

Record 4: Infant burial 2

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Site name

Colliton Park, Dorchester; Infant burial 2

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An infant burial, containing the remains of two infants, was found in a shallow grave cut in the floor on the south side of Room 5 of the Roman Town House, Building I, at Colliton Park, Dorchester.

Monument types and dates

GRAVE (Late, Roman - 300 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence

INHUMATION (Late, Roman - 300 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence

Description and Sources

Description

Infant Burial 2 was one of a number found associated with the Roman Town House, Building I, at Colliton Park during excavations in 1937-8. It was found in a scoop partially beneath the south wall of Room 5 in the South Range (1). The remains of two separate infants were recovered (2), though only one was recognised during excavation. Both were of at-term fetuses and were either still births or peri-natal deaths.

Sources

Index: National Monuments Record. NMR Monument Record. SY 69 SE 24

Article in serial: Drew, C D and Collingwood Selby, K C. 1937. 'First Interim report on the Excavations at Colliton Park, Dorchester, 1937-1938' Proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. 59. 1-14

Excavation archive: Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. 1937-1938. Colliton Park, Dorchester.

1. Bibliographic reference: Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England). 1970. An Inventory of Historical Monuments in the County of Dorset. Volume Two (South East) Part II. p572 no. 215c

2. Unpublished document: Firth, J. 1992. Report on the Infant Burials from Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset.

Location

National Grid Reference

SY 68969 90955 (point) SY69SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Dorchester, West Dorset

Address/Historic Names

None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Scheduled Monument- DO141

Colliton Park Roman house

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Dorset Historic Environment Record - 1 041 737

Royal Commission Inventory Reference - Dorchester 215c

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology: chalk

Land use: Monument display

Related Monuments

1 041 182 Colliton Park, Dorchester; Roman Building I, 'Roman Town House'

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

EDO4434 Colliton Park, Dorchester (Event - Intervention)