources:
O’Conor Don 1899
Fitzpatrick 1935
Figure 12: Gradiometry and Resistance Surveys, Ballintober Castle 2008

Source:
Target Archaeological Geophysics report, licence 08R262
Figure 13: Ground Penetrating Radar Survey, Ballintober Castle, 2009

Horizontal amplitude time-slice, z=90-110cm (scale not shown)

Time-slice intervals 0-125cm (nts)

Source:
Target Archaeological Geophysics report, licence 09R032
Figure 14: Ballintober Castle, ground plan and sections, 2014

Notes:
-城堡围墙（castle wall）
-常春藤（ivy）
-护城河（fosse）
-堤坝（causeway）
-手球通道（handball alley）
-场地墙（field wall）

北向立面图显示水平线，选用来显示平面图。
Figure 15: Ortho-images of Castle’s west wall, exterior and interior view

Notes:
wi - window/loop opening
Figure 16: Ortho-images of Castle’s east and south walls, exterior view

Notes:
- hb - handball alley

Southeast tower

Original entrance

hb

Northeast tower

Southeast tower

rough fence

Southeast tower

present-day entrance

Southeast tower

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Figure 17: Ortho-images of Castle’s north wall, exterior and interior view

Notes:
wi- window/loop opening