

Easter Trail 2014

Walking in the steps of Romans ... (1st - 5th centuries AD)



AD43 (almost 2000 years ago!) - the Romans first arrived in Chichester, establishing an army supply base at Fishbourne Harbour, before building Fishbourne Roman Palace there about 30 years later.

They built the first City walls and defensive ditches by 200AD, although parts of the the Roman town lay outside the walls, including a cemetery outside the West Gate (discovered by archaeologists during excavations in 1985/7).

1934 (as Parklands was starting to be built) - the line of a potential Roman road is identified along the "Hook Dyke" heading towards the West Gate - see plan above. Almost all evidence of this has now been lost east of Neville Road. No excavations have confirmed this road and the line identified may in fact represent part of the system (aqueduct) that supplied drinking water to Chichester from the chalk streams that still run today.

Find part of the Dyke (most obvious by the public footpath west of Centurion Way) and plot a section of its line on your Easter Trail map.



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