

The Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee is the area liason group which works to promote and protect the historic environment. TAFAC brings together individuals and organisations with a shared interest in conserving and recording the archaeology and built heritage of the area.

The Roman army's short period of advance into and retreat from Scotland in the late first century has for many years fascinated and intrigued scholars. In order to try and understand this brief tumultuous period they have had to interpret the Roman literary sources and make sense of the surviving archaeological evidence from the forts, fortlets and towers in the area. Theories concerning frontier and supply systems and the periods of occupation and possible re-occupation of forts have been put forward. In recent years, however, some of the more traditional views have been challenged. The purpose of the 2008 'First Contact' conference, and now this monograph, is to review the available evidence for the early Roman penetration into Scotland, to test the existing theories and to suggest new interpretations.



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