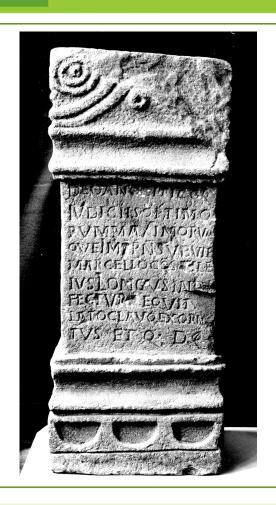
## **GOVERNMENT - DEMOCRACY**





Type: Altar

Findspot: Benwell, Newcastle upon

Tyne

Chronology: 2nd Century AD

Actual location: Great North Museum, Newcastle upon

Tyne

https://collectionssearchtwmuseum s.org.uk/#details=ecatalogue.151

Reference: Roman Inscriptions in

Britain (RIB) 1329

Weblink: <a href="https://romaninscriptionso">https://romaninscriptionso</a> fbritain.org/inscriptions/1329

A translation of this inscription can be found on the

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This altar was set up to the god Antenociticus by a Roman prefect called Tineius Longus. We only know of Antenociticus from a small temple built outside the Roman fort of Benwell.

It is usually assumed that Antenociticus was the local British deity of Benwell who soldiers of the Roman garrison chose to worship.

On this altar Tineius Longus thanks Antenociticus for helping him gain a promotion. He has been elevated to the rank of quaestor and granted the broad stripe (*latus clavus*) of a senator.

## MY RESEARCH

What does this altar tell us about political careers in the Roman Empire? What kind of roles did a quaestor perform in the government of the Empire?