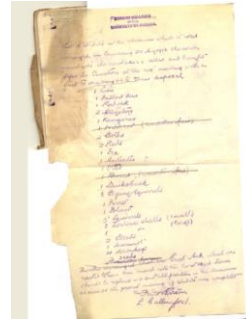


Using collections to revive
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Gemma Lewis
Durham University



A Brief History



1832
Durham
University
established

1833
Museum
established

1870s
Museum
moves

1910s
Collections
dispersed
or disposed
of

1930s
Eric Birley
Lectureship

A Brief History



1956

Old Museum
becomes
Department of
Archaeology

1986

Department
moves out
becomes
Museum of
Archaeology

2013

Displays
move to
Palace Green
Library

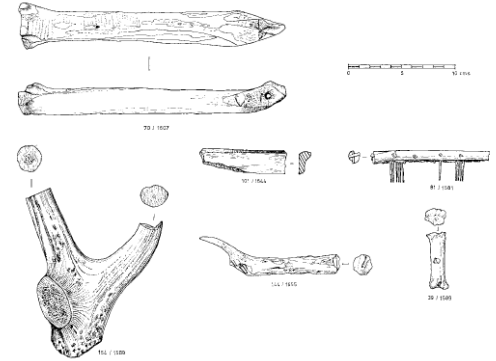
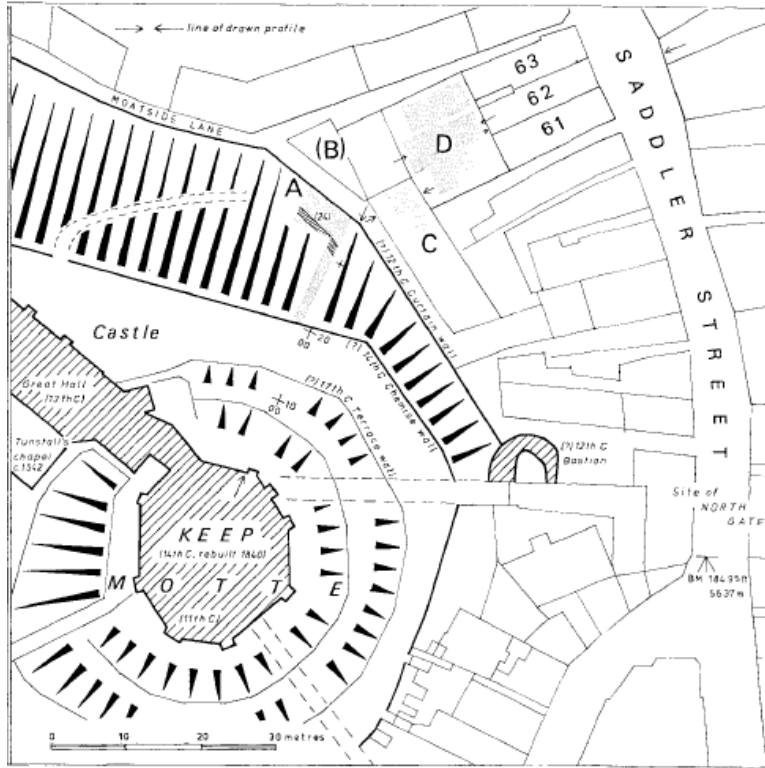
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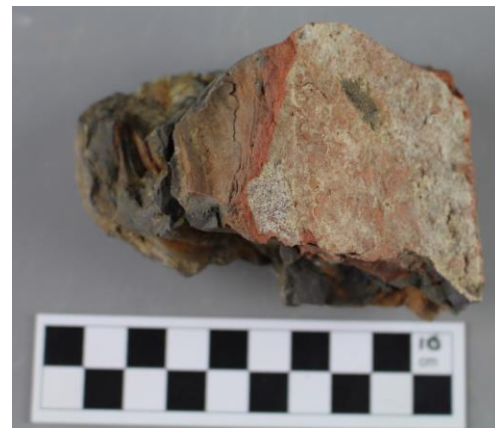
Collections
moved

Why is this history significant?



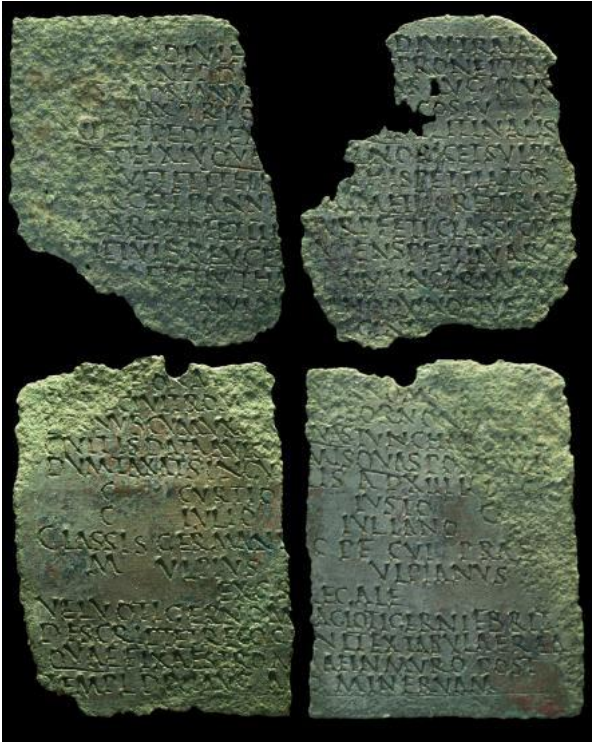
Development control archaeology







What changed?

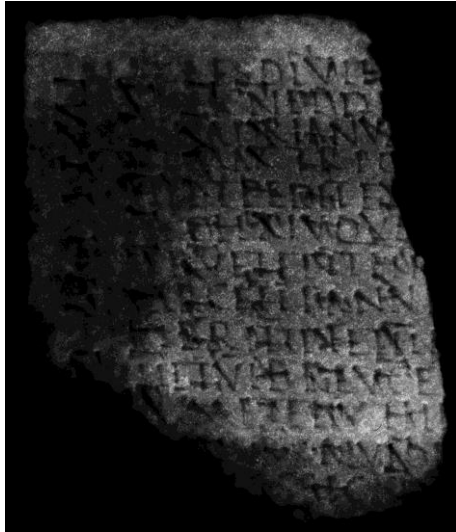


Lanchester Diploma

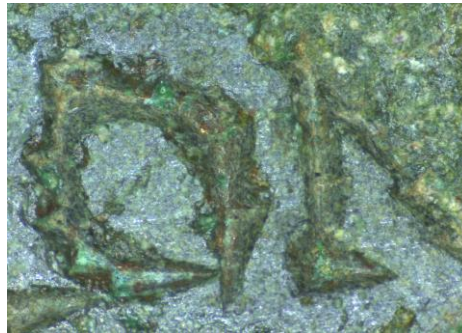
- Found in 2016 by metal detectorist Mark Houston.
- Identified through PAS-Not classified as Treasure
- Collaborative project to keep the object in the area
 - Research
 - Conservation
 - Advocacy

All the way through conservation and science at the core

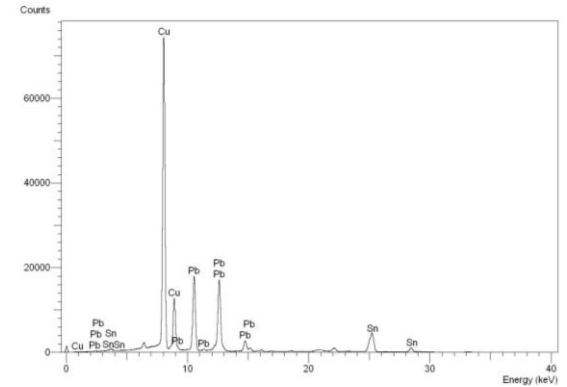
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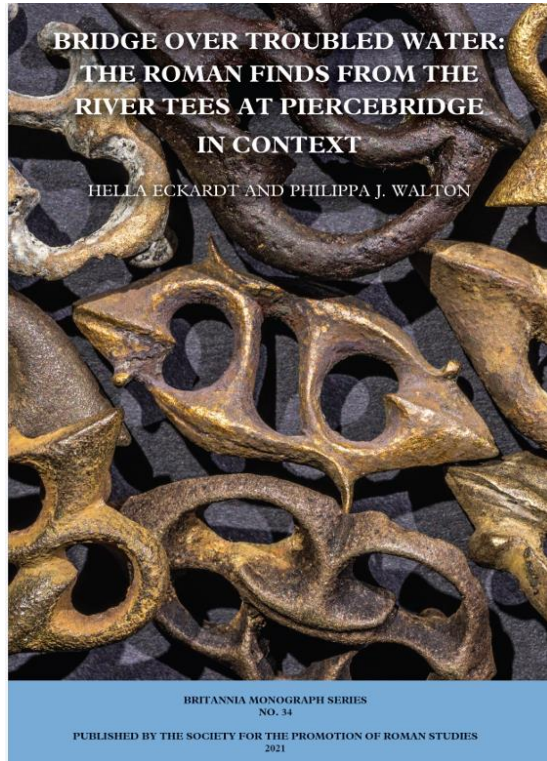
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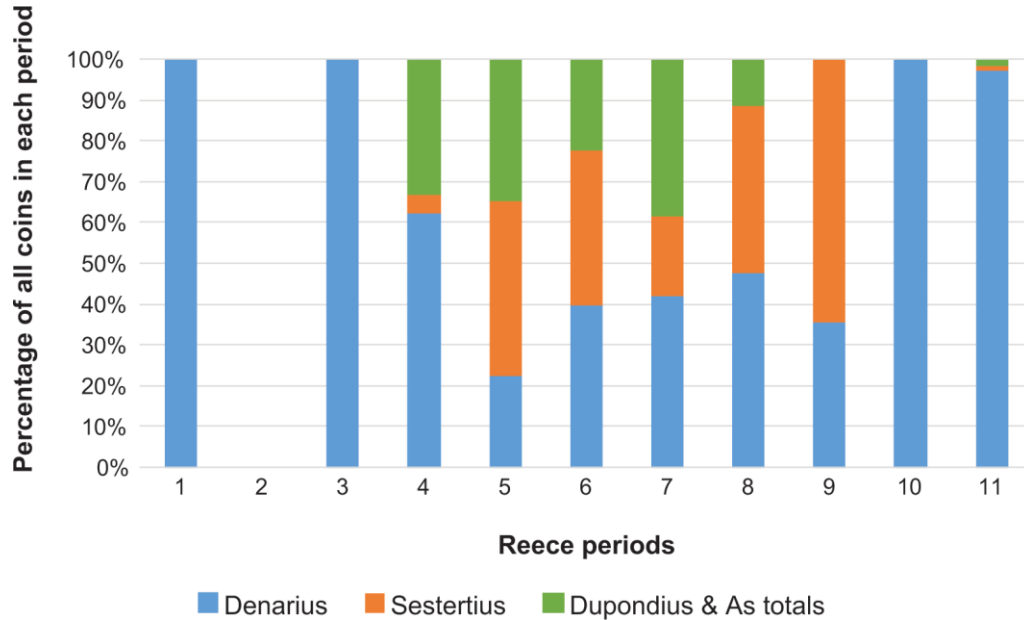
Advocacy



Piercebridge River Assemblage



Teaching



- The ratio of silver to bronze coinage recovered from the river is high, particularly when compared with the excavation material







Engagement



Roman Britain Session Information



This session can be taught:

- at the [Museum of Archaeology](#) at Palace Green Library
- as [outreach](#) in your school
- as an [online](#) session

The content of these sessions does vary as we have the galleries to use at the museum, but we try to keep them as similar as possible.

Find out more about our [online resources](#).