

South Shields Roman Fort Bibliography

This is divided into two sections:

1. The short version: books and articles relevant for the most recent research on the site, plus some useful back-ground works
2. A full and detailed bibliography on the excavations and finds at Arbeia Roman Fort, divided by subject matter

Section 1

For a brief discussion of the history of the site, read the site guide, ***Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum, South Shields*** by Paul Bidwell, available from the site shop.

Another site summary can be found in ***Hadrian's Wall 1989-99: a Summary of Recent Excavations and Research*** (1999) edited by Paul Bidwell.

There are also easily available magazine articles in issues 133 and 164 of ***Current Archaeology***.

All previous excavations reports and summaries are superseded by:

Excavations at South Shields Roman Fort vol. 1, Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne Monograph 4 (1994) by Paul Bidwell and Steve Speak. It is essential for anyone with a serious interest in the site to consult this. There is no need to be daunted by the large size of the volume, as Chapter 2 is a self-contained summary of the present state of knowledge. For work carried out since the publication of this volume, see:

The origins and development of the Roman military supply-base at South Shields: an interim report on the results of excavations in the Eastern Quadrant and Central area, 1999-2000, ***Arbeia Journal 6-7*** (2001) by Nick Hodgson.

Good general introductions to Roman First and the Romano-British background are:

A Guide to the Roman Remains in Britain (third edition) (1988) by Roger Wilson

Britannia: a History of Roman Britain (third edition) (1987) by S S Frere

Roman Forts in Britain (1997) by Paul Bidwell

For Hadrian's Wall and the northern frontier in Britain, the following are highly readable, standard accounts:

The Northern Frontiers of Roman Britain (1982) by David Breeze

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