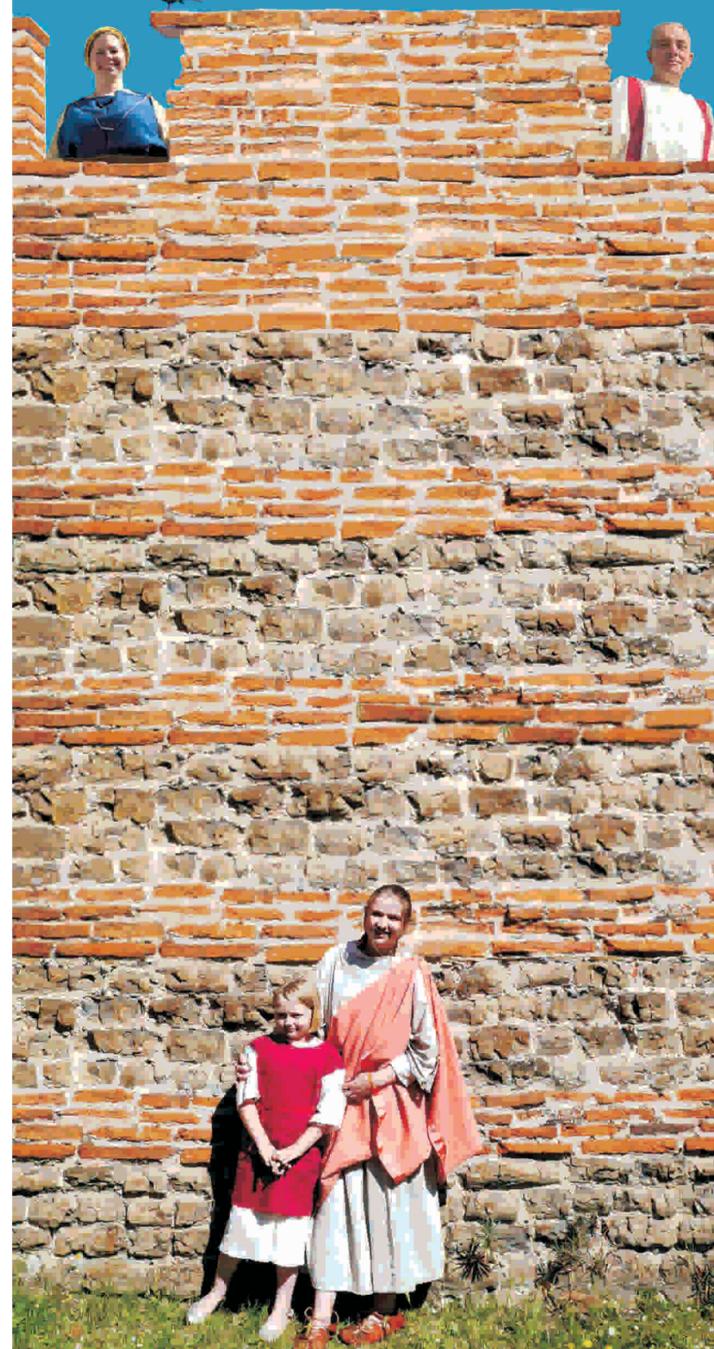


new exhibition at
the Roman Circus Centre

THE STORY OF BRITAIN'S FIRST TOWN WALL



Roman Circus Visitor Centre
Roman Circus Walk, Colchester CO2 7GZ
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Left. Wall which toppled forwards in the 19th century. Right. Adjacent wall supported to stop similar collapse.

Postern 1 (St Mary's Steps) made 1713-14 by breaking out the wall above Culvert 1 to provide full access to the other side.



Best-preserved section of town wall...

Balkerne Gate.

Postern 6.



N-S wall with Turret 1 at the south end. South face of turret just visible on right.

North-west corner.

c 18th-century wall on west side of North Gate..

As left but east of North Gate.



Inner face of wall in upper Castle Park.

Duncan's Gate visible through the railings.

NE corner with one of the wall information boards.

Plan of East Gate (demolished).



Bastion 1.

Bastion 2.

17th-century brick non-defensive wall (repair of Seige damage).

Site of Bastion 4.



Bastion 5.

Culvert 5.

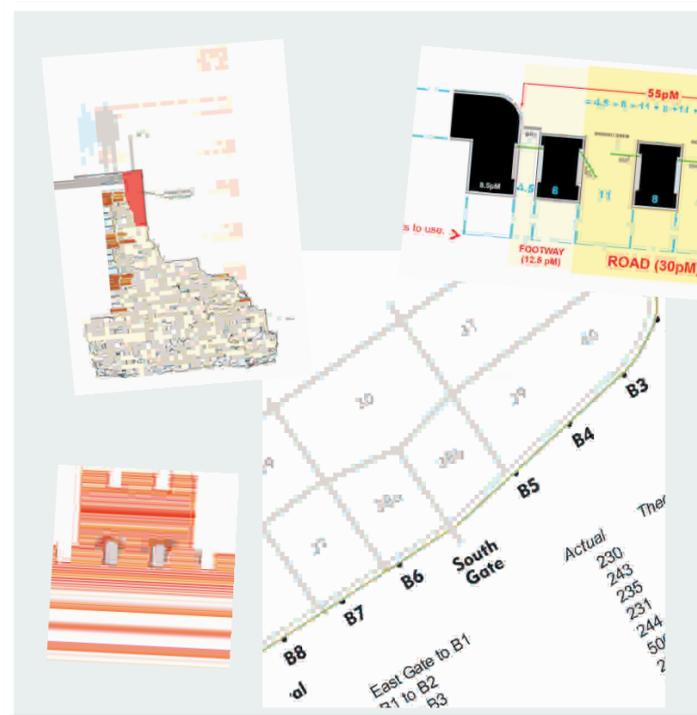
Culvert 10 (not accessible).

By Postern 10: inner face of wall rebuilt in new location.

Hey look!

new discoveries
new directions
new ideas!!

...old wall



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Can you find all 14 of the wall information boards as you walk the wall? They are the work of the Friends of the Roman Wall. Here are their locations in anti-clockwise order starting with the board near St Mary's Steps in Balcerne Lane. Those placed inside the wall line are indicated by an asterisk because you might need to look for some of them.

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Near St Mary's Steps. | 2. Balcerne Gate | 3. Foot of Balcerne Hill | 4. Just west of North Gate | 5. Lower Castle Park | 6. Duncan's Gate | 7*. Behind Roman Road |
| 8*. East Gate | 9. Priory Street (Bastion 2) | 10. Priory Street (Bastion 5) | 11. Vineyard Street | 12*. Scheregate | 13*. St John's Wynd | 14. Head Gate* (Sir Isaac's Walk) |



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