

CAISTOR ST. EDMUND

SUMMARY OF KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

1815

Markshall cemetery discovered.

1822 Markshall Anglo-Saxon cemetery excavated by Charles Layton.

1846

Excavation of Roman building in the grounds of Caistor Hall (now Caistor Hall Hotel) by J. Boileau.

1923

Excavation by tower north of west gate Excavation on town defences [NHER9786 (S5)

1929 - 1935

Donald Atkinson dug within the Roman Town on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society.

1932

Surgeon Commander F. R Mann dug a small trench on the temple site.

1932 -1937

Surgeon Commander F. R Mann dug on the site of the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Caistor-by-Norwich. Attention was first drawn to the site in 1754 when it gets a mention in the Minutes of the Society of Antiquaries for 23rd May.

1938

Surgeon Commander F. R Mann investigated a section of road to the north east of Venta on an alignment suggesting it led across to the temple complex.

1948

G. P Larwood dug on the site of the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Markshall.

1950

R.R Clarke and G. P Larwood dug the gateway to the Roman-Celtic temple complex on behalf of the Norwich Research Committee following the discovery of masonry during the construction of Old Church Close.

1950

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Group Captain G. Knocker and Mr. R. G Hughes completed Clarke and Larwood's work on behalf of the Ministry of Works.

1956

Mr. A. P Baggs excavated the temenos wall on behalf of the Norwich Research Committee.

Excavation of rubbish pit Site XXV [NHER9786 (S8)]

1957

Miss A. S Mottram dug on the site of the temple itself on behalf of the Norwich Research Committee.

1958 -

M. Brely excavated a pottery kiln outside the north wall of Venta (unpublished). Archive deposited with Museum in 2002. [NHER 9786 (S10)]

1985

Metal detecting survey in the Temple Field and in the field to the north of Old Church Close.

1987-1989

Excavations at the north wall.

1989-1991

Excavations on the Norwich Southern Bypass 1989-91 reported in EA91 and EA92 2000.

1992-1994

Caistor St. Edmund Field Walking Project.

1993.

Caistor St. Edmund Metal Detecting Survey.

1995-present

A series of geophysical surveys have been conducted in and around the town including Lobendahn K L, Lewis E J, Cott P. J and Bescoby D [NHER 9786 (S21,22,23, 24, 39 and 41)]

1999

Norfolk Archaeology Unit watching brief on service trench in the south field.

2006 - present

Archaeological Evaluation at Caistor Hall Hotel by Giles Emery for Norfolk Archaeological Unit - Report No. 1239 HER 49021CBN.

The Caistor Roman Project - ongoing research including field walking, geophysics surveys, metal detecting surveys and excavations in and around the Roman town and the wider village environment viz:

2009 Excavations in the south field and churchyard.

2010 Excavations within the walled town and churchyard.

2011 Excavations within the walled town (forum and basilica)

2012 Excavations of triple ditches in the south field and sunken featured building in Dunston field.

2014 - present. Ongoing Test Pitting in and around the village.

2016 - Excavation of triple ditch system in Wymer field.

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