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Dear Thania,

Glad to hear from you and yes I will be glad pass on some of my finds, stories and thoughts. At 87, I don't get about much and it gives me something to do/pass on to anybody interested.

Like Issac Newton 1643 - 1727, I believe that 'The path to true knowledge lies in making observations rather than reading books', so most of the knowledge/sites/objects I have recorded were found or were picked up from the ground (literally) during my working life putting up fences and planting or cutting down trees throughout the Borders. I was working in un-surveyed hills and fields which had never been visited by professional archaeologists so it was virgin ground with lots to see.

This archaeological interest developed after my Army service (1952 -54) and still continues. I only started recording and publishing after a lot of nagging from the National Museum staff. Not everyone agrees with divining rod conclusions but are happy to claim some of the results. Tough!

You will find my explanation of why divining rods work and I have also added an unclaimed Roman road logically up the east coast of Berwickshire.

With best wishes,
Walter.