

Museum of Archaeology

Durham University

Design your own ritual rings!

Lots of rings have been found in the rivers in Durham. We have only a small number of them in the Ritual, Rivers and Rubbish exhibition but there are so many different ones. Some are shaped like keys which were actually used for locks. Others have designs inscribed into them which might tell us about who owned them. Each ring probably meant something personal to their owner.

Can you design some rings that you would like to wear? You can write a word that you like, or draw a picture of something that is special to you!



1935 Mourning Ring with hair in stone



1862 Gold Engagement Ring



Silver Faith Ring for couples



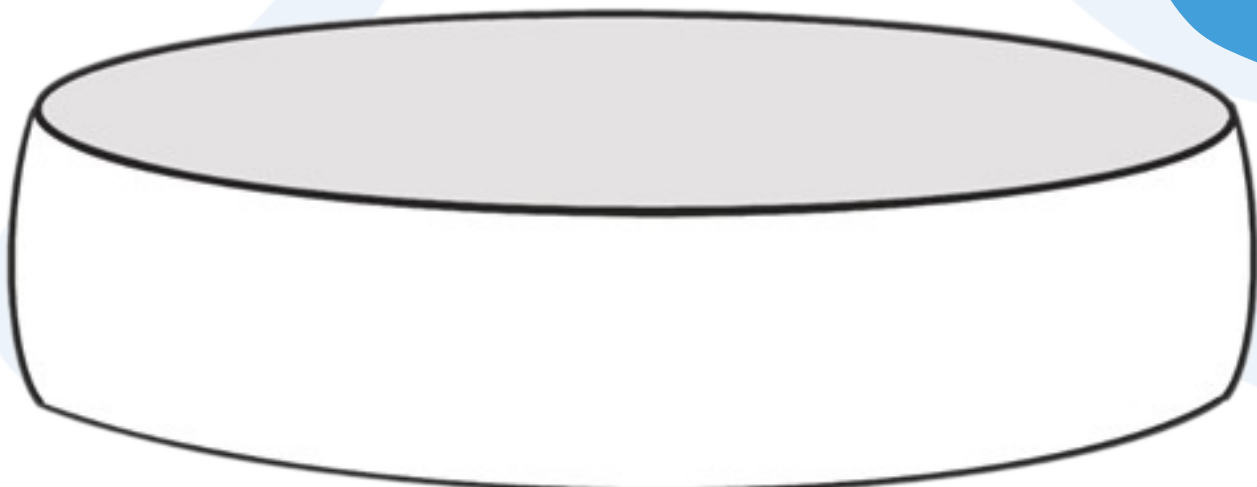
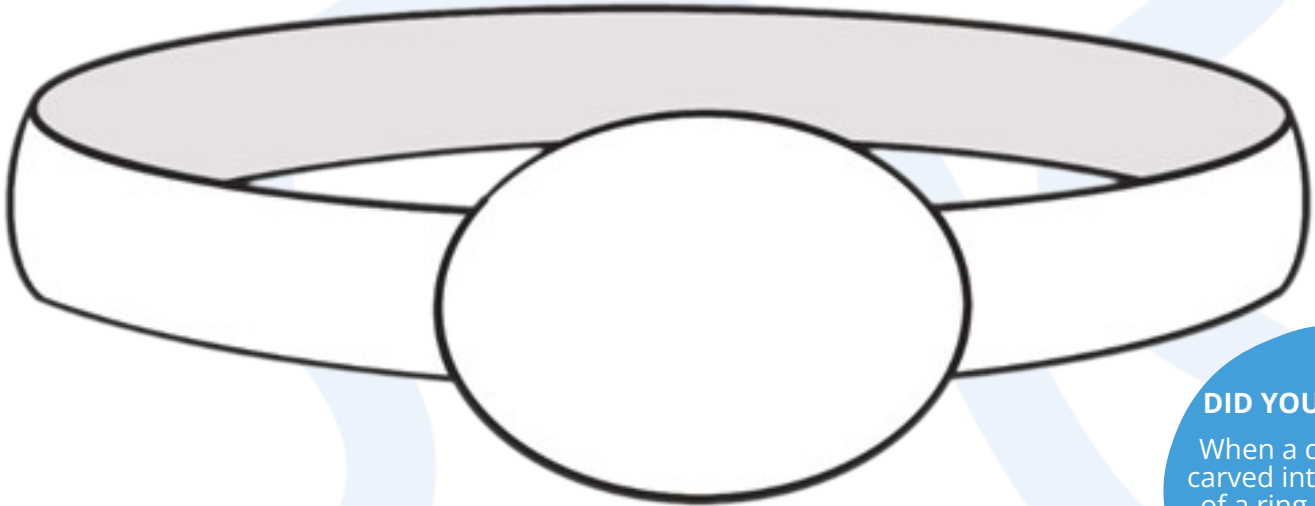
Roman Ring belonging to a citizen



Roman Ring with man milking goat



Roman Key Finger Ring



DID YOU KNOW?

When a design is carved into the stone of a ring, it is called an 'intaglio'. This is a fancy way to say carving.