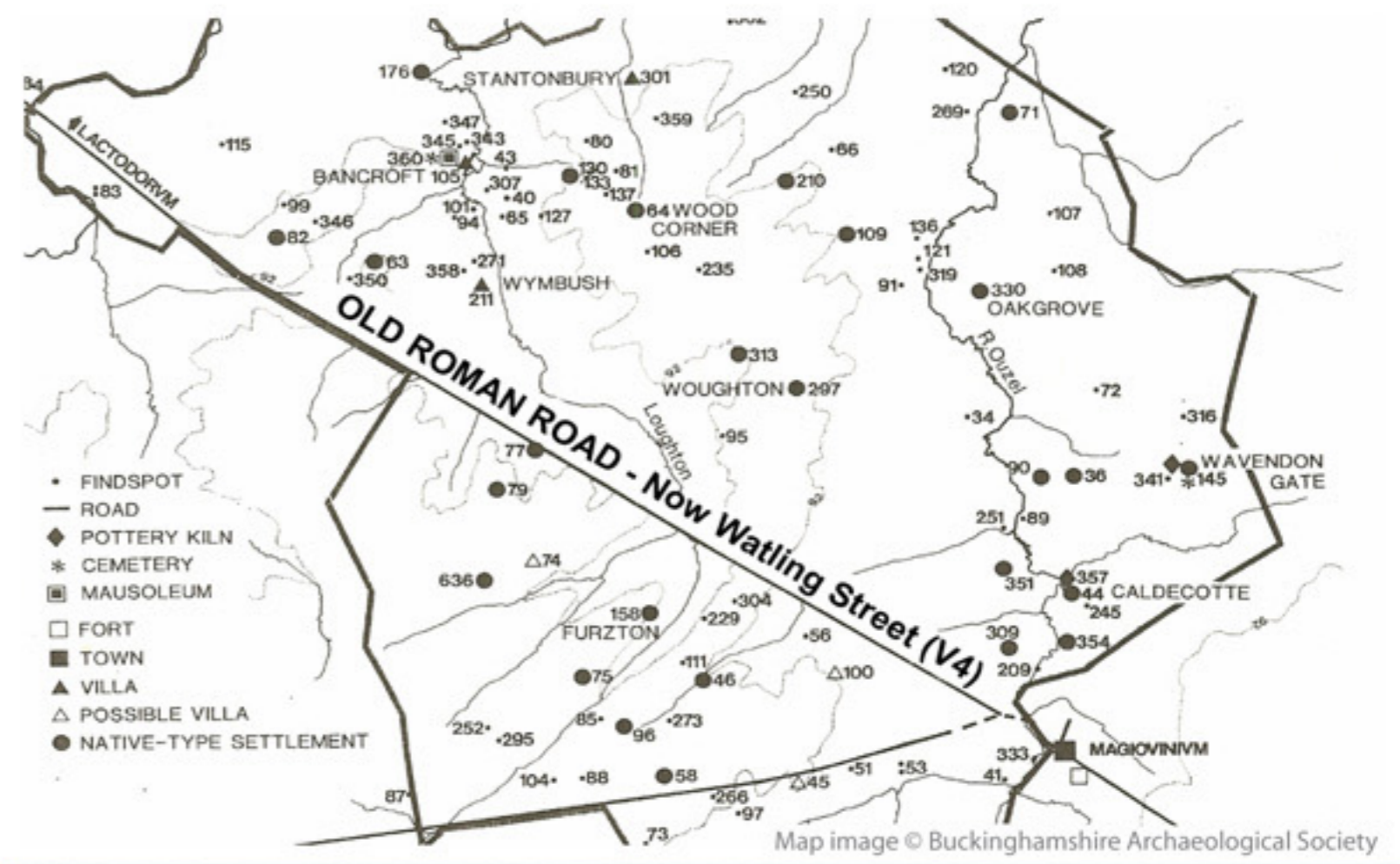


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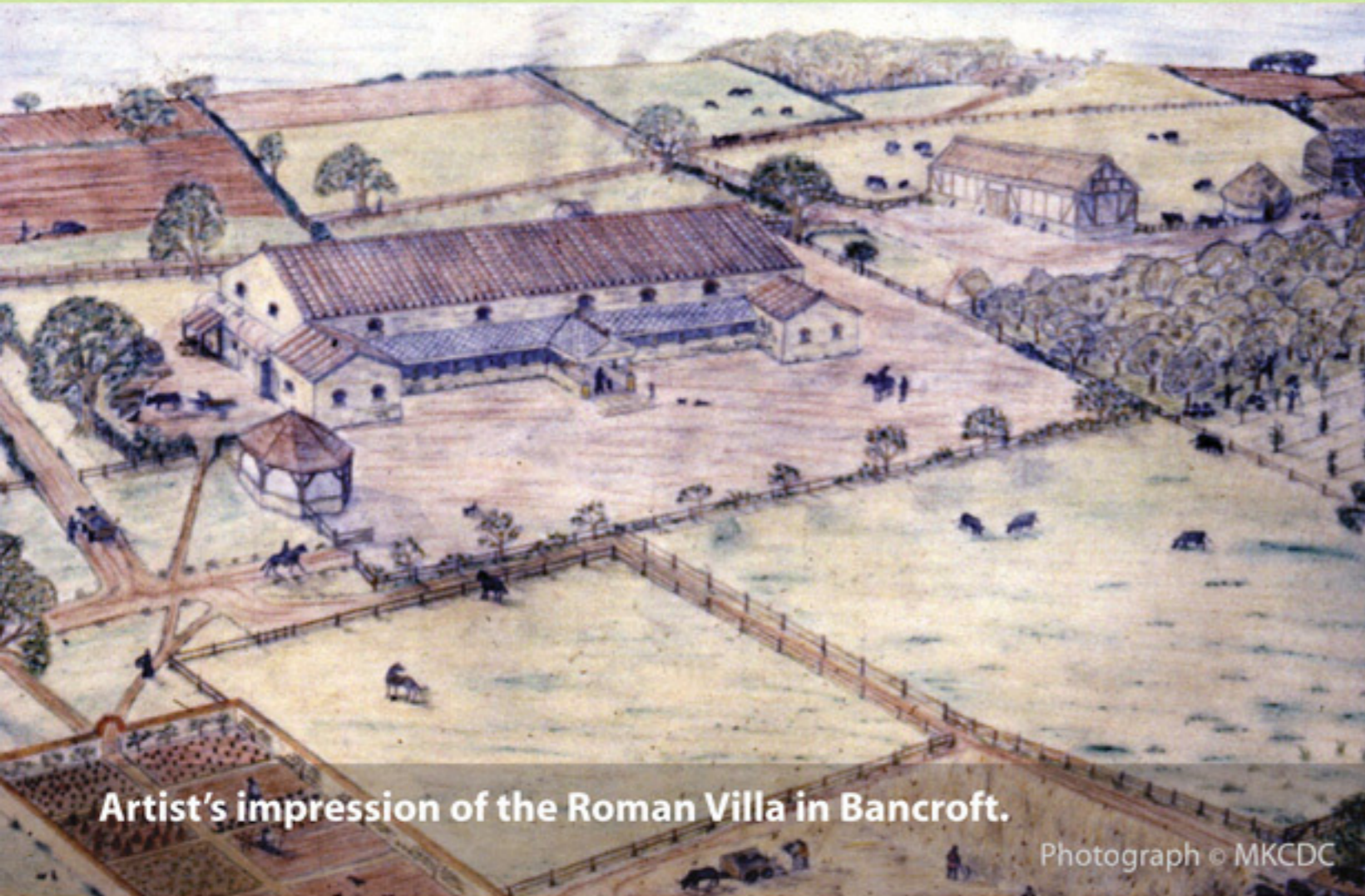
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Silver Denarius Coin with head of Emperor Trajan
118 AD
Found in Shenley Brook End



Pottery
1st Century AD
Found in Wavendon Gate



Artist's impression of the Roman Villa in Bancroft.

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ROMAN Milton Keynes

Roman Period (43 - 410 AD)

By the time of the Roman conquest in AD 43, the area which is now Milton Keynes was extensively settled and farmed. A major Roman villa containing fine mosaic floors has been excavated at Bancroft. Other villas are known to have existed at Stantonbury, Wymbush and Shenley Brook End. A villa was a working farm forming the centre of a larger farming estate. The villa at Bancroft is rather more lavish, suggesting it belonged to a wealthy merchant.

To the south of Fenny Stratford the Roman town of Magiovinium was established on Watling Street, the famous Roman Road which passes through Milton Keynes (and is now the grid road V4). It was along this road that Boudicca marched her army after burning St Albans, heading for a final showdown with the Roman forces.

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Strap-end (worn at the end of a belt) with the image of a peacock
4th Century AD
Found in Wavendon Gate