



The Office of Heritage of the Consell de Formentera has removed the fences that surrounded the Can Blai heritage site, a Roman castellum, to improve its accessibility and to make it more pleasant for visitors. The old fence has been replaced by a rope and post enclosure.

Raquel Guasch, heritage councillor, framed the operation as "the latest in a line of efforts this term by the Office of Heritage to raise the visibility of and showcase our heritage treasures to make them accessible to the people." Previously fencing was removed round Sa Tanca Vella chapel and the Cap de Barbaria II archaeological site is also in the process of being opened.

Can Blai are the remains of a fortified structure from the lower-imperial Roman period. Experts estimate the castellum, which has a square floor plan with a tower at each corner, was erected between the late third and early fourth century AD. The results of excavations in 1979 and 1980 suggest that it is an unfinished work, possibly built as shelter for nearby inhabitants on private initiative. It was declared an archaeological site of cultural interest in 1994.

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