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Archaeological excavations at Wattle Syke were carried out to facilitate work on the A1 Bramham to Wetherby Upgrading Scheme between 2007 and 2008. The new relief road corridor at Wattle Syke cut through a series of cropmark enclosures revealed to be part of a Late Iron Age settlement, in which the structured burial of very young children and animals was commonplace. The early Roman period saw the expansion of the enclosure complex for a site economy geared more towards arable farming and crop processing. The large Roman finds assemblage is suggestive of a link to a nearby villa, possibly Dalton Parlours. An unenclosed late Roman settlement, represented by sunken-floored buildings, is of a type previously unrecognised in the archaeological record of the region

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