

Table 7. Roman re-enactment groups

This information is derived from the lists provided by Historic UK (2020), The Roman Military Research Society (2013) and on research on the Internet by Richard Hingley in May 2015, August 2017, July 2021 and December 2023. Groups that appear no longer to remain active are indicated in *italics*.

Name	Region	Notes	reference
Ancient Britain	Hadrian's Wall/ Carlisle	A group that organises tours along the Wall and provides information on the prehistoric and Roman past	Brown and Robson (2022)
The Antonine Guard, Legio VI Victrix	Scotland	Britain's most northerly re-enactment group was founded in 1996 to promote awareness of Scotland's Roman heritage, recent events are in Scotland.	Antonine Guard (no date)
The Batavi	The English Midlands and south of the UK	The Batavi is a small friendly group who re-enact military and civil life in the 4 th to 6 th centuries AD. The activities are based around the small late Roman army unit, initially stationed in Britain and then moved to Gaul. This group also has a small late Roman navy section, the Classis Sabrinus.	The Batavi (no date)
Britannia	Essex	Portrays life and combat in Britain during the conquest and the Late Roman period,	Britannia (2021)

		including provincial gladiators.	
The Butser IX Legion	Hampshire	A Roman re-enactment group with a mission to engage and inform the public about the Roman world. This is based at Butser Ancient Farm throughout the summer and on special weekend days. The website features three men in legionary gear and two women dressed as Romans.	Butser IX Legion (no date)
<i>Cohors I Fida Vardullorum</i>	<i>Colchester, Essex</i>	<i>This was originally a legionary group but later specialises in re-enacting an auxiliary unit of Vardulli from Spain. Their website is no longer current.</i>	<i>The Roman Military Research Society (2013)</i>
Cohors Quinta Gallorum	South Shields, Tyne & Wear	Part of the Arbeia Society, Quinta aims to reconstruct and display to the public all aspects of military and civil life in early third century Britain. There were involved in events at Arbeia Roman Fort and form part of the Arbeia Archaeological Society. There have been no posts on their Facebook site since 2019 so this group may have disbanded.	COH VG (no date)

Comitatus	Midlands and North England	Late Roman Re-enactment group, also portray early Romans, Greeks and Celtic Britain (although the Celtic theme is not given much coverage on the website).	Comitatus (no date)
DEVA VICTRIS Leg XX v.v	Chester	Roman Tours are specialist providers of Roman history to schools and museums across the UK, including portraying the life of a Roman soldier through the Deva Victrix re-enactment group. Recent events at Chester and across the UK. Established in 1997.	Roman Tours (2018)
Ermine Street Guard, Legio XX Valeria Victrix	Originally in Gloucestershire	Defines itself as a 'Roman Re-enactment Society' that is dedicated to 'research into the Roman Army and the reconstruction of Roman armour and equipment.' Recent events across England and abroad. First established in 1972	Ermine Street Guard (2024) Haines, Sumner and Naylor (2002)
Legio Secvnda Avgvsta		Founded over 20 years ago, this group has a military and a civilian section and defines itself as 'one of Europe's pre-eminent re-enactment groups'. Recent events across England and overseas,.	Legio Secunda Avgvusta (no date)

Legio VIII Augusta	North Wales	Formed around 1995 aiming to recreate and present the costumes and everyday activities of the people living in Roman Britain around AD 100	LEGIO VIII AUGUSTA (2018); Brown and Robson (2022)
The Longthorpe Legion	Cambridgeshire	A living history group based in Cambridgeshire, but there is not very much information on the Internet. They evidently display legionary equipment	The Longthorpe Legion (no date)
The Roman Military Research Society		A UK-based group that research and perform practical experiments to recreate and perform Roman military and civil life. Recent events across England, including Chedworth Roman Villa	The Roman Military Research Society (2013)
The Vicus, Roman and Britons		A group that portrays the Roman invasion of Britain, from AD 43 to 84, including the Roman military and Iron Age communities	The Vicus (2004)

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