

HISTORIC SCOTLAND PROPERTIES IN CARE  
MINOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS 2011

**The Antonine Wall: Watching brief on sign installation, February 2011.**

**HS PIC Index Number: 7680**

**Site:** The Antonine Wall, Wester Dullatur to Easter Dullatur.

**NGR:** NS 7534 7732

**Project Description:** Archaeological watching brief on the excavation of a single small trench to receive the concrete foundations of a new visitor information board.

**Project Code:** HSCO-7680-2011-01

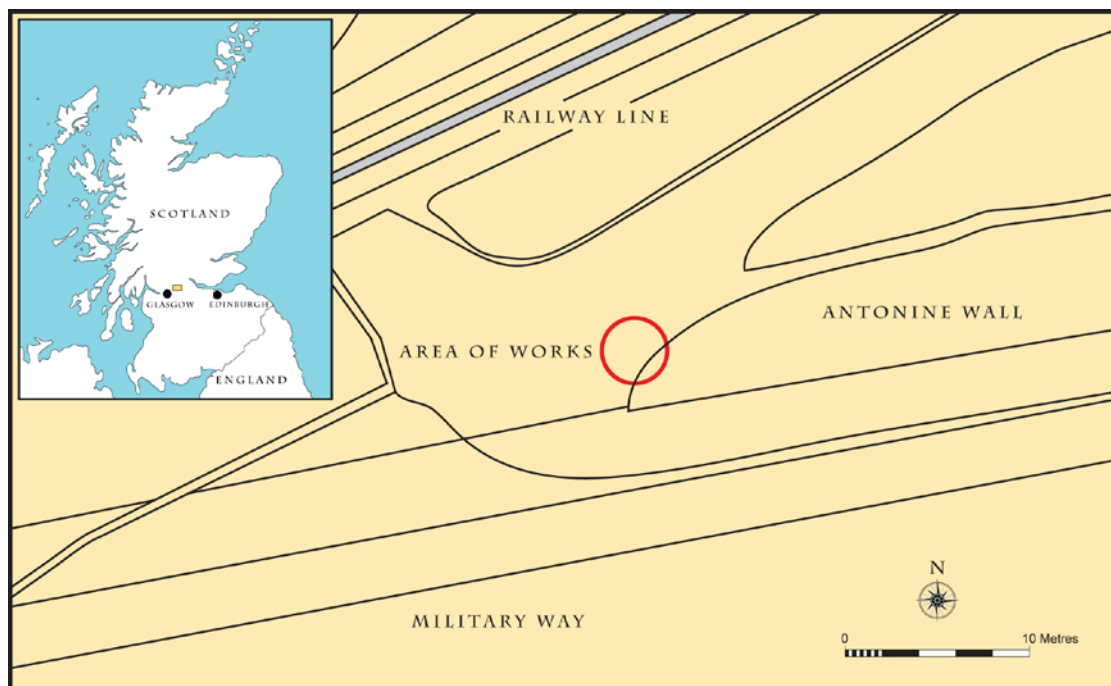
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**Short Archaeological Report**

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Kirkdale Archaeology**

## INTRODUCTION

Under the terms of its PIC call-off contract Kirkdale Archaeology was asked to undertake archaeological monitoring on the digging of a single small trench as part of the installation of a new visitor information board on the Antonine Wall near Dullatur (see Figure 1). The excavation of the trench was undertaken by Historic Scotland staff, and the work took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.



**Figure 1:** Location map of the works.

## DESCRIPTION

Trench 1 measured 300 x 300mm in plan and was 450mm deep. The turf and topsoil (001) was 100mm deep, and lay over a narrow 100mm deep band of dirty, orange clay (002). Immediately beneath this lay a 250mm deep layer of a grey, clay rich silt (003) containing some small stones (<5cm in size). The depth of this deposit was not fully established as the required depth of the trench was reached at 450mm depth.

Nothing of archaeological significance was noted.



**Figure 2:** Clockwise from top-left: The site pre-works; Excavation of Trench 1; Trench 1 as dug; The new sign in place.

## CONCLUSIONS

Although nothing of archaeological interest was noted, it is recommended that, due to the close proximity of the Antonine Wall in this area, any future ground breaking works of this nature be similarly monitored.

## LIST OF CONTEXTS

No.	Description
001	Turf and topsoil.
002	Orange clay.
003	Grey, clay rich silt.

## LIST OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

No.	Description	From	Date
01	View of the Antonine Wall.	SE	10/02/2011
02	The site, pre-works.	S	10/02/2011
03	The site, pre-works.	S	10/02/2011
04	Work in progress.	S	10/02/2011
05	Work in progress.	SW	10/02/2011
06	Post-excavation shot of trench.	S	10/02/2011
07	Post-excavation shot of trench.	S	10/02/2011
08	New post <i>in situ</i> .	SW	10/02/2011
09	New post <i>in situ</i> .	SW	10/02/2011
10	The works completed.	S	10/02/2011