

The Wagon Road – “Die Wa Pad”

The wagon route was a formative element in the shaping of the linear farmyard. This wagon road forms a unique feature in the farm’s layout, because it is looped around the werf. At first, only the lower dirt road was established, to pass in front of the buildings. This road linked the farmyards of Agter-Paarl, as it ran directly from one werf to the next. The oak trees along this trajectory are older, than the upper loop of the wagon road.

The oak trees behind the werf are younger and indicate that the back loop of wagon route which forms the upper track behind the buildings, was established during the mid to late 19th century.

Reference: Archaeologist, Hennie Vos: Historical Survey and Structural & Archaeological Investigations of the Historic Buildings of Diamant, 2010.