

4. NORTHERN ENGLAND

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NORTH YORKSHIRE

(1) **Aldborough**, *Low Lane* (SE 40624 66447): a single trench was located to test the survival of the north range of the Roman forum and establish a basic chronology. Three of the four phases attest to Roman activity, starting in the Flavianic period (c. A.D. 69-96), post-Flavian forum construction and use, and late Roman robbing and activity. Ceramics, animal bone, and environmental assemblages have been recovered.¹

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

(1) **Garton**: A plated contemporary copy of a denarius of Marcus Aurelius, an addendum to previously reported hoard, probably deposited c. A.D. 176 or later.²

DONCASTER

(1) **Rossington**, *Rossington Inland Port* (SK 59300 98100 and SK 59000 97500): investigations consisting of stripping, mapping and sample excavation identified field systems which likely form part of the wider Iron Age/Romano-British field system known from the area. Only Iron Age artefacts were recovered from the evaluation trenches, though continued Romano-British use is likely.³

CESHIRE

(1) **Chester**, *Grosvenor Park Road* (SJ 41141 66403): excavation east of the legionary fortress revealed a possible Roman ditch running parallel to Grosvenor Park Road, subsequently cut by a later post-medieval boundary ditch on the same alignment. A coin of Domitian (A.D. 81-96) was recovered along with an assemblage containing ceramics, glass and metal fragments, and building materials.⁴

LINCOLNSHIRE

(1) **Raithby**, *Hall Farm* (TF 3730 6695): a complex of linear boundary and enclosure features were encountered during trial trenching, confirming results of the preceding geophysical survey. The features have been dated to the Roman and medieval periods, though relatively low quantities of small finds and environmental evidence were encountered.⁵

(2) **Holton le Clay**, *Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm Project One SMR 3 (Plot 29)* (TA 29734 01965): excavation identified several small clay-lined pits close to unstratified Romano-British finds, including a brooch; medieval archaeology was recorded elsewhere on the site.⁶

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² BM ref. 2017 T926; PAS ID: PUBLIC-169E58. E. Ghey sent information.

³ Work by Wessex Archaeology for CgMs. A. Tuck sent information.

⁴ Work by Wardell Armstrong commissioned by Castlebridge Hotels. M. Railton sent information.

⁵ Work by Allen Archaeology Ltd commissioned by RH-J Farms Ltd. N. Powers sent information. Archaeological Evaluation Report: trial trenching on land at Hall Farm, Raithby, Lincolnshire, Report Number AAL2017018.

⁶ Work by Wessex Archaeology commissioned by DONG Energy. A. Tuck sent information.

(3) **Burgh le Marsh**, *Orby Road* (TF 5017 6531): evaluation revealed a single ditch of Roman date, though the feature could not be more closely dated; the feature may be related to a known Romano-British settlement proximal to the site.⁷

⁷ Work by Archaeological Project Services on behalf of Mr and Mrs D.E. Brooks. A. Beeby sent information.