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The adjacent excavations at Northgate House and the Discovery Centre (former Winchester Library) together form one of the largest archaeological investigations in Winchester in the last 20 years. Located in the NW corner of the historic city centre, on the east-facing slope overlooking the river Itchen, the sites revealed evidence of over 2600 years of Winchester's development. Significant structural, artefactual and environmental evidence was recovered from all the major phases of occupation: the Iron Age *oppidum* of Oram's Arbour, housing, infrastructure and industry from Roman *Venta Belgarum*, the resettlement of the area under the late Saxons, and the development of the urban manor of the Archdeacons of Winchester in the 13th century. The results from the late Saxon period are particularly significant. A substantial scientific dating programme reported in this volume suggests reoccupation of the area can be dated to the period c AD 840-880 and it was quickly built up into a densely settled artisan quarter. Major studies of the associated finds and remains of plants, fish and animals are summarised in this volume and reported in full on the accompanying CD-Rom.



Winchester Discovery Centre: Robin Bashford cleans up a section showing successive layers of the principal N-S Roman street revealed during excavation of a 12th century well.

"Despite the amount of work that has been undertaken on the Roman occupation of Winchester, this contribution stands out as one of the very few modern reports on the archaeology of the intramural area."
Professor Michael Fulford CBE FBA

"The excavations were clearly significant and provide new interpretations of the development of the NW area of Winchester, some of which have implications for our understanding of the development of the city as a whole"
Professor Tom James

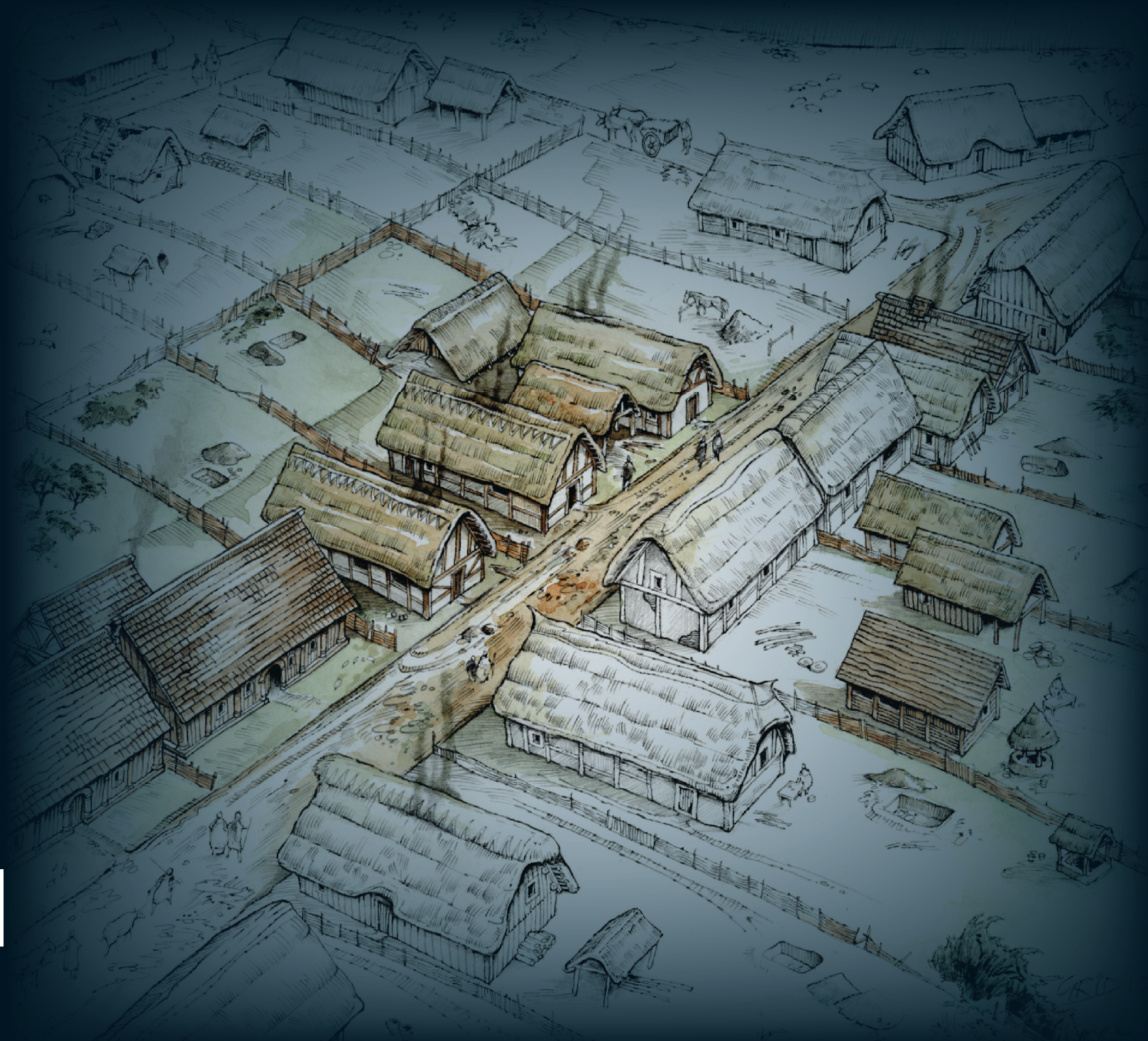
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