

Manorfield Detectives.

Roman Roads- The Fosse Way.



Did you know that the Roman road, The Fosse Way forms one of our Parish boundaries?

The word Fosse comes from the Latin word fossa, this means ditch.

It is thought that after the Roman army invaded Britain in AD43, they fought and progressed north. At some point they stopped and marked the temporary frontier with a ditch, or road and ditch. The road (the Fosse Way), runs from Lincoln to Exeter.

It is very likely that granite from Stoney Stanton was used to construct the local part of the original Fosse Way. As you know there have been several Roman finds from Stoney Stanton such as coins from Task 13, pottery and the quern stone from Task 9.



This map shows the Fosse Way in green.

If you look closely at the map you can see where the green road (the Fosse Way), crosses an orange road (Watling Street). On the spot where they cross there is a word – **Venonis, or High Cross**.

The High Cross is very close to where we live. (Picture on the right).

Have you ever seen it?

Do you know what it marks?

See what you can discover.

If you want to learn more about Roman Leicester try this link.

<https://www.storyofleicester.info/city-stories/the-romans-in-leicester/>