

BANTASKIN: WALL SECTION

A well-preserved section of Antonine Wall Ditch and Outer Mound is located amidst housing within a circular loop of Anson Avenue at Bantaskin, at the western end of Falkirk. Beech trees highlight the line of the Ditch, which has been reduced on the north bank by terracing to form a modern track.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This section of the Wall has been well-preserved and was recognised by most early antiquaries. Sir George Macdonald cut several sections along the line of the Wall in 1916. Trial trenching was undertaken in 2005 focusing on the relationship between the Antonine Wall and an early modern earthen bank that

had been constructed as part of the designed landscape for the now-demolished Bantaskin House. The Ditch is not currently as deep as it once was, but the south bank has probably survived to its original height, while the north bank has been cut down to form the modern trackway.

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