

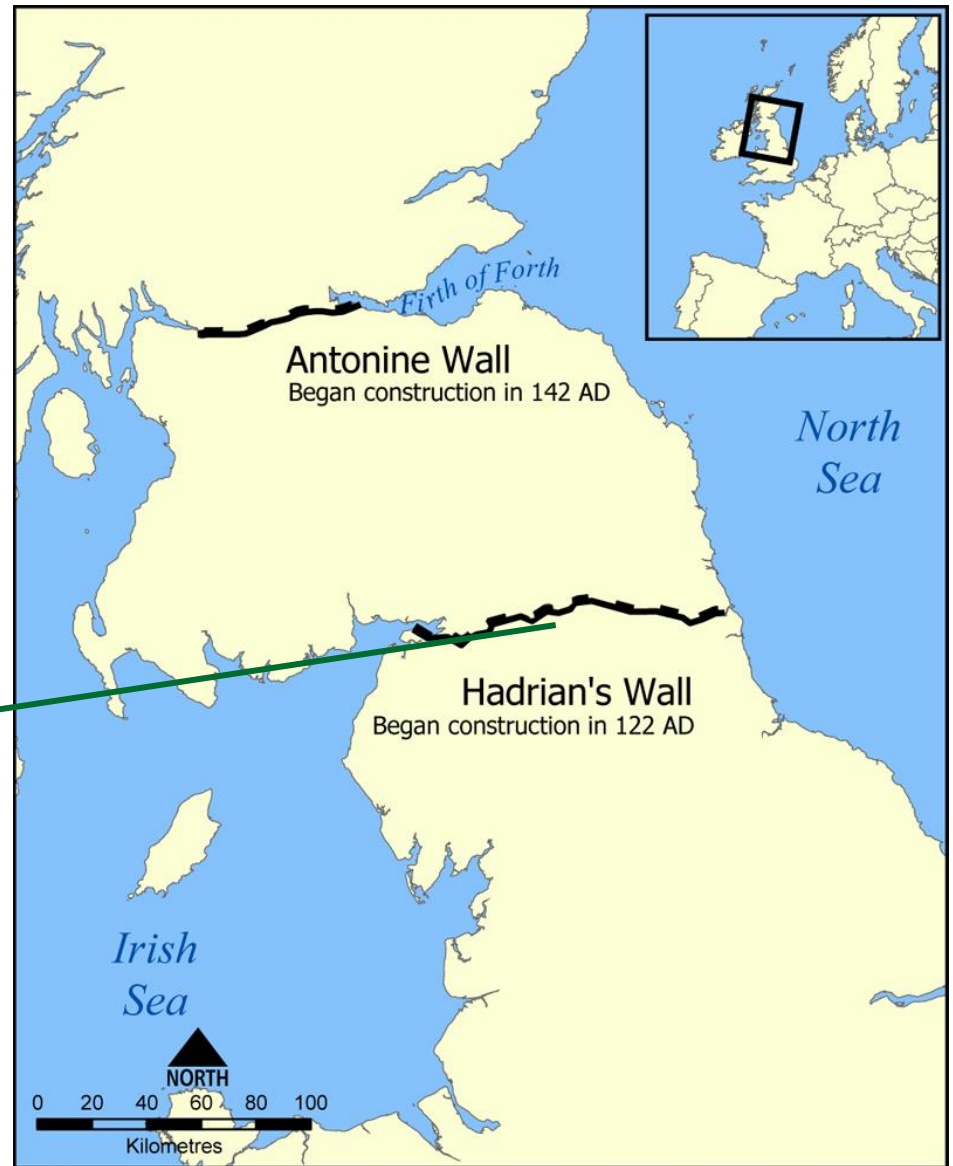
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# Best wishes from the world's end!

Soldiers' letters from Vindolanda



Vindolanda



TV 346, first  
excavated letter:  
front left (above)  
and right



## TV 346: A ‚Care Packet‘

### left side

.....  
1 *traces* [mise-?  
2 ram tibi paria udon[um  
3 t. ab Sattua solearum [  
4 duo · et subligariorum [  
5 duo solearum paria du[o  
6 *traces*

### right side

.....  
7 ]um salutare.[  
8 ]ndem Elpidem lu[  
9 ].enum Tetricum et omn[es  
10 [c]ontibernales cum quibus  
11 [o]pto felicissimus uiuas *uacat* [  
.....

[I have sent (?) ...  
2 you pairs of socks  
3 from Sattua (?), two pairs  
4 of sandals and two pairs of underpants,  
5 two pairs of sandals ...  
6 *traces*

.....  
7 ] Greet ...[  
8 ]ndes, Elpis, lu...,  
9 ...enus, Tetricus and all  
10 your tentmates with whom  
11 I pray that you live in the greatest good fortune

# Roman footwear from Vindolanda



woman's sandal  
(underside)



woman's sandal

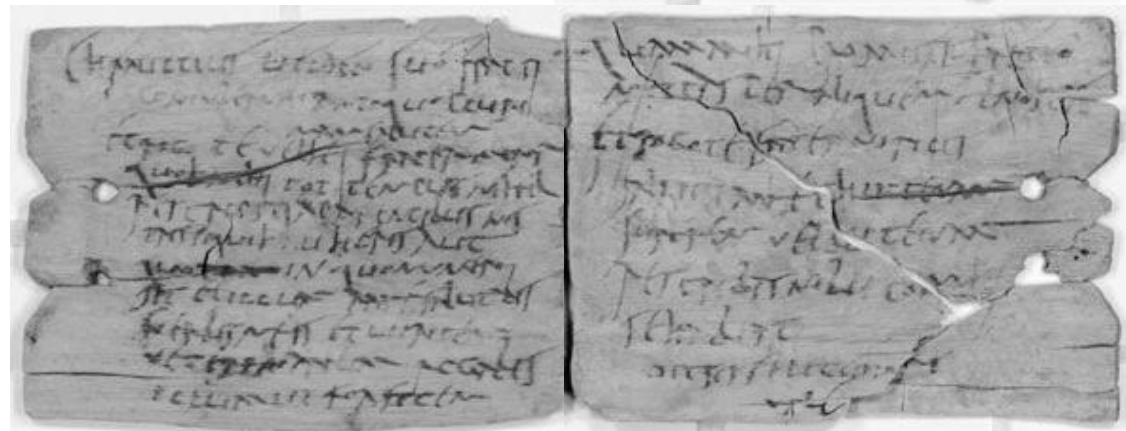


woollen sock of a  
child

TV 310 (back)



TV 310 (front)



Nib fitted on its  
original wooden shaft





## Hadrian's Wall

Photo:  
Cressida Ryan 2011





Housesteads  
(Vercovicium)  
on Hadrian's Wall

## Milecastle (reconstructed)



Watchtower  
(reconstructed)



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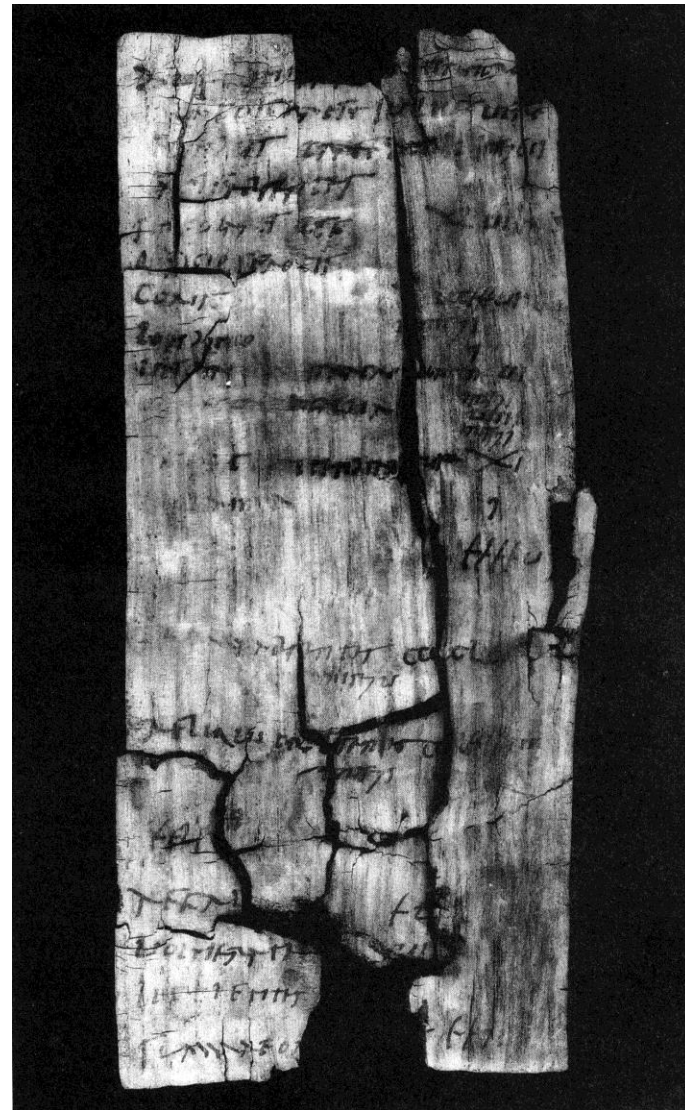


## Excavation in Vindolanda



Reconstruction of the Roman fort Vindolanda

TV 154: Strength report of the  
first cohort of Tungrians



## TV 291: Birthday Invitation from Claudia Severa to Sulpicia Lepidina



Cl(audia) · Seuerá Lepidinae [suae  
 [sa][u]tem  
 iii Idus Septembr[e]s soror ad diem  
 sollemnem natalem meum rogó  
 libenter faciás ut uenias  
 ad nos iucundiozem mihi

[diem] interuentú tuo facturá si  
 [.].[c.3]s uacat  
 Cerial[em t]uum salutá Aelius meus .[  
 et filiulus salutant

m2

sperabo te soror  
 uale soror anima  
 mea ita ualeam  
 karissima et haue



TV 118: A Writing Exercise (Verg. Aen. 9, 473)



# Useful Literature and Websites

Richard Hingley: The recovery of Roman Britain 1586-1906. A colony so fertile. Oxford 2008.

<http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk/>

Website of the Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents (CSAD) / Oxford; Tablets TV 118-573 with introduction, text, English translation, updated commentary, photos, historical information etc.

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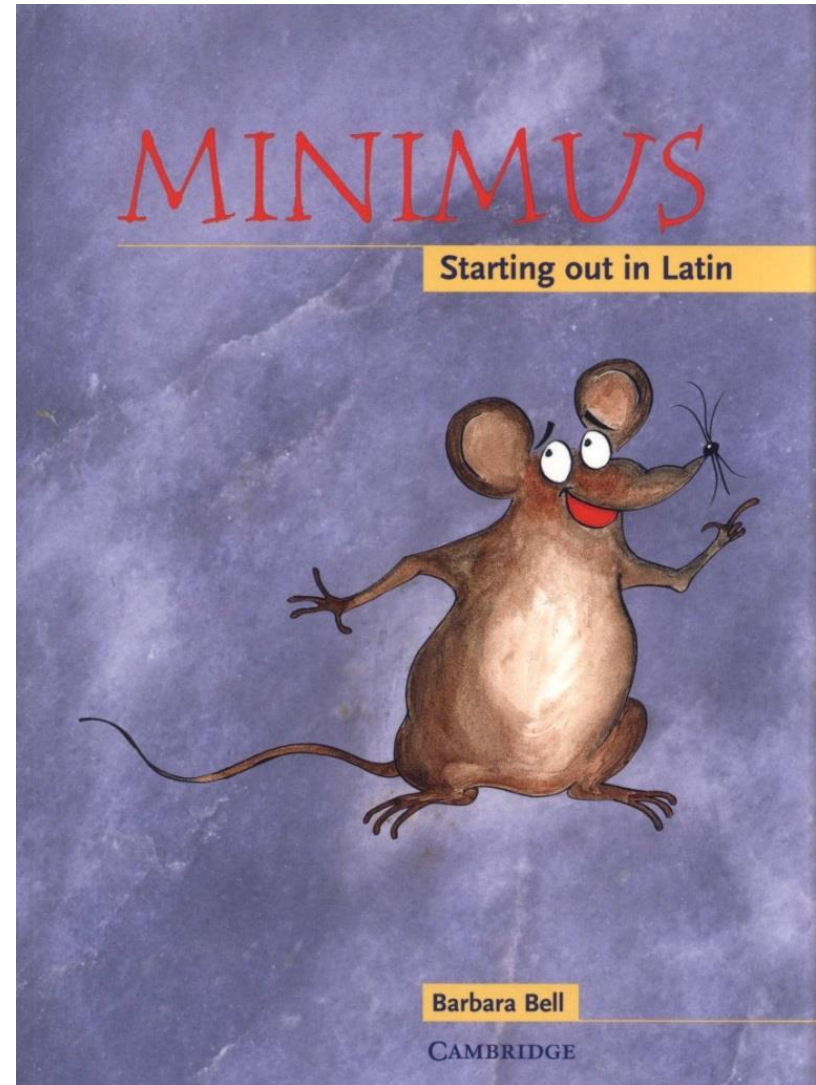
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Vindolanda  
today





Wooden toilet  
seat  
(Vindolanda  
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