

Dear Thania,

This is a slightly more explanatory note on how I use a combination of land observation and divining rods to discover archaeological sites in the Borders.

Land observation was easy because my family had been in the Borders since the 1640s to my knowledge. I was brought up in the country and, after National Service, spent the next 33 years as a fencing contractor working throughout the Borders, hearing the local history and legends. For fencing, I used divining rods to detect soil disturbance even although there was no indication on the surface - this works equally well with ancient disturbance.

See Simple Theory etc.

Although the Archaeological Establishment is not very keen to accept my theory (unless they can claim it was actually their original idea) I don't always accept what in is written in even by the most intellectual tome if it does not agree with what I can see on the ground.

See the Mosshouses Crossroads

Probably more to follow.

Best Wishes, Walter.

Email dated 30 November, 2021. From Walter Elliot to Thania M Flores