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DAME TANNI BACKS THE WALL

This summer's Paralympics in Beijing may well be set against the backdrop of the Great Wall of China, but a former gold-medallist from the North East has been exploring a wall much closer to home for a new TV programme.

Starting this Thursday (10 July) at 10.40pm, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson will present *The Wall* a new 6-part ITV series about Hadrian's Wall, the 2,000 year old Roman monument in the north of England.

Alistair Moffat, writer and TV producer, co-presents the series and said: "The programmes promise to be some of the most intriguing insights into the Wall, and will include footage of each of the Roman sites in Hadrian's Wall Country, as well as stunning aerial photography, definitive interviews and new research."

Linda Tuttiett, chief executive of Hadrian's Wall Heritage, was interviewed for the series and she expects the programme to raise interest in the World Heritage Site.

She said: "We're very excited about 'The Wall' series which brings to life the stories of local communities living in and around this iconic World Heritage Site. We're confident that Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson's journey will inspire others to visit Britain's greatest Roman monument."

'The Wall' TV series will also be accompanied by a new book of the same name. Alistair Moffat penned the book which tells the story of the Wall, its makers, and its effect and impact on northern Britain.

He said: "The Wall is a staggering phenomenon with a fascinating history and the book incorporates new research and takes the story of the monument right up to the present day."

'The Wall' starts this Thursday (10 July) at 10.40pm on ITV1.

For more information on Hadrian's Wall please visit www.hadrians-wall.org or call 01434 322 002.

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