Archaeological finds from the Roman Occupation at Middlewich have been made for over 250 years. Over the course of that time theories about the Roman settlement have been discussed and the site of the Roman Fort debated amongst the land owners, residents and professionals. The first conclusive evidence of a Roman Fort was not found until 1993, when a geophysical survey of Harbutts Field was carried out, clearly showing the defensive ditches and gateways.

The archaeological evidence of Roman occupation from numerous digs over the years has enabled Middlewich Town Council to introduce a range of learning resources to schools.

We can offer:

- A Guided Roman Middlewich Trail
- Archaeological exhibition at Middlewich Library
- Demonstration of how the Romans made Salt
- A school resource pack that includes: A Teacher's Information Pack with illustrations, Replica Roman items from everyday life, pieces of actual 'Finds' from the Roman Town, a narrated recording of the Story of Roman Middlewich, a Roman Middlewich reference book and illustrations of what we consider the Middlewich area looked like.
- A school visit by trained guides: To bring along some items from the community dig and enable children to see and handle archaeological finds.

For the 'virtual dig', go online and follow the links via 'Early Middlewich' and click onto the archaeology tab, to get to the virtual dig programme. Created by South Cheshire College, the programme is designed for children to understand more about the process of finding and learning about a particular item. We also have timeline information, archaeology reports and a virtual tour, all on line at www.middlewich-heritage.org.uk

We link into the history/local history curriculum and through the resources we encourage debate, questioning and listening skills. Related subjects include Science, Geography and Art & Design.

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