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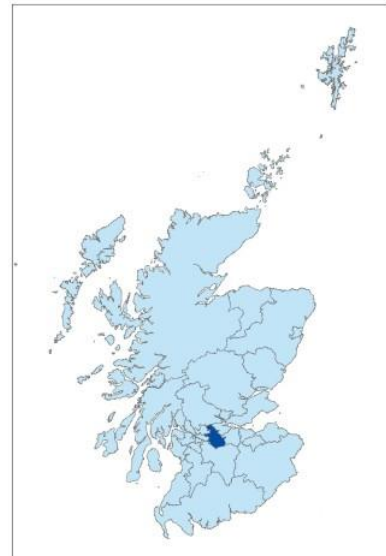
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*The author's dog,
Cosmo, at the site of
Bothwellhaugh Bath
House. Copyright
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I am Derek Russell. I am an Information Services Infrastructure Project Manager within RCAHMS. I provide the services which store the digital archive.

I have chosen the Roman Bath House located within Strathclyde Park. This park is the boundary between North and South Lanarkshire and was created in the 1970's by flooding the old mining village of Bothwellhaugh.



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When I was first asked to take part in the Day of Archaeology I was quite surprised. I have no training in this area but I thought I would take a "member of the public" approach to this event.

I thought about what sites has made the biggest impact to me. I remember being in primary school when the [Bothwellhaugh Roman Fort](#) and a [Roman bath house](#) were being surveyed. Until that point I had believed that the Romans never ventured into Scotland and built large walls to keep Scotland out. It made me think about the history of my local area and what other buildings or roads were still in existence.

I have taken some pictures of the site as it is today, which is open to the public to enjoy.



View of Bothwellhaugh Bath House. Copyright D Russell



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