

## **Binchester Roman Festival video transcript**

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Binchester Roman Festival' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Video showing the inside of one of the re-enactment tents. The wooden framework for the tent can be seen. The tent is Roman Army encampment and has some legionary flags or pennants hanging from the sides. The pennant on the right has an image of a lion and the name of the legion Legio VII Paterna. Two helmets with feather plumes are in the background. In the foreground a man dressed in costume lifts his elbows, takes a deep breath, brings his elbows down to his waist and blows into the 'fashioned' pointed end of an animal horn to make a single note noise.]

[Sound of an animal horn being blown]

[Text on screen] Gordon Henderson, Roman Antiqua.

[Gordon is dressed in costume, a white tunic top with an orange neck scarf. Behind him is one of the re-enactment tents.]

[Gordon]

This is Binchester roman fort Vinovia, which means on the wine road. It's based near Bishop Auckland, County Durham.

[Video clip of Google maps, the camera zooms in to Binchester near Bishop Auckland. Followed by an aerial image of Binchester roman fort.]

We are doing a Roman event, if you come along you will see the excavations. You will see the best preserved, military bath house in Britain. You will also see an exceptional event of cavalry, artillery, archery and battle tactics, which everyone will enjoy especially the children.

[Battle recreation, with two adults dressed in costume mock fighting. One is using a long-handled axe, the other uses his round shield and sword to defend himself. Two men dressed in costume stand watching, one with a shield and wearing a helmet.]

[Battle recreation, A battle cry is given and children stood in line run turn and run towards a line of soldiers and start fighting using foam swords. A lot of shouting takes place and the adult soldiers run away.]

[Text on screen] David Mason, Principle Archaeologist, Durham County Council.

[David is dresses in contemporary smart casual clothes, with a white open collared, short sleeved shirt. Behind David are the tents for a re-enactment of Roman Army encampment.]

[David]

Our event days are always fantastic and even more so when its sunny weather like this.

We have a whole series of re-enactments. We have demonstrations of archery and slingshots, firing of a full-scale replica of the bolt firing catapult, the balister.

[Image of bolt firing catapult being primed to fire by two men dressed in costume.]

[Video of man on horseback dressed as a Roman cavalryman riding his horse around an area of a grass field.]

[Video of a man sat crossed legged on the floor, inside a tent, dressed in costume and working on a piece of chain-mail.]

We have Barbarratus the roman cavalrymen to demonstrate ancient fighting techniques on horseback and we have a whole range of artisans and craftsmen as well. That's in addition to all the wondering arkeological remains that people can see on the sight, including our new excavation campaign this year.

[Text on screen] Tony Drake, Roman Antiqua

[Tony is dressed in costume and is standing in front of some tents with goods on display, which includes one with some red and orange painted shields.]

[Tony]

On event days most of our group does static displays as you can see behind us. We are very big on medical and very big on artillery.

[Video clip of a man dressed in costume using the replica balister.]

My role is I work artillery. So anything that flies through the air basically whether it is done by a balister, bow, arrow, sling, bombarder. You name it, if it flies through the air we will throw it to show you exactly what sort of weapons are actually thrown at the enemy before they even come into contact with them.

[Video still of a group of Barbarratus fighting men holding shields in front of them, posturing and grimacing their faces as if to attack the enemy. One is wearing a helmet which covers most of his face and is holding a short-handled axe above his head ready to strike. The camera zooms in to this area of the image.]

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