

Have reached bottom of slope - by now the slope of the Vallum has changed from N to S.

N.m. incidentally is huge - looks almost as if military way has been running on it

11th.c - good gap in W.

- mere slight depression in S.

* fill there - but from now on, V.d. isn't nearly so deep - nor m.m. so big.

12th.c - very slight curve in S.m.

- good gap in W.

Ditch no more filled than usual.

13th.c. - no gap in S.m. - big one in W. - no fill.

By now - tremendous slope from N. to S.

14th.c. - ditto.

15th.c. - good m.m. gap - slight dep. in S.m.

A few stones etc. in S slope of d.

2 big boulders in N. slope.

16th.c. - decent dep. in N.m.

- very slight in S.m. Slight fill too.

17th.c. - none in S.m. Good dep. in N.m.

N.b. on real slope now.

m.m. very fine & continuous.

no fill - lots of rocks in S.m. & on slope on ditch.

18th.c. - reasonable dep. on both sides.

A few boulders on N. berm.

19th.c. - good n.m. dep. - slight S. m.d.

20th.c - good in both - m.m. tremendous here.

21st. - Then big cutting path. thro' N.m. of cast-rack - on next camp.

- dep. obviously good in S.m. anyway.

Big blocks of rock in N.b. area & on S. slope of ditch. Is this where milit. way comes in.

Now N.b. on terrific slope down N.m. towers up on right. V.d. not so deep now.

S.m. very good - m.m. considerably smaller than S.m. here.

22nd. - 2 good gaps - slight fill.

23rd.c. - 2 real gaps here

24th.c. - here is mc. causeway - a big cutting right thro' mounds, berms. Road seems to come from S.E. & then

sweeps round to S.E. at N. side of Vallum - then back to N.W. up to mc. - very fine & clear -

ditch obliterated - m.m. poked out. Definite depressed area. Vallum recommences but ditch very shallow - m.m. small.

2 mounds good & N.b. falls into ditch.

25th.c. - gap in S.m. - N.m. continuous

- N.m. merges with slope to North.

26th.c - modern cast-rack cuts over Vallum & crosses in S.m. - no gap in N.m. where it ought to be tho!

Now m.m. begins again in fine state.

Immediately to north is chap of Caw quarry.

27th.c - good long dep. in S.m.

Now even N.m. cut into by quarry

check for d.f.s.

mc. 42.
CAWFIELDS.

heer. 28th. - good S.m.

By now - space 1/2 m. in S.m. is as deep as V.d.

29th. - good S.m. gap

- m.m. mound has gone here too.

30th. - good S.m. depression.

31st. - ditto

h.m. reappears now - has dep. for gap.

32nd. - dep. in S.m.

Now on right, we come to whinstone heaps.

Where next crossing ought to be, modern road cuts across.

S.m. & m.m. extraordinarily good on reaching road - & ditch

It will be impossible to say how the V. crossed Halkwhitha

Halkwhitha Burn because of quarry & piles of whinstone.

Burn

At the other side Vall. can be picked up in meadow as a depression with slopes on either side.

A big mound obliterates it, 1/2 way up meadow, but as we near the field-wall, a faint trace of d. & mounds reappear.

That we are on right line is evident on reaching the next field where the line of ditch is quite clear - tho' badly preserved - the mounds appear as gentle slopes

- broken by modern cultivation ridges.

The 2 mounds & burn become quite distinct as we ascend the small slope up to next pasture.

Next field - Great Chester farm up on horizon.

Vall. S.m. particularly good because used as road leading directly from field gate.

S.b. also good - ditch very shallow but quite distinct.

W.m. is only gentle slope.

V. here is on slight hill to south of bottom of crest of where Wall runs - looks as if tho' there has been a bit of a bog between V. & wall down in bottom of valley.

1st. - quite clear from dep. in S.m. & filling in ditch.

2nd. - ditto - very gentle depression in slope of W.m. - lovely d.f. here.

3rd. - ditto.

4th. - clearly visible.

But ditch not indistinct

5th. - just before reaching cart-track up to farm.

S.m. dep. is all that remains.

Heaven knows whether this is inc. causeway or foot one!!
In wrong place for a inc. one.

Beyond it - present track travels along S.m.

- S.b. most indistinct. - only traceable by path.

Field-wall runs along V.d. wh. is most indistinct. - in ploughed field to W - only very faint trace of W.m. & V.d. Up to next pasture - crossings traceable only as small bumps in the track. Seem to be 4 & then the field gate.

Looking back - very fine view of Crags & V. at Cawfist.

GREAT CHESTERS FORT:

I am sure that the depression marking outer foot ditch on well continues to East.

Would have been lovely big plateau effect.

Going along bottom - is lovely W.m. in ploughed field

to south of fort.

— last 2 crossings clear.

1st gap. — in W.m. — depression in track on S.m.

2nd. — near next field — glorious W.m. gap

— dep. in track to south.

Next field: — is very nice — W.m. very fine in field

to north — d. pretty good.

S.m. with track still on it — quite high — fence in between on S. beam.

1st c. — very nice — been running thro.

thrice n.m. gap — good. F.

Big depression in track on S.m. Beams depressed too.

2nd c. — just before W.m. & a emerge from that field into big pasture where S.m. is — gaps clear but not good. — fill good.

nb the h.m.

now we're in the good pasture S. of Cockmount Hill fm.

6 complete crossings (6th. is cart-track up to farm)

— not marvellous — more depressions, not real gaps.

2 more, not necessarily clear.

Then W.m. glorious.

2 more with lovely W.m. gaps & good filling

Field wall is on one too — m.m. just reappears in this field.

All along here — big boggy area to South & also to W. of Vallum.
These bogs on either side of Vall. on little ridge

in middle — good situation there.

Next pasture — bog to South is immense — then hill rises up from it to south.

Vallum very fine at first — ditch deep & wide — rush-filled.

h.m. extraordinarily good showing gaps.

h.m. recommences large & fat.

* ? In places small mound along W. lip of V. too.

Track continues along S.m.

Both beams must have been good.

Rushy ground to north of Vallum too.

Slope from S. to W. here.

6 vague crossings — & by now S.m. stands amazingly high — no h.m. — is now in form of an embankment to south — amazing. ^{Roman or modern?}

W.m. now is obliterated.

V.d., S.b., S.m., continue relentlessly however.

Vall. begins to twist slightly to S.

Slope to S. into bog from S.m. is also quite high.

W.m. & W. side of Vall. down in valley bottom

S.m. up on a ridge.

Soon even ditch fades away apart from a few rushes.

Track continues — but I think S.m. must also leave ridge it was on & go down with ditch into bottom.

Ridge on South now overhangs Vall. from considerable height — its southern slope is covered with trees.

S.m. seems not to exist in this area — almost at end of field however it does recommence.

Vall. d. — not too bad — N.m. seems to have gone.

ALLOKE Farmhouse up on hill to north (mc. 44 is just East of farm)

mc. 44? Then it all becomes very vague indeed — seems to continue in straight line onwards — its ditch only traceable by clumps of grass.

The big ridge on South suddenly stops. Bog to S. continues.

Vall. now on gentle slope from wall downwards into bog.

Just before ridge to S. ends — almost immediately south of Alloke farm — lovely green causeway — big gap in S.m. leading to ridge to South.

mc. 44? Ch.m. has gone here anyway. mc. causeway?

On S.b. that was — back up to 2 farms divide.

Vall. continues in straight line, leading south of farm further west.

Passing into next meadow — has > practically obliterated field-wall follows its gentle slope.

Kiln in field to north.

In next field to west — south of Loughton house —

Vall. reappears in fine form — on slope fr. N. to S.

— not far south of wall.

— d. & 2 m.s. good.

Next field: — Vall. cut thro' rock. N.m. extremely high to north. N.b. quite good. — trees growing here & there.

S.m. quite high but on slope to South.

S.b. not bad, but on slope. (Bulls here!)

5 nice crumps — filling shell there.

Field wall on both one.

— gap there & d.f. very good.

Is this a m.m. or not? — may be just slope of hillside.

Vall. cut thro' rock — visible on both sides.

Certainly good preservation.

Passing thro' little wood — quite clear pastie. N.m.

V.d. not particularly good — S.m. there too.

Just beyond plantation — more trees & wood — ditch carpeted with moss & bluebells — very picturesque — penicillates slope to south — then peaty bog.

Soon — V. twists northwards & we come out of plantation to

LXXXVIII. 8. see N.m. up on slope to right & then Vall. ditch emerging from wood for a few yards, is well preserved in field.

(mc. causeway?) Is lovely crump visible in N.m. just at bend — d.f. most clear too. Good S.m. — gap.

At corner — S.m. continues thro' wood whilst d. & N.m. & blem are in field to north.

Quite a big m.m. here.

Reenkenip wood — Vall. again fine — definite slope fr. N. to S. — ditch good — N.m. towers on right.

N.m. very good S.m. not bad — good slope to South, small clearing — good gap thro' mounds.

low Vall. not quite so good. Then again fine.

W.m. & b. township up on north.

Causeway across ditch - 3 at least.

h.m. & S.m. good too.

S. slope settled in stone? & ch. slope.

low in rich glade - not thick wood - d. becomes quite impressive - overgrown with trees.

h.m. very high. S.b. must have been good.

S.m. good - gaps showing.

To south - considerable ridge

S.m. merges with ridge shortly.

Come to another very good causeway across ditch - rift up by W.m.

S.m. has gap - ridge to S. has gone now.

— primroses, bluebells, nettles, bracken.

Then slope again to South - N.m. very high - d. good - h.m. good.

S.b. excellent - then S.m. has considerable deep on south edge.

Gaps occasionally - sometimes have corresponding causeway. We emerge from wood - just at the quarry - Wall just up on right.

Vall. exceedingly good when it emerges.

S.m. extraordinarily high - Vall. fine.

h.m. there - d. good. ch.m. cut thro' by road.

Rapidly descending steep slope - Vall. stops where a few large trees are on its course. — ditch goes under road.

S.m. shows a gap & just beyond the field - after 2nd. gap, also disappears under road.

Even from here one can see Winshields & Cawfields Vall. stretch very plainly indeed.

[Walltown mc. is just W. west of highest lot of farm buildings that one can see - Walltown farm - just East of 2nd. quarry.

Can easily see Birtensward.]

Wednesday 17th.

CARVORAN:— Vall. disappears under Greenhead quarry, but reappears in 2nd. field north of Carvoran farm.

The wall at roadside follows Vall's contours diagonally.

— the 2 mounds quite clear & the ditch.

Field is ploughed & so the Vall. has been jilted in - but its line can easily be distinguished by the different coloured soil - very light & clayey.

Both mounds are quite distinct & the direction of the V.d. is quite clear - not only by colour, but also by slight depression.

North field-wall rises over the N.m.

The v.d. in direction runs very close & parallel to north field wall - in fact the Wall runs on Vall. ditch - n.b. & W.m. clear in field on north.

S.m. & b. quite distinct.

3 gaps quite clear in N.m. on straight bit at top
— then N.m. begins to come back into other field.
S.m. is very good & clear.

4th gap in N.m. — very good — now is completely in
other field.

Ploughing is across Vall. ∴ mounds & ditch are shown
up wonderfully.

5th N.m. gap — then Vall. twists S.W. again — quite fine &
impressive here. — at field-wall — still lovely slope.

Another crossing clear before reaching field-wall
— depressions in mounds & slight d.f.

Is bog to south — but Vall. avoids it by wide belt!

Reappear in next pasture — ditch particularly reasonable
— good depression — mounds not distinct from beams.

mc. 46. — causeway just inside this pasture — gap in S.
(mc. 45 in this 1/2 in ~~other~~ field) — flat & depression — just before V.d. twists down.

Vall. twists again to normal position. — just before
crest of hill.

Then it begins to descend rapidly down slope.

Mounds quite high on both sides.

Then an apparent crossing — filling in d. & S.m. dep.

Mounds much smaller now — d. wide

Another crossing just before field-wall.

From Wall — glorious view down into Tappal gap.

Can see both ditches mounting up next hill ~~westwards~~
beyond gap.

Next pasture — still the same — pretty decent ditch &
mounds, but beams not distinct.

Next c. — clear d.f. — gap in S.m. — N.m. apparently
Continuous

Go over hump when slopes of d. are good — then
we descend sharply.

— beams disappear — ditch wide & flat — merely gentle slope with
mounds.

Coming just over hill — dep. in mounds — d. slightly filled.
Next field: — still descending

S.m. quite good — beam fairly distinct — d. wide but
quite a decent depression.

Field wall runs along N.b. — slight mound in next field is N.b.

1st c. — dep. in N & S.m.

2nd — ditto — just before bump after wh. we begin
to descend steeply.

Then — wide V.d. stops with bank of stones — d.

recommences deep & narrow — slopes v. good indeed

— beams high up & good.

N.m. in field to north is pretty good.

S.m. — level with beam really — but slope to S. is considerable.

3rd c. — dep. in N.m. — that's all — d. is not filled.

Next c. — Vall. virtually disappears — peters out in flat ground.

Next meadow: — looks as tho' grassy in middle of V's course

— then V. has gone — can see vague line of depression

by slightly darker green grass.

Over brow - in gap - THIRLWALL CASTLE - to right - almost on wall.
Crosser Tippet at bottom — no trace of Vall.
But in meadow beyond - can see very faint line of ditch
leading up to railway - leads to row of red houses
& then reappears at other side of road to Giltland.

Next pasture:

- Vall. clearly visible ascending hill steeply - a line of
— a field bank runs along N. tip of ditch — 2
mounds are visible, silhouetted against the skyline *
— a large sycamore tree stands in middle of
V. d. near road.

The S. m. begins to show itself as we ascend.

S. b. doesn't look bad at all - but it merges with
mound.

1st c. - just as we begin to ascend - obvious 1st. by d.f.
then by slight dep. in S. m.

N. m. commences now.

2nd c. - only short way further on
— 2 dips in mounds - slight fill.

3rd c. - on brow of hill - when V begins to curve
slightly southwards.

2 nice gaps & d. f.

S. m. very fine - line of trees on N. side of ditch.

Good view to north - Vall. higher up than Wall ditch
Slope from S. to N.

S. b. very good & d. very good now.

4th c. - excellent complete one.

Now we are not on slope - have passed little hill on south
— good view both N. & S.

Cymbuland Farm on right near the Wall. - Dallend Farm.

Sheet xiii. 5th c. - just before bank across field
5+9. — nice gaps & small fill.

6th c. - quite clear - obvious from line of trees right
across Vall.

Both bents good & flat. lovely S. m.

Very scrubby field - rough grass, hilly.

7th c. 1st. - followed by burn - opposite farm.
— very good gaps - fill cut away by burn.

Ascend gentle slope again.

8th c. good. Now h. m. begins I think.
Ditch thick with bushes. 2 mounds good.
h. m. very small.

9th c. - good gaps - fill these too

10th c. - just over field wall.

Here Vall. very good - as good as could be & easy to see.

V. d. very fine indeed, & 2 mounds & 2 bents.

At 2nd crossing wh. is a more lovely complete one - V.
swings slightly northwards again as descends
down gentle slope.

3rd c. - also very nice gaps - filling not so good as last

4th c. — good & complete.

5th c. - also good - fill not very clear tho

6th c. - in next field.

Then funny enough - Vall. invisible, from distance at any rate.

In next meadow - N.m. is big mound wh. soon diminishes for next crossing.

S.m. almost flat - D. only visible \therefore of mound to north
- very slight depression

next c. - where dike runs across field.

N.m. gapped - S.m. has gone.

Then even N.m. very very faint.

- slight dep. traceable up field.

It just as vague dep. representing crossings in both mounds - can only find ditch by keeping in middle of 2 "mounds".

At field-wall - 2 mounds there - N.m. is quite a nice slope
Slope from N. to S.

In next field - ploughed - even vague N.m. is only nice gentle ridge, but S.m. & d. are flattened.

Roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ way across field - even N.m. disappears.

next field. - wall shows no sign

next pasture - in front of house - V.d. becomes vaguely traceable - runs slightly north

CHAPEL HOUSE: We are not far from Wall here.

mc. 47. Is mc. 47. just to west of farm? - anyway mc. 47.
canway not traceable \therefore V. is so poor.

In next meadow - Vall. In lane just west of house -

ditch traceable across lane as muddy, hoof-mud area & by mass of stones.
In next meadow - V. vaguely reappears - mounds anyway
- then $\frac{1}{2}$ way across - ditch becomes faintly visible.

next field wall follows its contour.

next meadow: starts very nicely again - both mounds nice & high - seems there but on slope - ditch mere ridge but quite distinct.

3 ditch fillings - no real gaps tho' in mounds.

4th c. - almost at crest of 1st. hill - 2 dep. in mounds
& d.f.

Ascend a little to top - very commanding position to north - overlook line of wall - Vall. not quite on top of slope to S. - pretty good position tho'.
next c. - on descent into little neck.

next meadow: we ascend quickly
mounds good, but ditch rather shallow.

1st. c. - Clear d.f. - dep. in S.m.

2nd c. - " " " " " "

Then vague - shall. the 2 more crossings - but they aren't really there (last d.f. is tho')

At field-wall - mounds very high - good sloping contour
Cross over east-back.


next pasture - with Giltland in hollow to N.W.

Vall. quite decent - begins descent down hill.

Slope from S to W.

2 good mounds - ditch quite deep.

Cast. track was on a crossing.
1? here d.f. $\frac{1}{2}$ way across field — but not on line with gaps!!
h.m. has gap a little bit fustler.
S.m. continuous & high.
In next field — S.m. continues as huge big hump south of houses on hill — line of trees in V.d.
N.m. as big mound in pasture on right.
Tremendous slope from S. to W.
N.b. here too — quite flat — wall down in hollow — Vall. high up — tremendous slope from W.m. northwards — good crossing — 20 yds. from East fence — 2 dyp. in mounds.
Next one — clear N.m. gap.
How descend quite rapidly.
V.d. deeper — overhung by shady trees.
Hen-hut in ditch — farmhouse buildings on W.m. (Crooks Villa.)
Or modern road down — Vall. stops. On other side of road — barn on its course.
Beyond barn — in meadow — d. & m. appear again — then S.m. quite good in ploughed field on left.
— line of trees on S. lip of ditch — d. & N.m. in meadow on right. — then 4 big red houses separate Vall. from wall.
In distance, can see wall at Gilstand Vicarage.

Crossing on top of crest — d.f. there.
Then we begin descent to Poltross Burn
Good crossing 1. 3rd. to last & 2nd. to last house.
Then — hen-huts scattered all over V.d. N.b. & W.m.
S.m. continues in ploughed field to south as embankment above Vall. but S.m. has been obliterated.
?? S.m. seems plain, with ditch most effective just on brow as descends rapidly into Poltross Burn.
POLTROSS BURN — Very steep drop into burn. From bottom can see on skyline this contour 
Ditch seems to stop $\frac{1}{2}$ way down — has it always ended there? — or did it go right down to modern level of water — a few huge blocks lying around.

CUMBERLAND.

— can see ascent of Vall. up slope — see revetment of ditch in stone — seems to start $\frac{1}{2}$ way up.
* Horribly steep — what about the road??
Impossible to climb up these sides I would think.
Bluebells, shouts, fern in confusion all over.
No beams visible — only mounds (— if them!)
V.d. on Cumberland side marked by pile of stones at top.
mc.48. Very close to me.
In ploughed field — dep. to S. is not vallum.
Inc. causeway ought to be here — very close to me.
Not room for N.m. I don't think at this side.
S.m. is here, hump to S.

Has any in railway fence anything to do with Vall?
I don't think so - slightly further west ie.
in between there & stile.

Notice giving warning to trespasser on N. side of
railway line - stands on S.m. of Vall.

Can see it proceeding below Vicarage // to Wall as
line of rushes. V. crosses / this notice & telegraph
post on East.

Faint traces of mounds too, but V. d. definitely
there.

Crossing - just when N.m. enters paddock / Vic. & Vicar
House & when S.m. is still in field - then in paddock.
- V. d. & N.m. extraordinary fine

N.m. very high - School stands on S.m.

Crossing clear near top - good gap in S.m. - good d.

Beyond schoolyard - 2 mounds faintly discernible
cutting off corner of field & reaching main (Ash) road.

- Crossing - just before road - 2 gaps there & fill(?)
- tho' ditch is very flat all along here.

In pasture at other side of road - Vall. easily picked up
by patch of rushes in ditch near field-wall.

Dep. of ditch proceeds onwards & both mounds are
clearly visible.

We're very close to Wall now.

Over crest of hill near house to S. a, d. & N.m.

begin to fade away. S.m. continues as big mound
to S. - slope from S. to N.

As we descend slope - N.m. disappears entirely.

S.m. merges with ridge to South & Willowpond hill

- but line of V. can be followed onwards to field-wall

Since wall shows slight depressions & mounds (contour)
next meadow - Vall. barely hereable - only slight slope to
S. of S.m. gives us a clue

- no depression worth calling a ditch.

N.m. vaguely there - we are close to Wall now.

Looking from Wall downwards - Vall. easier to trace.

Field-wall shows very slight contour.

near field - ploughed - quite distinct line of Vallum

- turning to approach farmhouse - axis directly
for Willowpond farmhouse

Woolford: - fades out as it approaches house & ∴ Vall.

Beyond farmhouse - Vall. virtually non-existent -

I think the ditch is depression down steep slope
nearest to the farm & ∴ very close to Wall.

Very very slight dep. in furrowed field approaching
Wall & bridge abutment.

Stop! I should think at old river bed ridge.
If anything remains of Vall. crossing - we should
look just there!