

CLARE - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE

Toonagh Quarry

Other names used for site

TOWNLAND(S)

Ballybrody, Drummina, Toonagh Commons

NEAREST TOWN

Ennis

SIX INCH MAP NUMBER

25

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE

130319 183800 = R 303 838

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Outline Site Description

Active limestone quarry

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

Burren Formation, Carboniferous, Viséan limestone

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

This quarry, 3.5km north off the main Ennistymon road from Ennis on the Corrofin road, is the best representative section in the county, other than karstic exposures in the Burren, for the typical Clare Burren Formation. The broad dip of the beds, and features of the overall sequence can be seen in an always changing quarry.

Site Importance

The site is of County Geological Site importance and may be proposed for NHA designation under the IGH 8 Lower Carboniferous theme of the GSI's IGH Programme.

Management/promotion issues

As an active working quarry there are safety and access issues which mean that it is not suitable for general public promotion, but it is a valuable site to examine the limestones in a well exposed situation.



