

# Caerwent and Caistor St Edmund

## Archaeological Methods

What do these two Roman towns, one in Norfolk and the other in Monmouthshire have in common, and how do they differ? What led to their excavation, and how did archaeologists decide where to excavate? How did the finds excavated help the archaeologists in their interpretation of each site, and how did their interpretation develop as new discoveries were made?



Artefact	
Item	_____
Site	_____
Period	_____
Fabric	_____
Characteristics	_____
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## Why excavate Roman towns?



Watch the Time Team episode on Caerwent (first aired 25/1/09). Then read the following resources.

- Assess (1) the aims behind the excavation of each site,  
(2) the methods used prior to and during actual excavation, and  
(3) the analysis and interpretation by the archaeologists at each site.



**Time Team Caerwent**

Episode, and Website: <http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/T/timeteam/2009/caerwent/index.html>

**Caerwent Guide Book** (from Cadw)

**Venta Icenorum Website**

<http://www.sys.uea.ac.uk/Research/researchareas/JWMP/CaistorRomanTown/crtp1.html>

**Current Archaeology Article**

<http://www.archaeology.co.uk/articles/caistor-survey-reveals-iron-age-origins.htm>