


castellated house to S.

Yes, 'tis very indistinct - mounds not bad.

Crossing road to S. opposite Walbottle stores

- next little field - garden really - quite clear on 2nd glance  kind of thing.

- disappears under farmbuildings - can see N.M. & V.D. before they disappear - quite nice too.

Wall of farmbuildings in V.D. ch.m. clear in pasture

And so it descends hill - lovely crossing in N.M. tiny down farmbuildings.

Crossing road to S. - Vall. runs in between row of houses well to S. & building looking like R.C. church & school.

In ploughed field beyond here - V. is extraordinarily good. - deep d. & fine mounds - but beams obliterated.

Gap in N.M. near fence - 2 d.f.'s visible - 3rd. c. just as we go into hollow at bottom of field - boggy - very ^{grassy} ^{flow.} next meadow - V.D. quite distinct - converging slightly on road & therefore on ~~the~~ wall as it approaches Dene.

1st. c. - good depressions in mounds - impossible to say whether there is a Vallum filling though.

inc. 10. As plain as day on crest of hill - N. gateway in garden just on north of road.

- good depressions in V. here for causeway - N.M. is very close to inc. lovely slope to S.

Then Vallum does twist very slightly to S. just before Walbottle Dene - & d. & mounds become impressive as it approaches Dene.

XCIII. 8.

Walbottle

Dene:

Entering wood - d. becomes wild confusion of blackthorn & shrubs, nettles.

mounds good - is there a m. m. too?

Beams better than I have seen at any other crossing - descends gradually at first - then there is a sudden precipitous drop.

The road here surely - much too steep.

Then large mound - then another precipitous drop - looks as if slope has been much more gradual than it is now. Seems to cut diagonally across.

Yes, I'm sure the 1st. hollow was never here then.

Looks remarkably like V.D. just to W. of big mound going down into bottom covered in garlic & fern.

Seems to stop where ^{drop into hollow where} stream has been becomes precipitous.

Ascent up other side is quite nice - quite steep but not too bad - lots of stones in line of ditch.

Beams & mounds seems to be here.

Ditch ascends beautifully - deep too. Traffic could get up this side I think.

At top we come immediately on to housing estate. - 1st. block cutting across V. - to

Woodside Avenue: - V. goes under no. 70.

- then No. 57 at other side.

Crosses Callerton road near No. 30/28.

Crosses housing estate & passes under Newburn road to S. of church.

Seems to reappear in garden of 2 rows of houses, old type running from N. to S. i.e. in garden of Orchard Terrace. Then no sign - houses everywhere to block view.

Halfway up hill to Thockley Bank top - road to south -

V. virtually invisible

- but looking back to Hilda Terrace way - dip in fence where V. may be. On Ind. thoughts - it may run just by S. edge of garden as O.S. suggests.

Going up field on West - no sign at all.

Reaching Thockley Bank Top - Vallum becomes quite clear again. - is in line with edge of garden of houses lower down.

- d. is just below Ind. row of cottages on top of hill.

mc. II. - quite distinct is square mound near to edge of this field. - is ploughed. - V. d. & mounds there.

but no real gaps or crossings.

Perhaps vague depression area to south of mc.

Park Lodge - in next parkway - V. d. & mounds distinct.

Slope from N. to S.

West parkway: quite clear but not good - but is marvellous compared with further eastern sector.

1st C. - very obvious depressions across mounds but d. may or may not be filled in.

Then V. disturbed by modern hp with hawthorn trees growing on it.

S. m. becomes quite prominent. Apparently no more crossings for length of field.

Great Hill: - see Handbook.

S. m. practically non-existent.

N. m. very high - gone covered.

23' feet
wide.

V. would be at least as high as the wall I should think

- W. m. is terrifically high.

On top of hill - S. b. looks good - flattish - but N. d. does not exist.

Looking upwards from the bottom i.e. W. side of hill - there is a S. m. - section extraordinarily good.

V. d. distinguishes at bottom to provide for modern cast-iron, but in next paddock it can be easily picked up i.e.

XCIII. 7. behind "Anderson's Wall."

Here V. rather wide - d. has been flattened & broadened out & is now a sunken bog. But 2 mounds seen slenderly along.

1/3 way up the field the bog stops & V. d. resumes its apparently normal dimensions & proceeds directly up to village in a straight line.

Here 2 beams are accentuated & the mounds reduced presumably by modern drainage & irrigation.

Near top of field, d. gradually diminishes.

Heddon. Passing beneath a few houses, it can be picked up again East of the garage on the corner of the village as a small lane running with the main road following roughly the wall just to the north, and with a little row of cottages known as Mushroom Row running on the left.

almost in the position of the S.m.

The garden wall stands roughly on the site of S. up of V.d.
N.m. in this area seems to have meager with little hillock
which lies % Wall & V.

V. disappears with the War Memorial ground behind the garage.

After leaving the village, the V. becomes immediately visible.

2 large semi-detached houses stand on the S.m. which here
is quite large & meager with gentle slope of hill which
rises behind & is here covered.

Where is
mc. 12?

Heddon.

One may wonder why Wall did not ascend this slope
but rather lie hidden to the north.

n.b. Vallum down in bottom \therefore not defence V South.

V.D. now is broad, flat & marshy. N.m. very indistinct
but flat n.b. S.b. not so good here.

Seems to be a crossing near west end of field - gap
definite in S.m. - no marginal mound.

Little adjoining field - V.g. most indistinct but is traceable.

- Slope in this bit is from N. to S. 

Wire netting fence runs along edge of S.m. - 1 line of
hies in next field - below gardens of 5 modern
houses. - garden fence on W. edge of V.D. in

hollow. N.m. quite steep.

In little paddock just in between last of 5 houses &
bungalow with flowers for sale - V.D. & mounds are well
preserved. The fence of hies on the East & garden wall
on West follow its contours.

Bungalow ~~(Heddon)~~ lies over Vallum & even in little
meadow beyond little grass pathway, the ditch is
practically obliterated. V.d. can be seen passing south
of bungalow & wooden huts are erected in its ditch.
Field to South containing S.m. rises abruptly from this ditch.
Noran Lodge: In copse of hies next to North Lodge - opposite road leading
northwards to Heddon House - V.D. becomes clear for 20
yds. or so, but disappears again with crossing of cart-track.
Next field is ploughed, but impression of the V.D. is quite
clear.

Present bank running down field coincides with S.m.
Ploughing has sadly reduced the mounds.

We gradually descend to Rudchester Burn. Slope from N to S.
Vall. peeks out heading the burn, & in next pasture seems
to be most indistinct, tho' there is faint impression of
ditch right up the field.

About $\frac{1}{3}$ way up the field, the mounds recommence & S.m.
is particularly fine up to west fence of field.

N.m. also good. Burns weathered, but S.b. particularly
would have been nice & flat.

mc. 13

I didn't see it as I thought I did, if O.S. is correct.

Opposite gateway from main road into field is causeway
& corresponding gap in S.m., tho' not as big as one as
usual. Not one noticeable in ch.m. This is near
top of field.

No sign of mc. Causeway unless mc. 13 is just about
where modern gate is. (But it isn't!)