

## *Can you help?*

### **A discoid headstone Donagh, Co. Fermanagh taken by Dr George Thomson, RIP Project**



Discoid gravemarkers, usually headstones ('lollipops'), go back to ancient times in the Middle East. Many can be seen in the Languedoc in France and the Basque country in Spain, most of which are Medieval. Many eighteenth-century discoids can be seen in Fermanagh and Monaghan in Ireland. A few are in other parts of Europe, including a dozen or two in England. Two can be seen in the churchyard of St Kentigern's in Lanark. An oval stone used to lie in Closeburn Kirkyard, Dumfriesshire but it has disappeared in the last two or three years. Another similar stone is in Daldarnock Kirkyard, near Thornhill, also in Dumfriesshire. I know of no others in Scotland. Has anyone found discoid gravemarkers in Scotland, other than the above? If you can help with finding examples of these unusual gravemarkers please contact the project care of [www.scottishgraveyards.org.uk](http://www.scottishgraveyards.org.uk)