

Alkenyke Then lovely gap in N.m. - V.F. too.
gap!

A few yards further - gap in S.m. & S.b.

Then 2nd. gap in N.m. - filling too.

S.m. now very small - barely discernible.

3rd. in N. - filling

4th. - shown by filling

Then enters in ditch.

5th. - shown by fill.

6th. - Complete crossing

7th. - nice one - no gap in N.m. - but wide causeway
- beams depressed (inc. ~~36~~ ³⁷ ~~Bury gap??~~) tho.

Then ditch filled with rushes - in m. slightly appears.

8th. - ordinary gap in S. - filling in d.
- no gap in north -

9th. - near plantation - north face of ditch cut thro
rock - very clear.

Vall. then passes into the wood & then descends down its
steep bank, d. & mounds being quite obvious.

Knay Burn We cross a very picturesque little burn - Knay Burn
XC. 1. which nestles at bottom of 2 hills.

Line of Vall. crosses obliquely over burn & can be
detected rising up the other side.

Its ditch seems revetted with stones.

S. b. doesn't look very promising.

Then when reaches top of hill with very commanding
view to north - line of d. only traceable by clumps of

rushes here & there as it approaches the fort - aiming directly
for farmhouse & trees behind it.

Then becomes mixed up with hedges, but its line can
be seen to situation of causeway - well to S. of fort.

HOUSESTEADS:-

Field next to fort - hedges - difficult to tell which is
Vallum. Working South from inc. 37 is definite road.

inc. 37. - traces of paving here & there.

Is this Vall. on line with wood with wood? - south of
museum -

Or is it the ridge a bit lower down?

Seems to be almost at bottom - still lower.

Looks almost like V.S.m. appearing all stoney almost at
foot of slope with hill to south overlooking.

Ditch hardly discernible even by foot.

Pass bank of stones - both mounds here pretty
clear - but ditch between not much like Vall.
- definitely ramped with.

Odd place for it - 1/2 hills in bottom - no
trace of beams!

Suddenly realised that what I have been looking at is
S.m., S.b. in m., not N.m. - one doesn't exist here.
(has one ever existed?)
Ditch becomes clear as we approach wall, which follows

Course of Vall.

S. beam here then - very nice one too - no N.b. ever?

best field - south of one with kiln -

Sun beam & d. clear & slight line of N.B. & N.M.
When hill to S. is almost ended - S.M. begins to
disappear & V.D. - only apparent thing is ridge ¹⁷⁷
tho - this ridge has nothing to do with Vallum.

V.D. seems to have twisted north to run along bottom
next field - only sign at all is continuation of ridge
I mentioned.

next field - begin to see daylight again. - V. becomes clear.
- south-east of Bradley farm - walk up on top
of hill.

S.M. sb - > clear - N.B. & N.M. destroyed.

V.D. taken over by stream.

Sb. lovely - no N.M.

2 gaps in S.M. - then it is merely merged with
slight slope to south. We're still down in bottom
of valley.

mc. 38 Is mc. causeway one actually across then - is
depression in S.M. opposite. (We are not quite due
south of capse on hill.

(N.B.) - slightly further west is big pile of rocks
just on S. bank of little burn - was this filling
of mc. causeway? - horizon band shows filling &
S. beam is depressed obviously round about.
- gap in S.M. too.

Then 2nd. little bridge thing across.

Coming to beneath farmhouse - V.D. beautifully

obvious - burn still there - very murky.

New
Map
missing
LXXXIX. 4. Panes under road up to house & merger with dud pond.
next field - meadow - ditch is just at bottom of field
- quite obvious. Its S. lip is bordered with
row of hawthorn trees.

In field to south - beam clear & S.M. distinct.
N.M. is gentle slope.

When trees stop - V. glorious.

Can see it proceed onwards & see it then southwards in
next field.

In this meadow - N.M. & beam not bad - beam cannot
have been terribly good.

- ditch excellent - grass a different colour.

S.M. - wonderful preservation.

Sb. - gloriously flat, straight. Ideal road-lie (in
fact, looks as if tractor has just been right along it)
We begin on a crossing.

2nd. 2 "depressions" in mounds clear - slight filling
in ditch.

3rd. c. - dep. in S.M. & slight fill.
nothing in N.M.

Then big gap in S.M. - & N.M. - beams both
depressed - roadway thro' obviously - but gaps
absent in line.

mc. 38?

- seems to lead southwards - as light green grass
turning S.W. towards Chesham. (This is
opposite 2nd. batch of trees where Horbale
farm is.)

herec. - clear in S.m. - not at all clear in north
- d.f. pretty clear.

here - clear in S. & in ditch.

here - clear in S.m.

- no apparent d.f. - no gap in W.

Then apparently nowhere in particular - big gap in N.m!

When it stops - big one in south - with depressed berm.

- then V. disturbed by burn cutting thro' & big pile of stones.

Then both mounds become very fine as we approach field-wall & hilling gap road.

[N.B. In this last stretch - gaps were mere depressions

Also one or 2 flat stones lying on S. berm.

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MILKING
GAP.

Good place for service road rest]
here pasture :- hilling gap settlement to north

V. very fine - N. & S. mounds excellent.

V.D. - not very deep but very clear.

- line of rushes - a few blocks around not on S. berm - but are some on N.B.

Both berms good, particularly the south.

Road goes over where crossing must have been.

1st. c: - deep depression in both mounds.

D. looks as if it might be filled.

N.B. depressed.

2nd. c. - big gaps - berms flattened.

D. filled - big boulder lying almost in ditch on S. side

- a lot of boulders on N. berms.

Begin to rise gradually S.W.

Big clumps of rough grass - very wild here - quite near wall.

3rd. c. - N.m. continuous.

- gap in S. (N.B. - note to L. corner)

D. slightly filled.

S. berm is pierced at very frequent intervals - Roman or not? Not very regular.

here real crossing - round bend - big depression in S.m.

N.m. is continuous all along.

No apparent d.f. No m.m. tho'.

Round corner - big boulder lying on S. side of V.D.
- not on berm tho'.

Beyond this - next crossing - gaps in N.m. - S.m. has more depression. No fill.

Then large flat stone in middle of S.b.

Then next crossing - gap in S.m. - good.

- that in north m. very slight. - d.f. there.

herec - we're almost on road again

- both mounds almost disappear now - but can see line fairly traceable in next field over road.

Becomes mass of scrubby grass & rushes & stones.

Little stagnant pool just outside line of S.m.

V.d. disappears at field-wall — big mound in its course — must have begun to twist back to normal position where it is obliterated, because N.m. is traceable just before field-wall & then up road, as considerable mound, on line slightly west of where one would have thought.

BRADLEY
BEND.

At other side of road — V. easily visible.

S.m. extraordinarily good — continuous sweep round
type of thing.

* Besm good but not so wide — no break in S.m. at all on corner.

V.ditch good too — lovely sweep round.

N.b. there, but N.m. must lie beneath road.

— can see it as mound with little tree standing on it.

Field-wall falls into V.D.

Still evidence of crumps — just before corner

— definite depression in S.m. — slight filling in ditch.

Just beyond this — stonework on S. lip of ditch
— edging of road? — nice bit.

Slope from S to N — S.b. jolly high up.

The diversion could easily be explained by existence of bog — in front — very low ground & bushy etc.

last c — round bend — pretty clear —

S.m. barely shows depression — looks continuous

— but S.b. depressed — d.f.

Another similar one quite near — then about same distance further — just next to rough wh. needles in side of V.d. — nice crossing thro' Vall. — gap very good — besm depressed — d.f. good.

Then d. goes beneath road.

S.m. & b. recommence in fine form —

HIGH SHIELD | last gap. in mound & then field-wall & road going down to High Shield farm.

how road runs an angle with Vall. & runs along

S.b. for a way.

S.m. can be seen on left — N.m. besm & V.d. pretty good on right.

We are still well to S. of wall now.

Valley / V. & wall — looks as tho' it might all have been a bog. Why not used instead of Vall. if latter was defence v South? (But of course it was not!)

V.D. recommences after 1st c — good dep. in N.m.

(S.m. obliterated here by tree)

2nd c — good — d.f. most obvious

— dep. only in N.m. — small gap in S.m.

3rd c. — depressions in both mounds — no apparent d.f.

4th c. — slight depressions only — d.f. these I think

5th. — .. & fill.

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6th. — odd — depression in N.m. — obvious

Causeway — gap in S.m. & apparent road going south — most clear.

! Old field bank!

CHESTERHOLM: - gloriously visible down on S.E.

But we are not south of Castle Nick mc. yet -
we're considerably ~~east~~.

7th.c. - 2 depressions good - d.f. seems to be there.

8th. - right on crest - 2 depts there

- tree standing on crossing just to north of road.

Hard to tell whether there is any filling in ditch -
obviously disturbed recently.

Glorious view to south - & to north - slope down
into rough, brown-looking area - then wall up
on chert.

9th.c. - complete. as we're descending hill now.

10th.c. - opposite nick before mc. 39.

Good depts. Field-bank starts going S. from
that in S.m.

11th.c. - depts there - no apparent filling.

mc 39
CASTLE-NICK

here - just where mc. c. seems to be
Is big gap (near) at field gate in S.m. & apparent
back to south - Vindolanda visible.

mc. 39 - almost due north.

No real gap in N.m. but ditch is filled.

Anyway we're ~~at~~ near field & there is gateway
across ditch - I think the causeway is slightly east
ie. opposite gap in S.m.

1st.c. - dep. in N.m. - d.f.

To north - looks boggy now all along bottom!

M. way clear - seems to be offshoot to S. - disappears
at bottom with brown stuff.

2nd.c. - good S.m. gap - dep. in N.m.

3rd. - dep. in N.m. & in S.m.

4th. - nice depts. in both

N.b. depressed - crossing these - marked by rocks
on lip of V.D.

5th. - usual dep. in N.m. S.m. isn't at all good now.

6th. - down in bottom where there is small bridge.

- d.f. seems to be there.

N.m. stops now until it reappears beyond hollow where
burn is.

Similarly S.m. - which also recommences at other side
of burn & is covered with small clump of holly heds.
We begin to ascend hill - road still on S. b - S.m.
acting as rampart holding wall on south up.

N.m., N.b. & V.D. good.

1st.c. - 18 yds. after wall stops & fence begins.
- depression in N.m. - d.f. Small gap in S.m.

Then big stone block in V.D. - opposite where wood
begins on left. S.m. has practically gone.

here c. - very slight depression in N.m. N.b.
depressed - ditch fill.

LXXXIX.8. here - just where wall is just N. of farm - not
quite up to gate - usual N.m. dep. there -

-d.f. - modern causeway for carts slightly
further on. Thick muck in v.d. here.
Yarn strands just on S. edge of S.m.
S.m. is now followed by field-wall set slightly back from
road.

herec. - faint in N.m.

- gap in S. - now field gate.

In this pasture - Vallum still nice

- ditch not deep though.

herec. - S.m. shows it plainly - wall follows its
gap - N.m. has very slight depression.

herec. - under field-wall - very slight in both mounds
here field - pasture - ditch better

N.b. & m. again very good.

1st.c. - slight depression.

S.m. shows nothing.

2nd.c. - similar.

Have decided that we cannot tell for safety where
they are or if they exist in this field - N.m. is
in effect continuous & S.m. apparently so.

V.d. shows nothing.

Big boulder in V.d. just before reaching X roads &
Y.H.A.

Here - wall is made of S.m. which continues
nice & far down to Y.H.

Just in front of Y.H. - beyond road up to yellow pines
(Peel)

PEEL

- ditch not quite so good as it was.

N.m. becomes very odd ridge.

S.m. recommences beyond Y.H. - & runs continuous thro'
little plantation

To north - N.m. cut thro' by quarrying revealing very
light orange, sandy soil - stoney.

Ditch recommences quite well & then N.m. in poor state.

At Twice Brewed - Vall. sweeps slightly to north leaving
road to south.

Ditch is in v. good preservation - tushy but not
boggy - N.m. & b. good.

Shortly the S.b. & S.m. emerge from beneath road in
rather fine state.

For 40 yards, Vallum almost perfect - up to modern
bungalows whose gardens cover the Vallum.

2 nice gaps in N.m.

3rd.c. - accompanied by depression in S.m. - not f.

S. less much higher than N.

- has ditch been cleaned out then?

- no apparent h.m.

herec. - just on fence of bungalow's garden

Trees all over Vall - still very clear

herec. - very clear gap in N.m.

Then we cross road up to farm - "Ear Bog"

& go into next field.

Another bungalow on left.

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TWICE
BREWED

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Good field this - pasture - Winshields houses upon right.

V. good - slope from S. to N.

S.m. taken over by fence.

N.m. good - also W.b. is fine.

S.b. not quite so good - ditch excellent - pretty deep.

Begin on crossing - gap in W.m. - d.f. too.

here c. - very fine - slightly juddier on than it ought to be.

mc. 40?

- very definite causeway - gap in S.m. - but not very big.

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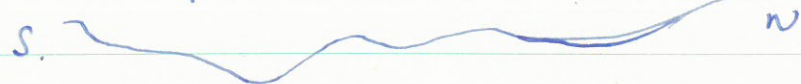
- gap in W.m. slightly west.

Berms slightly depressed.

here c. - slight depressions in mounds - no fill - no m.m.

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V. very much on slope to North (down to N. m.m.)

S. 

here c. - slight depts. in both mounds - no d.f. really.

S. b. slightly depressed.

here c. - excellent - used as modern cart-track.

mc. 40?

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- descends quite steeply from slope to South - thro'

S. m. over S.m. over very nice causeway - lovely one.

- good gap in W.m. too.

Command from south quite amazing.

Very rough ground to north.

WINSHIELDS FARM.

Beyond farm buildings which in part obliterate S. side of vall.

Causeway quite nice just beyond farm-buildings - then V. very nice - still on slope from S. to N.

S. good - rusty.

Field-wall runs along middle of S. berm.

N.b. & m. reasonably decent - rusty & oo.

here c. - S. m. disappears for a while.

ho fill - both berms depressed.

N.m. - also slightly depressed but has drop to north - not a m.c. causeway then.

here c. - quite good - gap in W.m.

- slight fill.

Slight dep. in S. m.

Looks almost as tho' this wall has been covering a m.m. I wonder.

Down in hollow - V. a bit messy - must be another

causeway. - very flat, depressed area all around - gaps thro' both mounds.

Beyond little burn - V. again becomes reasonable.

How more or less on flat.

Ditch clear by thick line of bog & rushes - but mounds & berms have pretty well gone.

Soon - depression - once on crossing - looks like it - quite wide & fat - ditch covered.

Line of thick rushes recommences.

here field - meadow - we're still to N. of modern road. V. easily seen - quite decent.

After first crossing - big gaps, depressed berm, broad filling
- V. recommences in nice style.

S.m. not bad; S.b. good; V.D. flat & shallow; N.b. good
& N.m. good but followed by field wall.

Wood anemones dot the V.d. - ruts in places.

V. slightly on turn to north - clinging to bottom of
Winshields clay.

2nd.c. - good gaps - d. slightly f.

3rd.c. - nice depressions - d. filled as far as I can see.

4th.c. - good gap in W.m.

- mere slight depression in S.m.

- slight filling in d. (more on S. side?)

5th.c. - gap in north good

none really in South - no fill.

6th.c. - dep. in both - that in S.m. small.

- slight d.f.

There is a m.m. now - not prominent but
definite curve.

7th.c. - dep. in W.

- no fill really nor S.m. gap.

8th.c. - gap in W. - dep. in S. - & filling vaguely
m.m. continuous all along.

next field: - Heather covers even north m. of V. &
partly the m.m.

S.m. is covered in rough grass.

D. filled with ruts. Winshields ascends quite

Sharply on our right & is covered with heather.

V.d. very broad & flat.

Crossing little middle of a burn which takes course of c.No.1.
immediately over fence of field. - V. becomes
extraordinarily good.

Mounds are impressive including m.m.

- ditch, tho' not deep, is easily distinguishable.

N.m. gapped frequently - S.m. apparently not so.

Ditch so flat, impossible to see if filling is still there.

I gaps in W.m.

C.4. - gaps in both mounds.

5th.c. - again both - big wide one in W.m.

- here - ditch on level with m.m. which
has become levelled out - only 2 mounds
distinct now.

6th.c. - big gaps - between mounds it is
absolutely flat - very boggy.

7th.c. - 2 gaps (N.B. W.m. gaps very good in this
field. S. ones are mere depressions.)

How m.m. reappears - covered in heather.

8th.c. - there in S.m.

N.m. - a bit odd - one or 2 notches but no
real gap.

9th.c. - big W.m. gap but none in S.m.

10 & 11 - ditto.

Ditch more visible now & N.b.m.

12th c. - big N.W. gap - dep. in S.W.

13th c. - slight west of old barn on roadside (West Bay Farm nr)

mc. 41? - mc. carway?

- huge N.W. gap - big S. one too - definite gap

Yet m.m. ~~ch~~ thro' continuous apart from cutting thro' of little burn)

Seems to be road cut thro' up to top of hill.

Broad flat area.

14th c. - nice N.W. gap - none in S.W.

Here m.m., ditch & N.W. plainer.

15th field: - crossing just inside field.

Beagrs removed here - everything distinct

- good m.m. too - big size - d. filled with bushes.

1st c. - excellent - complete.

2nd c. - good & proper gaps

m.m. continuous - d. still slightly filled.

3rd c. - good - slightly diagonal.

- filling still there - m.m. only $\frac{1}{2}$ its

normal size here - filling wide.

4th c. - nice - good fill - narrow gaps - used as

modern track

How small hillock begins to south overlooking Vallum

m.m. disappears by time we reach next crossing.

5th c. - only "depression" - fill still there

6th c. - not clear - nothing in S.W.

m.m. slightly depressed.

- filling vague - but there

S.W. slightly depressed. - on slope anyway now

- quite considerable - from S. to W.

here c. - gap in N.W. - none in S. - no fill.

N.W. better.

How too - opposite beginning of chaps to north - S. burn becomes nice & flat again.

here c. - reasonable depression in S.W.

N.W. very slight. Slight fill.

here c. - fill there - neither depts. readily visible

here c. - good depts. in both - slight carway there

here c. - good depts. - no fill there.

here c. - last before road to north - near farm &

wood - good crossing - fill there.

- N.W. has only "depression"

- gap in S.W.

Still slope from S. to North.

S. burn higher almost than N.W.

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Thursday. 16th.

Recommencing beyond road up to Can Burn
— behind Jam — Vallum very fine now.

2 mounds are very high up indeed and V.d. after being
flattened out near road, recommences more like a ditch, filled
with rushes.

N.b. does not exist now — S.b. continues

lovely crossing in middle of this field — 2 gaps & filling.
Tremendous slope from S to W. & S.m. huge.

Then N.m. & d. obliterated by modern quarrying I think.

S.m. lovely — field wall lies over next crossing — but
filling is apparent.

Next field — quite astonishing (if I hadn't seen it 3 times before)

Tremendous slope from S to W!

S.m. tremendous — N.m. jolly good too — looks small tho
because it is so low down.

N.b. is very much on slope at first — in fact, top of d.
higher almost than mound.

V.d. extraordinarily good — rushes here & there.

|| Looks as tho' V. was on slope so, & not in bottom of little
valley because it was bog — even now, rushes fill the
flat, narrow bottom.

S.b. particularly fine — wonderfully straight right up
to Canfields quarry.

ditch very low & deep when looking from S side.

1st.c. — very good gaps in mounds. (see N.B. to d. corner)

— slight fill remains in ditch.

2nd.c. — clear — depressions rather than gaps — slight fill.

I think there is a m.m. here — ditch certainly ^{loose} ~~recut~~ (???)

3rd.c. — more 'depressions' — both same

— very slight fill I suppose.

4th.c. (Just before this is a modern crossing thro' S.m.
& beam)

here depression — one in N. slightly deeper. Def. fill.

5th.c. — dep. good in N. — in south it is very slight

— seem to be two notches making width of gap

— fill, if any, barely noticeable.

N.B. a few rocks dotted around on N. face of V.d. & N.b.

— an odd one or 2 on m.m.

6th.c. — no notch even in S.m. In N.m. here depression

A few rocks on S.m.

7th.c. — depressions in both — definite fill too, but used

as modern track — even m.m. cut thro'

~~just before~~ Big boulder in S.m. just before

8th.c. — dep. in both — similar depth — slight fill.

9th.c. — now m.m. is tremendous size & ditch

— both dep. Fill not noticeable

10th.c. — dep. in S.m. — huge gap in N.m.

— N.b. has gone too — striking well in middle of d.

Vallum then very ramped with.

Meanwhile milit. way. can be easily distinguished

descending from Can Gap down on to Vallum.

? Perhaps this gap is where it joins the Vallum? No