

Thursday 18th May.

BIRDOSWALD: Vall. can be picked up in 2nd. field after

Bird. pen.

XII. 12.

—exactly opposite St. W. tunnel 496.

The wall on horizon to south - runs with trees too on

S.m. of Vallin — ditch clearly visible.

tho W.m. in this sector.

Vall. slopes considerably from S. to W.

St. wall down in bottom of slope.

T. wall just north of Vall - very close together.

chest field:- Vall. begins to be extremely clear

D. is thin narrow line of mounds - mounds are
equally on either side - beams are not distinct
— but mound on N. is the T.W. & not W.m.

S.m. is quite large - extremely broad - is twice
normal size I should say

Fence on N. is T.W. ditch.

S.b. must have been good - still is.

Just descending down slope - V. d. beautifully
straight - then sudden diversion quite clear

T.W. inc. 50. — wide sketch of mounds

HIGH HOUSE: Then - Vall. S.m. visibly smaller

T.W. & W.m. become distinct as we reach bottom
of slope - slight depression between them widens
& at fence becomes like a ditch filled with mounds
meanwhile - Vall. d. is deeper.

S.m. higher — tho' not so broad.

tho apparent crossings so far.

Once more slope considerable from S. to N.

At fence - Vall. visibly changes its course — is gap in
S.m. just before we reach fence.

* Service road passing thro'?

— yes, there is a W.m. gap too just over tailing.

Then works grand. Slope from high S.m. down
into T.W. ditch.

Stone W. here is up on slight slope to Wardh.

Gap in S.m. almost immediately — no corresponding one
in W.m.

Ditch is all flattened out in this area.

S.m. big — but S.b. is more slope — yet N.b. is
jolly good here

1st. c. — good W.m. gap (gap in TW too but it may be
just modern cutting)

— very slight dep. in S.m.

— no d.f. apparent

no tho h. h.

2nd. c. — good W.m. gap — very slight notch in S.
— d.f. there.

3rd. c. — good N.m. depressions — very slight in S.m. — good d.f.

4th. c. — very slight depressions in both mounds — no d.f.

S. berm is pretty good now.

5th. c. — good N.m. gap — but on it.

S.m. notch — slopes of V.D. good

— V. slight fill here.

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Check if there is any d.f.
(re Rich's statement.)

6th c - good dep. in N.m. slight notch in S.m.
- slight d.f.

Have reached track up to house - High House.

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next field: perfect!

mounds extraordinarily good.

- ditch glorious - rushes in clumps

Beems beautifully clear flat straight.

1st c - lovely N.m. gap.

- very slight notch in S.m.

- very " d.f.

- s.b. depressed tho'

2nd c - nice dep. in both mounds - slight fill.

3rd c - good - used in modern times tho'

S.m. worn away for more than gap

- nice N.m. depression - slight fill.

- modern cranny does not quite follow it! - slightly lower.

(T.W. down in hollow to N. Vall. towers over it.

- it is gapped too.

T.W.D. good, but mound not particularly

- stream & rushes in d.

4th c - lovely gap in N.m. - S.m. slight dep - d.f. there too.

5th c. - reasonable dep. in N.m.

- only tiniest notch in S.m.

No d.f. really.

(T.W. not gapped.)

6th c. - lovely dep. in N.m. - nothing in S. - no d.f.

(no gap in T.W.)

7th c. - good dep. in N.m. - nothing in S.m.

T.W. is depressed too.

8th c - just at fence - gap in N.m. - dep. in S.m.

Next comes little copse - water continues beautifully thro' it.

- wall to N. is on S. edge of N.m.

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N.B. seems to be mound on N.b. - not just at lip but near mound.

Continuum in next field too.

Here - line of trees all along Vall. d.

S.m. & b. are on left in fine form.

Now - Vall. on level ground - slopes neither way.

next c. (wood didn't contain one - too narrow - only a few yds. wide.)

- good N.m. gap - slight one in S.m.

- no apparent d.f.

2nd c. - good N.m. dep. slight notch only in S.m.

Just beyond here - m.m. on north - smaller

3rd c. - N.m. dep. N.b. depressed too.

Here slightest notch in S.m. tho d.f.

m.m. stops now - N.b. flat.

N.B. stone on S. lip of V-d. - edging?

S.b. on slope a bit.

4th c. - good N.m. dep - N.b. dep. too.

slight notch in S.m. tho d.f.

Then trees stop - Vall. clear & all in 1 field now.

5th c. - good N.m. dep. notch only in S.m.

N.b. dep.

Check re N.m.m.

6th c. ditto.

7th c. - gap in N.m. - notch in S.
- modern track thro' tho' - d.f. there then.

Then h.m. begins just set back from ditch on S.m.
- in fact it has been there since c. 6.

Very obvious here tho' & edge of ditch.

h.m. is in middle of bend.

Another lovely edging stone on S. edge of V.d.

* Yes h.m. is well set back - in fact there is one on N. side too.

here c. - followed by modern track.

- just 10 yds. from modern track in hollow.

h.m. very dry - on both sides where modern track cuts thro'.

[NB] Stones in line of S.b. ~~for~~ modern track

XII. 11. T.W. cutting just to W.

APPRE TREE: Vall. is still on higher ground than T.W.

modern wooden bridge across burn almost where S.b. road would go.

Good section for crossing.

At other side - good X section of S. side. lots of stones etc.

N. side is big mound.

Vall. continues in fine style thro' next field.

Track right along V.d. - deep. S.b. v. good.

2 mounds excellent. N.b. on slope.

Slope from N. to S. now. T.W. shield close.

Goose on N. slope of ditch - very picturesque.

the gaps in W.m. 2 slight ones in S.m.

Then where track mounts & crosses over W.m. - another crossing in S.m.

here c. - clear from d.f. & dep. in S.m. - very slight one in W.m.

Then rushes up to next c. - good d.f.; slight dep. in S.m.

very slight in W.m.

T.W. & S.W.

mc. 51

WALLBOWERS

Then loveliest mc. causeway one could wish for.

- 2 gaps perfect - beams depressed - lovely causeway

mc. is just at top of slope.

Glorious view down to valley & heather Denton to S.

This is 1st. point where T.W. is higher than Vall.

Now S.W. joins on.

here meadow - dark green grass following ditch.

mounds & beams gloriously smooth - crossing quite clear $\frac{1}{2}$ way across.

Then paddock with bull. - just before wood starts Vallum continues straight on.

Both Wall ditches come up clearly.

Road on line of Wall now.

Coombe Cray Wood: - steps on W.m. of V. - rest of

Vall. thickly covered - beams are in deep slope.

- ditch filled with nettles - used as refuse tip.

Very bonny here tho'.

here field: ploughed - quite deep dep. for ditch.

800 yds. free or not?

- mounds most distinct, but beams have gone.
At end of field - big crack right thro' V. - seems as if
a burn has run right the way thro' down into wood
here field - meadow - but has been ploughed

- V. clear at 1st. & then becomes fainter

Early visible tho'.

When up to it - it is extremely good.

slope from N. to South.

Ditch very deep down.

Hasn't been a crossing for a while until now.

Very clear one 30 yds. wide field - clear d.f. - good.

N. m. gap.

2nd c. - good S. m. gap - d.f. there

- dep. in N. m. - opposite large beech tree on north.

3rd c. - clear - just as we reach very rough part of
field where there is channel cutting down into
wood for from V. D.

- nice N. m. gap - good fill.

S. m. ~~gap~~ cut away by channel.

How - rushes all up V. d. which becomes jolly deep

- stream runs down it - mounds high on
either side.

here c. - gap in N. m. - d. flatter.

Up near field - below cottages - below cottages

on right - fence runs up V. ditch - mounds

good on either side - beams there but mowed

with mounds.

1st c. - in middle of field.

Then very good one near far edge - big gaps & beams deep
- good fill.

Cross lane leading S. - into nice meadow

Cultivation ridges from N. to S.

But V - good. glorious view to South.

Slope from N. to S. mounds excellent - quite distinct
- ditch deep down.

N. m. extraordinarily high. Difficult to see crossings.

- one in middle of field - obvious from N. m. gap.

Then 2 more slight ones - one just near field wall &
fence - clear in S. m. - which then becomes
normal size - good height.

here meadow - lovely - mounds glorious - daisies
everywhere - d. marked by dark green grass - is
good depth. N. slope to ditch is excellent.

But S. m. is grand - + both beams, pastie. S. b.

Slope from N. to S.

near edge - lovely crossing - 2 perfect gaps & good d.f.
(opposite kisset.)

S. m. has good deep to South - wonderful view to S.
- river in bottom.

Then 2nd gap. in S. m. but it is modern.

2nd c. - clear - 2 depts. - s.b. depressed - slight fill.

XII. 15. Next meadow: - not quite so fine.
 more of gentle slope. To S. of farmhouse
 Slope to South becomes steeper.
 Line of trees on S. m. Beems not distinct.
 4 crossings clearly traceable in S. m.
 V. fades out almost at Bankshead House - N. m.
 passes thro' garden - S. m. is in pasture to South - but
 ditch has gone. - slope steep down into valley
 mc. 52? Near field hedge - S. m. fades away what bit there was.
 - mc. causeway then?
 In next field - below 2nd. house - traces reappear.
 Then over little holl to South - emerges quite clear
 in next pasture.
 S. m. is ripe - after wh. there is rapid descent to South.
 - ditch not there.
 N. m. is ridge on north followed by cart-track.
 Next pasture - ascending to Pike Hill. - quite clear,
 but not very good.
 S. m. is best - ditch hardly there - N. m. merges
 with slope to N. at top of which is wall.
 Crossings if any existed have gone.
 Terrific slope from N. to S.
 - s.b. seems to have been on flat tho' - I think -
 - more so than N. m.
 On crest of hill - Vallum rather good.
 N. m. here - ditch quite good - with N. m.

lowering above.
 S. m. well on slope to South.
 Brambles - rose trees - junipers. Trees on crest.
 Descend sharply.
 Then ditch almost fades out & S. m.
 But as we get into flat - V. d. is profusion of
 marsh marigolds & rushes.
 N. m. followed by hedge on N.
 S. m. reappears well to S. Glorious view to South.
Next field: - ploughed - not at all clear - but 2 mounds
 traceable - ditch fades out tho'.
 N. dip. is embankment for field to north.
 BANKS EAST. - we are South of here now.
 TURRET.
 Towards fence - mounds clearer.
Next meadow - not patchy good - ditch poor, almost
 obliterated. N. m. good - S. m. in field below is good.
 Nice crossing - good S. m. gap.
 V. d. filled. Dep. in N. m.
 Soon S. m. reappears into same meadow.
 Mounds fairly clear - but more gentle slope -
 - farmhouse - BANKS village - situated on
 Vallum.
 Wall & V. very close now.

XII. 14. Vallum skirts edge of farmhouse (poultry farm)
 Monday 22nd May.

Reappear in next pasture - purely as line of a ditch.
- N.m. distinct tho'

Crossed over by lane. V - follows line skirting S.
edge of Banks village. - is on edge of hill to South.
- gardens are on N.m. - ditch & S.m. visible tho'

Twist in wall - back N.

Where the road down to Lanecost crosses line of Vall.
- it has gone altogether.

Can see it coming vaguely down slope from top of
village - ditch & mounds clear.

Small copse is on south side of it - a crossing visible
in this field - clear d.f.

Then we're in a farmyard.

S.m. which has been rather nice > very vague -
ditch covered by pens.

Further ^{west} southwards, ditch reappears

- trees in ditch down to road down to Lanecost
- slope of N. side good!

Next pasture - disappears for a little way - then
mound (N. or S? Ich weiss nicht!) big &
large - apparent ditch to N. of it. - yet it is in
line with N.m!

Is S.m. after all - then - line of trees in farmyard
is not ditch - obliterated.

S.m. huge! - large crossing before we get to
bottom of slope into hollow - d.f. there too

BANKS
BURN.

Little ridge - m.m? - then slope to N. is N.m.
Then sudden drop into Banks Burn - very bonny
- peninsulas etc. S.m. stops - S.b. clear in
N.m. there, but ditch has gone. section.

Other side - easily distinguishable as it ascends slope
- V.d. followed by fence & line of trees.

N.m. is a steep slope to W.

S.m. high up to South - slope from N.W.S.
- ploughed field.

Vall. must have had a steep a cutting as at Polcross Burn
Good crossing in middle of field - big gap in N.m.
- dep. in S.m. - dep. of beams.

Next field: - line of trees of various kinds all along V.d.
- quite deep.

N.m. rises steeply to W. - S.m. nice too in ploughed
field to S, but not quite so high.

Crossing just over fence - nice dips in mounds - slight
hill - [N.B] tho h.m. here.

Still good view to South. Wall on top of Harehill to N.

HAREHILL. Looks like mc. just on crest above new houses.
mc. 53.

Vallum lovely on slope to South.

There is mc. causeway too - just slightly west of mc.
- but it is on slight angle to West - not straight.

To continue - ploughed field to S. stops - then V.
rather fine. Double mc. causeway - beams
depressed all round - 2 nice gaps.

Then Vallum good - N.m. showing gaps is excellent
- d. nice but not deep.

m.m. reappears - beams quite good.

S.m. distinct to south - fence on top of it

Wood to South. m.m. stands higher than S.m.

chise crossing at usual distance from inc. causeway.

m.m. continuous - twice gaps - d. filled anyway.

next crossing - just within wood wh. crosses over Vallum.

Small burn runs across Vall. by fence - section
across N.m. good.

Overgrown with trees.

After a dozen yards - V.d. again clear by rushes &
proportion of shrubs.

1st.c. - followed by modern cart-track.

m.m. still here. Slope from N to S.

Both beams good tho'.

V.d. very soft - filled with leaves - carpeted with
bluebells & wood anemones.

* 2nd.c. - 2 dep. clear - d.f. anyway
m.m. continuous & good.

3rd.c - followed by burn cutting quite deep - good
N.m. gap - dep. in S.

Then mounds become even finer

- bracken too. S.m. excellent. Slope good to S.

Have missed crossing.

5th.c - nice - dep. in N.m. - gap in S.m.
- slight fill I think.

Then a few yards further - clearing in wood - V.d.
obliterated - flat all round.

[N.B] N.m. has been running in field to north all way
along.

Now - Vall. moves gradually out of wood

Beyond this gap then - d. goes into field -

S.m. is big m. in wood - m.m. has been obliterated
if it existed.

Vall. quite nice in field - d. & N.m. good.

— when we begin to descend slope - quite deep ditch
- S. beam very distinct.

N.m. merges with slope to N. — nearing edge of
field - m.m. again apparent - fence follows

S.m. - (v. good too) - here gap in N.m.

- crossing I think - d.f. there too.

LANERCOST PRIORY: just at bottom of slope - glorious here.

near fence - another gap in N.m. - modern crossing
— yes it is a Roman one too!

next field: N.m. high up in field to north - fine
— trees on it - N. slope of d. good - d. quite good.

S.b. good - no m.m. apparently - may have been
worn by ploughing like S.m. has.

S.m. good all the same.

1st.c. - clear dep. in both mounds - d.f. there too.

Beams depressed too.

herec - excellent d.f. - lovely one - notch in N.m.
- dep. in south

* Strange - crossings here are on slant from NE to S.W. - not quite in line.

Next c. - nice deep in mounds - good d.f. - on slant again.

Next c. - very clear - huge gap in N.m. - nice gap in South - d.f. there.

- fat & wide - beams depressed.

- is modern crossing too. (Cld. be inc. causeway)

We're on slope downhill now - Wall must be just on top of slope above us

Now - N.m. in meadow - practically obliterated

- d. begins now to be deep & good. - shows in ditch

S.b. & m. excellent.

Then after a few yards - S.b. cut into.

- big oval pond shape in V.d. 2 mounds good tho.

- bluebells all over.

Crossing - dip in what remains of N.m. - gap in South

- good d.f. - modern crossing too.

D. good again - burn follows it.

S.m. has gone with ploughing now - N.m. faint but visible - daisies.

Next crossing - dip in N.M. & S.M. - no fill

Nice slope to southward

Cross small burn where crossing should be.

- nice N.m. gap & d.f.

Hayton Lake farm now on N. end of next field

This field - pasture - Vallum there O.K. but next type - oak tree in centre of V.d.

Cart-track to south.

Crossings not apparent except one just before beginning of next wood - shown by d.f. only.

Next wood - glorious - mass of blue - scent delicious.

- burn runs to S.W. - Vall. passes straight across as mere slope.

N.m. good - beams indistinct.

Heavenly place. Crossings not apparent.

Then wood anemones. Then bracken. Here N.m. is marvellous size.

Descend slope to S - no gaps in either mounds I don't think.

Channel down centre of ditch.

Close to wall - farm to north

RANDYLANDS. - inc. here vague.
mc. 54.

Is cutting coming diagonally on to Vallum.

big N.m. gap - for inc.

Causeway then - no S.m. gap - continuous.

A little further on - a definite dip but not one in N.m.

S.m. has huge deep to ditch - Is really huge, fat & wide. Slope from S. to N. here.

Another dip in S.m. - not in north - no d.f. either as we descend into bottom.

Check - crossings or no

13. S.m. gets smaller as we descend to Buttholme Beck.
Leaving wood - V. melts away into mere line of mounds
along its ditch.

Cart-road to S.

Next meadow - Wall runs along with line of trees
- house to north.

20 yds. up field - dark green grass shows us line of
Wall. (there are 1 or 2 stakes up by N. edge of
it.)

2 mounds begin again clearly - but mere slope effect.
At top of hill - fence - then Wall continues thro' ploughed
field - glorious view all round.

Randylands inc. is well placed for guarding this rise.

[N.B. Cone of Wall here - red rock  here.]

Next field - Vall. traceable but not distinctive

Wall here is on crest of hill! - good command to N. & S.

4 "crossings" distinguishable - 4th. is good N.m. gap
- fill these too.

- others are mere faint depressions

East side: Farm up on north.

- next field - rough grass at 1st - ditch & 2 mounds
these slight

2 clear crossings with d.f.'s.

next $\frac{2}{3}$ - grassy - but has been ploughed - mere
slope then - on level tho'

- Wall in dip on N.

Next c. - slight dep. in "mounds" & d.f. I think.

2 more faintly discernible crossings.

glorious view to south - Danecott on S.E.

On East can see Wall ditch descending to Randylands.

Next field - V. mere slope again - quite clear again tho'
(4 holes)
- becomes very indistinct.

Have reached road again now. Crossing road the
Vallum is lost!

Looks like Vall. to me in field on level with Howgill - ditch
& slopes on either side - & in next meadow leading
to Low Wall

It may be the Wall tho' - is deep depression which
has not been ploughed - too deep I think.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ way across field - not in straight line tho'.

nc. 55
low wall

Yes, Vall. runs very faintly just north of Low Wall pen
- goes down into little stream.

Up on next slope - in meadow.

Ditch traceable as extremely faint depression - but
it is there alright - makes for big oak tree
near N.W. corner of field - road approaches
us on right.

Next field - ditch gradually goes under hedge & road
S.m. visible early descending slope - for length of
field.

Dovecote on south - 4 lovely trees in a row &
some apple trees with blossom.

hearing house — S. m. most distinct.

Just at orchard of farm — is distinct crossing — d.f.

9 S.m. dep.

After farm — road turns north again.

Meanwhile — N. m. has reappeared in field on north of road.

2nd. farm.

— now Vallum lost — we are in flat by King's Water.

— glorious river!

XI. 16 Looks like Vallum ascending with hillock beyond bridge. Yes it is. On top of hillock it disappears again. — line goes under road wh. bends southwards.

Walton: And so we ascend hill to Walton.

I went down road to Brampton — looked like Vallum to me, cutting across towards road in direction of Castlesteads — then it seems to disappear!

I went round by wall — I missed Walton

mc. 56. mc. 56 as well as 55 mc.

Anyway Vallum so poor in both places that it would be impossible to see mc. causeways. Saw vaguely where wall crosses Cambeck.

CASTLESTEADS: wonderful position — terrific gap though with Cambeck — not surprising when that

XVII. 4 Wall runs southwards! — best strategic position obviously.

Cannot really see Vallum from King's Water onwards.

Thursday 23rd May.

Starting at Cambeck hill farm — nothing of Vallum until we reach Beck farm.

Can see W.D. ascending up to HEADSWOOD after sweeping from farmbuildings of Beck — Vallum cannot be seen in flat, but in steep slope up to Headwood becomes easily visible a cutting.

Big laker mound obstructs V.D. at first.

Up to Headwood — mounds very high on both sides.

Is hillock — good command to S. & N.

— beams have gone — ditch good.

On top of hill — beams become apparent — Vallum fades out in paddock S. of farm.

+ Wall d. continues boldly — ditch good in it.

Vallum has disappeared again — thro' next 2 fields there is not the faintest sign of it.

Guesses: here there is in 2nd. field!! must turn further south then. Fence curves with contours of Vallum.

XVII. 3 — is ridge & depression thro' next meadow — very faint tho'. Next pasture — most indistinct — right up to road down to Brampton.

Next field beyond road — slight uphill — is beyond recognition — runs behind houses on corner of Newtown.

Hooray! — just beyond houses of Newtown, nearly

NEWTOWN. opposite a White Cottage — can see Vallum just mc 58? over slope in meadow — W.D. there too — also mc 58?