

Bearsden plan

BEA1 – W2H – fix to existing cairn, A1 landscape – bath-house



'It is good to enter those dark bath-houses with their walls of common plaster... bathing pools into which we lower bodies filthy with sweat.' Roman philosopher Seneca the Younger

- > Introduction – what are these low walls? Best-preserved bath-house in Scotland
- > Bearsden fort and the Antonine Wall – what were the Romans doing here? The Roman Road.
- > Who was based here? Legionaries and auxiliaries. Maybe include battle honours. Relationship with Castle Hill (1 ¼ miles away)
- > What the bath-house was used for. Social. Rebuilt before completion. Dismantled systematically
- > How the bath-house worked – linked to the metal plates
- > Highlights – look out for: niche; cold bath with recon plaster; panels; plaster survived; benches; imagine a warm floor beneath your feet
 - Reconstruction illustration of the bath-house
 - Wall map with focus on Bearsden (to sketch), Castle Hill, cemetery
 - Photo of head of goddess Fortuna, with Celtic influence. Protecting bathers when naked and vulnerable (Hunterian – GLA HM F.1983.1)
 - Photo of fountain head (Hunterian – GLAHM 138045)
 - XX Legion symbol (boar) - optional

BEA2 – LT2 (lower profile to reduce impact on view) A1 landscape – latrine. To be positioned on grass by edge of gravelled area, at an angle to the edge of the grass, facing latrine



'If any of you want to relieve yourselves, there's no necessity to be ashamed about it. I don't know any torment so bad as holding it in. It's the one thing Jupiter himself cannot stop.' Roman author Petronius

- > Introduction – what are the walls and slabs?
- > How the latrine worked – Roman hygiene, discoveries of moss.
- > The sewage excavation – vegetarians, fodder for horses
- > What the Roman soldiers ate
- > Ludus Latrunculi – the game, the rules
- > Religion and feasting – bringing in the intaglios
- > The excavation – original site destruction beneath housing
 - Reconstruction illustration of the latrine (write brief)
 - Photo of figs
 - Photo of shrimp intaglio
 - Photo of Ceres intaglio (fruit and grain) (NMS)
 - Photo of Minerva intaglio (Hunterian GLAHM 138049)
 - Excavation photograph (HS – [scran 000-000-143-116-C](#)) - optional

BEA3 – W2E – welcome. Fixed to wall on right side of gate. NOTE – remove existing signage from wall and gate.



- > Welcome to site – 25-30 words
- > Visitor management messages

Remove post and bronze plaque
 Fix bronze plaque to wall on left side of gate.