

Public Art Commission

Cadder Fort Stone Bench

An experienced stonemason is sought to design, create and install a roman inspired bench along the Forth and Clyde Canal in Bishopbriggs. The bench will celebrate the site's heritage, particularly the Roman influence. This project forms part of a wider "Rediscovering the Antonine Wall" project working across Central Scotland **to build better connections for communities and visitors along the length of the Antonine Wall**. The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, East Dunbartonshire Council and Historic Environment Scotland. The budget for the design, construction and installation of the bench is £6,000 and the deadline for completion is summer 2022. The Commission is being delivered by the Rediscovering the Antonine Wall project in partnership with Bishopbriggs Community Council.

Project Scope

The project scope is outlined below. It has been based on initial stakeholder engagement and community research.

1. A stone carved bench, which will replace an existing concrete bench. This bench will be designed by a stone mason in conjunction with Bishopbriggs Community Council. It will replace an existing run down bench which is not befitting of the surrounding scenery, however is a well used resource by cyclists and walkers. The new bench will be highlighted in the interpretation board and will feature links to artefacts discovered during the excavation of Cadder and Balmuirdy Forts.

The bench should be an attractive sculpture in its own right. The ground around the bench should also be taken into consideration. The information board will be installed next to the bench, on a cairn. Although this is not part of the brief, we invite design suggestions.

2. Another information board/cairn will be installed by the pontoon. This will highlight the location of the fort for the first time to the public and will provide information on the wider Antonine Wall, the importance of forts in the building and defending of the Wall, and links to the wider Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site which links Cadder Fort to other sites in Europe. It will direct to the bench
3. The chosen stonemason will need to liaise with Scottish Canals to organise installation of the bench and insure it respects health and safety norms.

Expressions of interest

Stonemasons are invited to express interest, through submission of indicative ideas, based on the project brief as well as:

- Thoughts on installation
- Detailed budget proposal
- A relevant portfolio of previous work and experience.

Please submit your application to Severine Peyrichou, severine.peyrichou@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

The deadline for the expression of interest is 8th June 2022 at midnight .

The community group will choose their preferred project.

Appointment: by 24th June 2022

Appendix

Map



★ Site of the bench

Pictures of objects

Please see our Antonine Wall booklets.

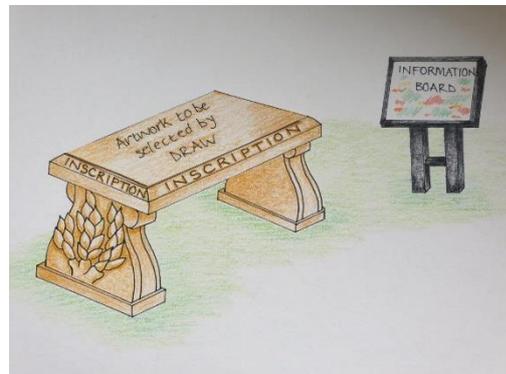
For Cadder Fort: <https://rediscoveringtheantoninewall.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/East-Dunbartonshire-PART-1-FINAL.pdf> and <https://rediscoveringtheantoninewall.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/East-Dunbartonshire-PART-2-FINAL.pdf>

For nearby Balmuildy Fort: <https://rediscoveringtheantoninewall.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Glasgow-FINAL.pdf>

Type of benches



Roman style stone bench.



Artist design for Roman bench in another community project. The Cadder bench will incorporate objects found on site.



Current bench and surroundings