8. THE COINS

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8.1 Catalogue

1. DAA topsoil over land divisions, Area D

Bronze of Constantine I (AD 306–37)

AE 1.952g Size 18mm Axis ↑

Obverse: CONSTANTI NVS MAX AVG
Bust of Constantine I, diademed, draped, cuirassed, r

Reverse: GLORIA EXER CITVS
Two soldiers standing facing one another; between them two standards, mint mark SMNT (Nicomedia)

Cp: LRBC (I) 1117

Condition of coin: Very worn

It does not seem very likely that the coin was lost in Scotland in ancient times.

2. LAB 3 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus

Denarius of Trajan (AD 98–117), with COS V (c AD 104–11)

AR 2.819g Size 19mm Axis ↓

Obverse: (IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P)
Bust of Trajan, laureate, r, slight drapery on l shoulder.

Reverse: (S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI)
S C in exergue
Trajan in military dress, on horse prancing r, with javelin in raised r hand about to pierce Dacian kneeling below horse.

Cp: C 508, RIC 543, BMC 839, HCC 304.

Date of coin: AD 103–11

Condition of coin: Worn

3. LAH 4 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus

Sestertius of Trajan (AD 98–117)

AE 20.067g Size 32mm Axis ↓

Obverse: (IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P)
Bust of Nerva, laureate, r, slight drapery on l shoulder.

Reverse: (S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI)
S C in exergue
Nerva in military dress, on horse prancing l, with javelin in raised l hand about to pierce Dacian kneeling below horse.

Cp: C 267, RIC 150, BMC 186 (TR P XI, IMP XXI, COS XV = AD 91)

Condition of coin: Very badly corroded. Fairly worn

4. LCQ 1 drainage ditch west side of trackway, vicus (in layer above arm-purse)

Denarius of Domitian (AD 81–96)

AR 20mm Axis ↓

Obverse: IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P XI
Head of Domitian, laureate, r, possibly with aegis

Reverse: (S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI)
S C in exergue
Minerva, helmeted, draped, standing l, holding spear, l elbow bent

Cp: C 271, RIC 169, BMC 194 f, HCC 1/8f (TR P XI, IMP XXI, COS XVI = AD 92)

Condition of coin: Very badly corroded. Fairly worn

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5. QAR 1 upper fill of the fortlet ditch

Large fragment of small copper coin, Dupondius or As of Hadrian (AD 117–38)

AE  Wt 1.58g  Axis ↓

Obverse: Bust of Hadrian, bareheaded, draped, r

Reverse: Female figure seated l holding patera (and sceptre) Justitia?

Cp:  C 890, RIC 727f, BMC 1465–6, HCC 490

Condition of coin: Very corroded (wear uncertain)