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Dun/Broch/Iron Age Hut?

Some 300m south of Colin's Bridge in the Ettrick Valley at NT 42964 26320, there is a large artificial mound which has puzzled me for a long time.

* It is about 25m in diameter and rises about 2m above the ground level. At the centre there is a hollow circle c 7m in diameter which goes down to the natural ground level. There are no other visible remains/palisade/ fences etc.

The only archaeologist that I got to the site opined that it was *something agricultural* - which it isn't. I am still puzzled. Any ideas?

Walter Elliot. 29 March 2017

Inside the circle of posts there was an inter-woven wattle fence.

Roman Bangles and Beads.

When the Trimontium East Annexe was ploughed in the early 1970s, a large dark patch stood out in the lighter soil. Referred to as 'The Black Patch'

it initially seemed to be a dump for sherds of Roman pottery and broken glassware. After a couple of days field-walking, it was obvious that the bulk were shards from Roman glass vessels.

However there were quite a number of complete or fire distorted glass beads and bangles, enough to convince me that this was the site of a Roman re-cycling workshop, and worthy enough to pass on to more professional hands.

Robert Stevenson used some of this in a study for Anne Robertson in 1976.

Much later, all identifiable glass-work from this part of the site, was handed over to Birgitta Hoffman for further study. I think this has been published by I don't know where and I haven't been able to get a look at the finished article.

Walter.

* To Kay, John or Rob.

This is the structure that I have been trying to get someone interested since the 1990s

Maybe this would interest Walter.
the speaker. There are some squashed donut shapes in the field next to the infirmary at Trimontium. Obviously these have been ploughed down but this is in the area where the reconstruction is planned. Worth considering?