
The M3 Clonee to North of Kells Motorway Archaeology Information Series

welcome

On behalf of the National Roads Authority, I would like to take a brief opportunity to welcome readers to the publication of our inaugural Archaeology Information Series.

The Series is designed to meet a need we have identified amongst the many people, in Ireland and abroad, with an academic and professional interest in the NRA's archaeological work.

The logical point of embarkation on what we intend to be an ongoing project is to concentrate on the M3 project, which has been the subject of much debate and contention since it was approved in 2003.

The following pages should provide a comprehensive overview of the project from an archaeological perspective and allow a deeper understanding of the scale and importance of our work along the route.

While the guide is designed to be widely accessible, it obviously contains a level of detail which we feel will be best understood by those with a deeper knowledge and appreciation of archaeology.

The central purpose of the Archaeology Information Series is, simply, to provide a more detailed picture of the type of work our archaeologists perform.


This publication would not have been possible without the commitment and energy of the archaeologists and technical teams of both the NRA and Meath County Council, and I would like to extend sincerely my gratitude to them.

While the series will provide a transparent analysis of work done to date, methodologies and plans for future excavations, it is also designed to add to the body of our archaeological understanding and to provide the profession with a regular forum for robust debate, sharing insights and adding to our team's interpretations.

Above all it is a publication designed to be fluid and to evolve over the course of our work.

We trust you will find it an interesting and worthwhile project.

Yours sincerely



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