

ROMANS ON THE DON

What did the Romans do for Doncaster?

As well as creating Danum, the Romans introduced new ideas.

Roman rule brought new influences to people living in the Doncaster area. Local communities had contact with different ways of living. Over time, some people changed their life styles by taking up these new ideas.



Sitting Down to Dine

Pottery kilns were created in Doncaster within 50 years of the Roman invasion. Potteries at Auckley, Blaxton, Cantley and Rossington made dishes, jars, bowls, cooking pots and colanders.

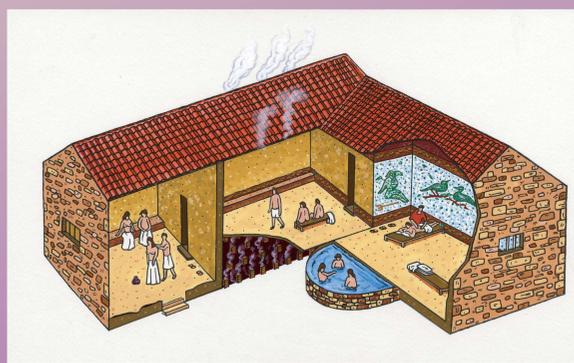
Many were oven to table wares for cooking and serving food. Common products were mortaria, heavy bowls with a gritty surface and spout used to grind and mix ingredients for meals.

People had previously preferred leather, wood and metal vessels.



Doncaster's First Names

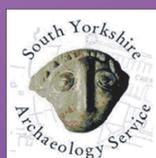
Local potters are the earliest named people we know of in Doncaster because some stamped their names on their products. Sarrius, Secundua and Baro are some of the names that have survived. They worked in Rossington between 135 and 190 AD.



Taking a Roman Bath

The Romans introduced bathing as a leisure activity. This cutaway shows a private bathhouse excavated at Hampole. It had four rooms including a hot room built over a heated floor. There was also a cold plunge pool in a room decorated with painted wall plaster.

Find Out more about the Romans on the Don visit www.doncaster.gov.uk/romansonthedon



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