

KILDARE - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	St. Bridget's Well - Japanese Gardens		
Other names used for site			
TOWNLAND(S)	Kildare		
NEAREST TOWN	Kildare		
SIX INCH MAP NUMBER	22		
NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE	273495 210925 = N 735 109		
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Outline Site Description

Spring supplying Japanese Gardens.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

N/A

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

This site is located beside the car park of the Japanese Gardens 1km south of Kildare Town. The spring is contained within a semi-circular stone chamber constructed in 1953. Two steps lead down into the well, which is approximately 1.5m in diameter. An overflow channel leads into a small stream across the road 20m away. The mean water depth is approximately 0.5m and the substratum is composed of a thick layer of black organic mud. Green algae can be observed in parts of the well and is abundant along the overflow channel.

Site Importance

This site is simply a good example of a spring in a publicly accessible place, and is of County Geological Site status, but not of national importance. A further, nearby spring is also called St. Bridget's Well.

Management/promotion issues

The site has been maintained and looked after as a Holy Well. Access is through the gardens car park or from the main road.



Left: St. Bridget's Well
Right: Overflow channel

St. Bridget's Well

