

THE ROMAN COLUMN IN YORK
AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BRITISH HISTORIAN, OLIVIA WILSON
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Yorkblogger: *Mrs. Olivia Wilson, welcome!*

O.W.: *Oh! Thank you for your invitation. I am very happy to be here!*

Yorkblogger: *We would like to ask you some questions about the Roman Column.*

O.W.: *Awesome! I am looking forward to answering your questions.*

Yorkblogger: *Ok, let me see my notes. First, where was the Roman Column built?*

O.W.: *Well, it was built in York in 100 AD.*

Yorkblogger: *And who built it?*

O.W.: *It was built by the Romans and more specifically by the 9th Legion.*

Yorkblogger: *Perfect! Please give me one minute to write it down. Ok now, we will be grateful if you tell us why it was built.*

O.W.: *The purpose of building it was to support the roof of the Basilica of Eboracum. York was called Eboracum by the Romans. It also stood within the great hall of the headquarters building of the Fortress of the 6th Legion in the 4th century.*

Yorkblogger: *And what material was it made of?*

O.W.: *Well, it was made of gritstone.*

Yorkblogger: *All this information is very interesting but we would also like to know where it is located today.*

O.W.: Today, it is opposite the South front of York Minster where it was re-erected in 1971. Lastly, I would like to inform you that you can visit it at any time.

Yorkblogger: Awesome!! Thank you for your time and we hope to meet you again!