

AREA J: LIA/Roman Pottery Dating Evidence - Joyce Compton

Posthole 5008 (7 sherds, 288g)

context 5009	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BB2, GRS, GROG, STOR.
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This single fill contained a small number of bodysherds, not closely datable, although there is BB2 present, which usually makes an appearance in the mid 2nd century.

Date: mid 2nd century+.

Posthole 5014 (17 sherds, 88g)

context 5015	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROGC, GRS, GRF, BSW, GROG.
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This single fill produced a small amount of bodysherds, mainly in grog-tempered fabric. There are a few sherds in Roman fabrics, but none is diagnostic. The context can perhaps be dated to the mid to late 1st century.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Posthole 5016 (1 sherd, 38g)

context 5017	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric STOR.
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This single fill contained one storage jar bodysherd, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5026 (91 sherds, 1320g)

context 5027	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A (TN); dishes B1 (BB1, BSW), B6.2 (BSW); bowl-jar E5.4 b/s (GRF); jars G5.5, G26, ?G35 b/s (GRS), ?G20 (BSW), G (GRS, BSW); fabrics STOR, NVC, ALH.
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This single fill contained a moderate amount of pottery, mostly dating to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries. There is no Oxford red colour-coat present, but there is a bodysherd of Alice Holt, along with some residual material.

Date: early/mid 4th century.

Posthole 5029 (15 sherds, 368g)

context 5029	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric STOR.
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The pottery recovered from this feature was assigned the cut number and consists of burnt storage jar sherds, not readily datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5031 (8 sherds, 51g)

context 5030	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics COLC, UCC, GRS.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery not closely datable, although there is a roughcast beaker base, plus joining bodysherds, in Colchester colour-coat present. An early Roman date can probably be given.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5033 (4 sherds, 24g)

context 5032	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics COLC, GRS, BSW.
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This single fill contained a few bodysherds in Roman fabrics and a beaker base in overfired Colchester colour-coat. The context is not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5037 (12 sherds, 62g)

context 5036	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BB2); jar G (GRS, BSW); beaker H (GRF).
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, little of which was closely datable. There are dish rims present however, which date the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5057 (11 sherds, 60g)

context 5056	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRF, GRS, BSW.
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This single fill contained a small quantity of bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5058 (1 sherd, 4g)

context 5059	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained one bodysherd, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5067 (4 sherds, 20g)

context 5066	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, STOR, GROG.
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This single fill contained a small number of bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5073 (4 sherds, 50g)

context 5072	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, GRS, GRF.
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This single fill contained a small number of bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5076 (7 sherds, 38g)

context 5077	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Flagon J handle (BUF); fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained fragments from two flagon handles and bodysherds. The context can be dated only to the Roman period, perhaps early Roman.

Date: early Roman.

Pit 5093 (284 sherds, 4085g)

context 5092	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B3.2, B5.1 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRF); mortarium D (GRSM); jars ?G9 (BSW), G (GRS, GRF, BSW); beakers H35 (GRF), H (GRF, NVC, BSW); fabrics STOR, BUF, GROGC <i>Brooch:</i> Fragment (SF 348)
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context 5135	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B3 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW); mortarium D (BUFM); bowl-jar E2 (BSW); jar G (BSW); beaker H34/35 (BSW); lid K (GRF); fabrics COLB, STOR, NKG.
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This pit had three fills, but no pottery was recovered from the secondary fill, 5134. Both the bottom, 5135, and top, 5092, fills contained an assortment of dishes and folded beakers indicating a mid 3rd century date. There is nothing present which is exclusively late 3rd century in date. There are joining sherds of the same burnt, folded and rouletted beaker in both fills. There are one or two earlier pieces also in both fills.

Date: mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5099 (3 sherds, 20g)

context 5098	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GRS); fabric BUF.
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This single fill contained three sherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5101 (4 sherds, 14g)

context 5100	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, BSW.
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This single fill contained four bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5107 (2 sherds, 22g)

context 5106	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (BSW); fabric GROG.
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This single fill contained a jar rim in Roman fabric and a grog-tempered bodysherd.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5119 (1 sherd, 8g)

context 5118	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H13 (NKG).
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This single fill contained a beaker in North Kent fabric, a form probably dating to the mid to late 1st century.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Posthole 5123 (5 sherds, 36g)

context 5122	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics COLC, BSW.
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This single fill contained a dish base and bodysherds in Roman fabrics, which cannot be closely dated, although Colchester colour-coat is usually a 2nd century fabric and the dish base is probably 2nd/3rd century in date.

Date: ?mid 2nd century+.

Posthole 5129 (1 sherd, 46g)

context 5128	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric STOR.
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This single fill contained one storage jar bodysherd, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5131 (20 sherds, 142g)

context 5130	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G5.5 (GRS); beaker H7 (GRS); fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mostly bodysherds. There are two jars dated to the mid 2nd to early 3rd century and these date the context.

Date: mid 2nd/early 3rd century.

Posthole 5137 (6 sherds, 30g)

context 5136	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained a beaker base and bodysherds in Roman fabric, which cannot be more closely dated.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5145 (37 sherds, 662g)

context 5144	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW); jars G42 (GRF), G24 (GRS), G (BSW); fabrics STOR, EGRHN, HAX.
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This pit was not fully excavated due to ground water. The pottery recovered from the only fill excavated consists mainly of bodysherds, but there are dishes present and a sherd from an East Gaulish folded beaker. The context can be dated to the late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5147 (764 sherds, 12268g)

context 5146	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Platters A4 [Monaghan 1987, 159, class 7A2] (NKG), A2 (GRF, BSW); dishes B2 (BB2), B1 (BSW), B7 (GRS, BSW); bowls C-new (NKO, BSW), C1, C12, C6 (BSW), C (OXRC, BSW); mortarium D1 (BUFM); jars G-new, G24 (GRS), G16, G19 (BSW), G20, G23 (GRS, BSW), G (GRF, GRS, BSW, GROG); beakers H1 (GRF, BSW), H4 (BSW); flagon J (COLB base, VRW handle); lids K3, K (BSW); miniature R (BSW); fabrics STOR, LOND, BUF
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A large amount of pottery in a variety of forms and fabrics was recovered from this single fill. There is an abraded rim sherd in Oxford red colour-coat present and a dish in BB2, but the bulk of the pottery is late 1st to early 2nd century in date. There is a pedestal base sherd

joining with sherds in layer 5149 and other sherds, non-joining but from the same vessels, occur in fill 5157 of pit 5158.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Spread 5148 (1222 sherds, 18322g)

context 5148	<i>Samian: Amphoras: salazon</i> (ASALA), Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dishes B5.3 (LSH), B1 (NVC, BB1, GRF, GRS, BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW), B4 (GRF), B6 (NVC, GRS), B6.2 (GRF, BSW), B6.3 (BB1), B3.2, B5.1 (BSW); bowls C-new (NVP), C (NVC, OXRC), C [Young 1977, types C75, C79, C45, C47, C84-no dec., C70, C52] (OXRC), C8 (GRF, NVC, GRS), C22 (BSW); mortaria D [Young 1977, 74, fig.21, type M18, 77, fig.23, type M22] (OXWM), D14 (NVM), D4 (BUFM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC4, WC7] (OXSWM), D [Young 1977, 175, fig.67, types C90, C100] (OXRCM); bowl-jars E2 (GRF, GRS, BSW); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), Cam 254 (ESH), G26 (MWSRS), G [Howe <i>et al</i> 1981, fig.6, NV70] (NVC), G9 (BB1), G45, G40 (GRF), G23, G24, G5 (GRS), G20 (BSW), G (STOR, ?PORD, BUF, HAX, RET, GRF, GRS, GROG, BSW); beakers H33, H41 (NVC), H [Young 1977, type ?C37 with demi-rosette stamps] (OXRC), H32/33, H34/5 (GRF, BSW), H1 (BSW), H (UCC, GRF); flagon J3 (COLB); lid K3 (GRS, BSW); miniature R (BSW); fabrics EGRHN, COLC, RED, ALH <i>Coins:</i> AE4 copy (SF 565, 1275), 353-360; AE3, Constantius II (SF 566), 352-360; AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 570), 388-402; AE3, Valens (SF 571), 364-375; AE3, Constantine I (SF 572), 320; AE3 copy (SF 575), 347-348; AE3, Theodora (SF 578), 337-341; AE3, Constans (SF 1271), 347-348; AE4, Valentinian (SF 1276), 367-375; AE3, Constantius II (SF 1277), 337-341; Barbarous Radiate (SF 1278), 260-290; illeg (SF 567), 3rd/4th century
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This context contained a very large quantity of broken and abraded pottery, mostly dating to the late 4th century+. Late forms are well represented; there are at least twenty late shell-tempered vessels, a selection of mortaria, mostly Oxford forms and at least twenty-five Oxford red colour-coated bowls, with various types of decoration – rouletted, rosette-stamped and white-painted. One BB1 jar rim joins with a rim in the top fill, 5161, of pit 5178, and a black-surfaced ware dish base has an X graffito cut after firing. There is some residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5149 (339 sherds, 3757g)

context 5149	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dish B7 (BSW); jars G16 (GRF), G17 (GROG), G (GRF, GRS, BSW, GROG); beakers H20 (LRC), H1 (GRF); lid K6 (BSW); fabrics BUF, MWSRF, ESH, COLB, NKG, LOND, STOR <i>Brooch:</i> Colchester BB (SF 564)
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The pottery recovered from this layer consists of mainly mid to late 1st century forms and fabrics. There are North Kent beaker sherds, an H20 beaker in Lower Rhineland fabric and B7 dishes, which all carry the date into the 2nd century. One dish joins with a sherd in top fill, 5151, of pit 13366. The brooch is a mid to late 1st century type.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Layer 5153 (36 sherds, 458g)

context 5153	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B6 (GRF); mortaria D6 [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC6] (OXSWM), D (VRWM); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS); fabrics NVC, RET, BSW, OXRC <i>Coin:</i> AE3, House of Constantine (SF 1899), 330-335; AE3 copy (SF 1900), 353-360; AE4, Arcadius (SF 1913), 388-402; AE4, Theodosius (SF 1915), 388-395
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This context contained a small quantity of broken and abraded pottery. There is Oxford red colour-coat and late shell-tempered ware present, so a late 4th century+ date can be given. The coins confirm the date. There is some residual material present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5156 (24 sherds, 408g)

context 5154	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B7 (BSW); jars G19 (BSW), G (GRS, BSW); flagon J3 (VRW).
context 5156	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, BSW.

This pit had two fills, no pottery was recovered from the bottom fill, 5155, but a small quantity was retrieved from the top fill, 5154, and six bodysherds in Roman fabric were assigned the cut number. The few datable forms present are all late 1st to early 2nd century types.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Pit 5158 (168 sherds, 3370g)

context 5157	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dish B7 (GRS); jar G (GRS, BSW); fabrics NKO, LOND, COLB, GRF, BB2, NKG, GROG.
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This pit was not fully excavated due to ground water, and the small amount of pottery recovered from the only fill excavated consists mainly of bodysherds. The forms present, and the fabrics, are 1st and 2nd century types; the latest piece is a small dish sherd in BB2. Some sherds belong to vessels in the fill of pit 5147. The context can be dated to the late 1st to mid 2nd centuries.

Date: late 1st/mid 2nd century.

Layer 5159 (477 sherds, 5839g)

context 5159	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Fabric AMISC <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B5.3 (LSH), B1 (NVC, GRF, BSW, GRS), B3.2 (BSW), B5.1 (GRF, GRS), B2/B4 (BSW), B6.2 (GRF, BSW, GRS); bowls C8 (HAX, OXRC), C7 (GRF), C [Young 1977, types C52, C61, C68, C75, C84] (OXRC); mortaria D6 [Young 1977, 77, fig.23, type M22] (OXWM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, types WC7, ?WC4] (OXSWM), D OXRCM); bowl-jar ?E2 (GRF); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), Cam 254 (ESH), G26 (MWSRS), G24 (RET), G40 (GRF), G5.5, ?G42 (GRS), G (BSW, GRS); beakers H41 (NVC), H (GRF, BSW), H [Young 1977, 171, fig.65, type C85] (OXRC); fabrics GROGC, CEP, STOR, ALH <i>Coin:</i> AE3, Valens (SF 1876), 367-375
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This context contained a large quantity of broken and abraded pottery. Late forms and fabrics are well-represented. There is Oxford ware, both mortaria and red colour-coat including an unusual handled ?beaker with rosette-stamped decoration, late shell-tempered jars, a Nene Valley jug handle and a bowl sherd in the same fabric which has white-painted decoration internally. Other late fabrics present include Alice Holt ware, a bodysherd with relief-moulded lion decoration and two small sherds of imported *ceramique a l'éponge*, an uncommon site find. Some of the dishes and other sherds present are residual.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5164 (108 sherds, 1170g)

context 5163	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1.2, B4 (BSW); bowls C12, ?C16 (BSW); jars G5.5, G23 (BSW), G (GRF); beaker H41 (NVC); fabrics STOR, LSH, GROG, COLB, GRS, HAB.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery and a further amount, mainly bodysherds, was recovered from the soil sample. There are one or two early Roman pieces but these must be residual, as there are sufficient late forms and fabrics present to confirm a later date. The Nene Valley beaker is a 4th century form and bodysherds in the same fabric recovered from the sample have white-painted decoration. Late shell-tempered ware also came from the sample, and a large bodysherd in Hadham black-surfaced ware has probable Romano-Saxon decoration.

Date: 4th century.

Posthole 5165 (24 sherds, 206g)

context 5187	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GRF); fabrics HAB, BSW, GRS.
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This single fill contained mostly bodysherds, which cannot be closely dated within the Roman period, although the jar may be a late Roman form.

Date: Roman.

Post-pad 5166 (118 sherds, 868g)

context 5166	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A4.1 (BSW); dishes B1 (BSW), B4, B6.2 (HAB); jars G40, G (GRS); beakers H34 (HAB), H (BSW); fabrics STOR, NVC, MWSRS, OXRC, BUF, GRF.
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The pottery recovered from this context consists mainly of bodysherds. There is one small sherd of Oxford red colour-coat present but nothing else which is late 4th century in date. There are folded beaker bodysherds in different fabrics, and some of the forms continue into the 4th century. There are also some earlier pieces. The context should perhaps be dated to the late 3rd to mid 4th century. Part of posthole 5165.

Date: late 3rd/mid 4th century.

Posthole 5170 (43 sherds, 878g)

context 5169	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BUF, GRF, BSW, GROG.
context 5170	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2 (BSW); jar G5.4 (GRS); fabrics HAX, NVC, STOR, GRF.

The single fill of this posthole contained a small amount of bodysherds and a platter base sherd, not closely datable within the Roman period, and a quantity of pottery was assigned the cut number. This context contained Hadham flagon sherds, one joins with context 5160 of pit 5179, and these are dated late 3rd to 4th century, although no rim (closely datable) survives. Also present are dish sherds, a G5 jar and a Nene Valley beaker base. This context can be dated to the 3rd century, perhaps later.

Date: fill - Roman.

cut number - 3rd century. [This could be 5179, pot to be checked (not here) 3/7/00]

Unknown 5174 (11 sherds, 74g)

context 5173	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H21 (COLC); fabrics STOR, GRS, BSW.
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This single fill contained mainly bodysherds in Roman fabrics, plus a rouletted beaker in Colchester colour-coat. This form is dated 120-180 AD at Chelmsford.

Date: 2nd century.

Posthole 5177 (40 sherds, 810g)

context 5176	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Lid K1 (BSW).
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This single fill contained mainly bodysherds, probably representing two vessels, plus four joining sherds from a lid. Nothing is closely datable but the vessel fabrics suggest an early Roman date.

Date: early Roman.

Pit 5178 (287 sherds, 5527g)

context 5161	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BB1, GRF, BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW), B4 (GRF), B3.2, B5.1, B6 (BSW); bowl C [Young 1977, 171, fig.65, type C84] (OXRC); mortarium D (BUFM); bowl-jars E2 (GRS), E (GRF, BSW); jars G9 (BB1), G24 (RET), G5, G21 (BSW), G (RET, GRS, BSW); beakers H1 (BSW), H32/33 (RED), H34/35 (GRF, BSW), H (EGRHN, GRS, BSW); fabrics STOR, BUF, HAX, MWSRS, NKG, GROGC, NVC
context 5219	<i>Amphora:</i> Fabric AMISC <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GRS.

This pit had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The bottom fill, 5219, contained just two bodysherds in sandy greyware, which join with sherds in layer 5266. The top fill, 5161, produced a large quantity of pottery, much of which is residual. Many of the fabrics and forms present are 3rd to mid 4th century types; there are dishes and folded beakers, for example, but nothing latest Roman is in the context except for a small sherd of Oxford red colour-coat. This context should perhaps be dated to the mid 3rd to early 4th centuries.

N.B. Layer 5222 was originally recorded as the bottom fill, but was re-interpreted during post-excavation.

Date: mid 3rd/early 4th century.

Pit 5179 (139 sherds, 3146g)

context 5160	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B5.3 (LSH), B5.1, B6.2 (GRF), B1 (BSW, GRF), B6.1 (BSW); bowls C8 (OXRC), C [Young 1977, 88, fig.27, type P24] (OXF); mortarium ?D11 (BUFM); bowl-jar E (GRS); jars G43 (STOR), G5.5 (GRS), G (BSW, GRS); flagon J [Howe <i>et al</i> 1981, fig.6, NV63-66] (NVC); lid K3 (BSW); fabrics BB, MWSRS, UCC, GROG, RED, HAX, RET, HAB <i>Coins:</i> AE3, Valens (SF 1270), 367-375; AE3, Constantius II (SF 1273), 337-341
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The single fill of this pit contained a moderate amount of pottery, much of which dates to the late 4th century+. There is late shell-tempered ware, Oxford red colour-coat and bowl sherds in Oxford Parchment ware with red paint decoration. The Hadham flagon shoulder sherds join with those in context 5170, and the B5 dish, which has a double groove on the flange, joins with the dish in fill 5162 of pit 5180. One of the Oxford sherds is the face mask from a flagon, similar in design to the flagon in context 10361 (Area F). There is a quantity of residual material. The coins support a late 4th century date.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5180 (307 sherds, 4392g)

context 5162	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B5.3 (LSH), B1 (BB1, GRF, BSW), B2, B4 (GRF, BSW), B5.1 (GRF), B3.2, B6.2 (BSW); bowl C7 (BSW); mortarium D11 (BUFM); bowl-jar E2 (BSW); jars G9 (GRF), G24, G5 (GRS), G (STOR, GRS, BSW); beakers H41 (NVC), H32, H32/33, H34/35, ?H41 (GRF), H (BUF, NKG, BSW); fabrics NVP, UCC, HAX, MWSRF, GROGC.
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This pit was not fully excavated due to ground water, but the only fill excavated contained a large amount of fragmentary pottery. There are one or two late 4th century+ fabrics and forms present, but no Oxford red colour-coat and only one sherd of late shell-tempered ware. However, coupled with the fragmentary nature of the pottery, these sherds provide a late 4th century+ date for the context. There is a quantity of residual pottery present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5186 (42 sherds, 425g)

context 5185	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B4 (BSW); fabric GRS.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery and all but five of the sherds present belong to the same B4 dish. This dates the context.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5189 (229 sherds, 3467g)

context 5188	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (GRF, BB2); jars G27.2 (LSH), G5, G5.5, G24, G (GRS); beaker H34/35 (GRF); lid K3 (STOR); fabrics HAX, NVC, BUF, NKG, RED, BSW. <i>Coin:</i> Denarius, Julia Domna (SF 1298), 196-211
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This single fill contained a moderate amount of pottery and a further quantity, mainly bodysherds, was retrieved from the soil sample. The pottery is broken and abraded, but there are just five sherds of late shell-tempered ware and no other late fabrics or identifiable late forms. There are dishes present and more than half of a G5.5 jar in fragments; these are mid 2nd to mid 3rd century forms, but the presence of late shell-tempered ware indicates a late 4th century+ date. This, coupled with the fragmentary nature of most of the pottery, provides a late 4th century+ date. There is, therefore, high residuality in this context.

Date: late 4th century+.

Beam slot 5201 (60 sherds, 294g)

context 5200	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B6.3 (BB1); fabrics NVC, GRS, BSW, GRF.
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This single fill contained mainly bodysherds, but there are dishes present and a beaker base and bodysherds in Nene Valley colour-coat. A mid 3rd to early 4th century date can probably be given.

Date: mid 3rd/early 4th century.

Posthole 5208 (40 sherds, 143g)

context 5207	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics NVC, LSH, OXRC, GRS, RET, EGRHN, MEK, BUF, COLC, BSW, OXWM, PR.
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Six bodysherds and an Oxford red colour-coat footring base sherd were recovered from this single fill and a further small quantity, mainly bodysherds was retrieved from the soil sample. Any rims are too small to identify, but there are late 4th century fabrics in sufficient quantity to give a late 4th century+ date. There are also residual sherds present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5209 (993 sherds, 19933g)

context 5210	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (NVC, BSW, GRF, GRS), B2 (GRF), B3.2 (BSW, GRF), B6.1 (BUF, BSW), B4 (GRF, BSW), B5.1 (BSW), B6.2 (BSW, GRF, GRS); bowls C8 (OXRC), C [Young 1977, types C48, C55] (OXRC), C (HAX); mortaria D14 (NVM), D [Mackreth 1996, 198, fig.117, M150] (NVM), D [Young 1977, types M18, M22] (OXWM), D (OXSWM, OXRCM); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G [Howe <i>et al</i> 1981, fig.6, NV70] (NVC), G44 (STOR), G24 (RET), G (BSW, GRF, GRS); beaker H (BSW, GRF); lid K7 (NVC); fabrics COLC, RED, BB1, VRW, ALH, HAR <i>Coins:</i> AE3, Valentinian I (SF 1878, 1883, 1886, 1893), 364-375; Radiate, Gallienus (SF 1879), 267-268; AE3, House of Constantine (SF1880), 330-335; AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 1881), 388-408; AE4, Valentinian II (SF 1882), 388-392; AE3, Constantius II Caesar (SF 1887, 1909), 330-335; AE4 copy (SF 1888), 330-337; AE3 copy (SF 1889), 330-335; AE3, Constantine II Caesar (SF 1891), 335-337; AE3, Constantius II (SF 1892, 1897), 347-348; AE3, Valens (SF 1894), 367-375; AE3, Constantine I (SF 1895), 335-337; Radiate, Postumus (SF 1898), 260-261; Radiate, Claudius II (SF 1901), 269-270; AE3 copy (SF 1908), 337-341
context 5214	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (GRS, BB1, GRF, BSW), B6.3 (BB1), B4 (GRF, BSW), B2, B2/B4, B3.2, B5.1 (BSW), B6.2 (GRF, BSW); bowl-jar E5 (GRF); jars G23, G24, G35 (GRS), G5.5, G40 (GRF), G-new (HAR); G (STOR, GRS, BSW); beakers H32/33 (NVC, BSW), H34/35 (GRF, BSW), H (GRF); lid K3 (BSW); fabrics RED, MWSRS, BUF, UCC
context 5254	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B10 [Monaghan 1987, type 5B2] (NKG); fabrics STOR, RED, BSW.

This pit was not fully excavated due to ground water, but three fills were identified. Pottery was recovered from all three and a further quantity was retrieved from the soil sample taken from the second fill, 5214. The bulk of the pottery came from the top, 5210, and second fills and there are many joining sherds between these contexts. The first fill, 5254, contained mainly bodysherds, but there is a dish (or platter) rim in North Kent fabric, a type dated by Monaghan to AD90-130. Most of the fabrics and forms present in the upper fills date to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries, but the top fill also contained a quantity of late 4th century+ material. There are also some residual pieces. Of note are twenty coins in the top fill, mostly of late 4th century date.

Date: late 3rd/mid 4th century.

top fill - late 4th century+.

Posthole 5218 (57 sherds, 612g)

context 5217	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4, B6.2 (BSW); mortarium D14 (NVM); bowl-jar E2 (GRF); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS); fabrics OXRC, NVC, OXP, BUF.
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A small amount of pottery was recovered from this single fill and a number of bodysherds were retrieved from the soil sample. There is late shell-tempered ware present and both Oxford red colour-coat and Parchment ware, so a late 4th century+ date can be given.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5220 (69 sherds, 959g)

context 5211	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars Cam 218 (GROG), G (MICW, GROG); fabric GROGC.
context 5213	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROGC, GROG.

Both 'single' fills contained a small quantity of grog-tempered pottery, mainly bodysherds. Four sherds in context 5211 also have sand tempering. This may indicate a date earlier in the Late Iron Age sequence.

Date: LIA.

Layer 5222 (36 sherds, 636g)

context 5222	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B3.2 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, GRS, BSW); jar G (BSW); fabric ?NVC.
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This layer, originally recorded as part of pit 5178, contained a small amount of pottery, mainly dish fragments. The context can therefore be dated to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5224 (3 sherds, 8g)

context 5223	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric NKG.
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This single fill contained three bodysherds, two of which have barbotine dot decoration and probably come from a beaker type which was current from the later 1st to the late 2nd century.

Date: late 1st/late 2nd century.

Layer 5227 (83 sherds, 1140g)

context 5227	<i>Amphora: salazon</i> (ASALA) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW, GRS), B5.1, B6.2 (BSW); bowl ?C8 (OXRC); mortarium D (OXWM); jars G27.1 (LSH), G (RET, GRS); beaker H (GRF); fabrics CEP, OXW, NVC, HAX, STOR, UCC.
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The pottery recovered from this layer is quite broken, but there are sufficient late forms and fabrics present to provide a late 4th century+ date. Along with Oxford and late shell-tempered ware, is a sherd of imported *ceramique a l'eponge*, plus a colour-coated bowl base which might be in the same fabric. There is also some residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5228 (303 sherds, 3629g)

context 5228	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B5.3 (LSH), B1 (NVC, GRS, BSW), B2 (GRS), B4 (GRF), B2/B4, B6.1 (BSW), B5.1, (GRS, BSW), B6.2 (BSW, GRS, GRF); bowls ?C22 (RED), C8 (OXRC), C (NVC, OXRC), C [Young 1977, types C93, C81, C79] (OXRC); mortaria D14.3 (NVM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM), D (OXWM, BUFM); bowl-jars E2 (BSW), E (NVC); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G (RED, RET, GRS, BSW); beakers H17 (HAX), H-pedestal (OXRC); fabrics PORD, OXP, UCC, STOR, BB1.
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The pottery recovered from this layer is broken and abraded, consisting of a variety of late 4th century+ forms and fabrics, although many of the forms are not readily identifiable due to the small size of the sherdage. There is some residual material present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5232 (311 sherds, 4169g)

context 5229	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (GRS, BSW), B2/B4 (BSW), B4, B6.2 (GRF); bowl C [Young 1977, 171, fig.65, type C84] (OXRC); mortarium D (BUFM, OXRCM, OXSWM, OXWM); bowl-jar E5/E6 (BSW); jars ?G18 (GRF), G24, G42 (BSW), G23, ?G42, ?G24 (GRS); beakers H32/33, ?H23 (NVC), H-new (GRF); fabrics LSH, STOR, MWSRS.
context 5230	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B1 (HAB); bowl-jar E2 (GRF); jars G9 (GRS), G5 (GRF, BSW); beaker H (GRS); fabrics STOR, BUF, GROG.
context 5231	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B4 (BB2); fabrics GRF, GRS.
context 5244	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BB2, BSW); jar G5.5 (BSW); lid K3 (BSW); fabrics STOR, GRS <i>Coin:</i> Dupondius/As, Hadrian (SF 1911), 125-128
context 5260	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS); fabrics OXRC, BSW.

This large posthole had four fills, all producing pottery, and its postpipe, 5261, had a single fill, 5260, containing a further small amount of pottery which dates to the late 4th century+. The bottom fill, 5244, contained dish and jar fragments dating to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries, and a similar date is provided by the pottery in the secondary, 5231, and tertiary, 5230, fills, although there are no obvious sherd links between fills. The top fill, 5229, contained the largest quantity of sherds, and includes many late 4th century forms and fabrics, along with residual material. Much of the pottery is broken and abraded, but there are also vessel fragments present comprising large joining sherds, these include part of a B4 dish. It is likely that the posthole fill dates to no later than the mid 3rd century and that the post remained in place long enough for later pottery to accumulate in the slump hollow around it.

Date: top fill/postpipe fill - late 4th century+.

remaining fills - late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5234 (6 sherds, 60g)

context 5233	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics NKG, GRS, BSW.
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This single fill contained a few bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable. There is samian present, however, and a small bodysherd in North Kent fabric, so an early Roman date can be given, awaiting further dating evidence.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5236 (21 sherds, 201g)

context 5235	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); jars G9 (BSW), G5, G23 (GRS); fabrics GRF, BB2, BUF, NVC.
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Four sherds were recovered from this single fill and a further small amount of pottery was retrieved from the soil sample. There is a dish present, dated mid 2nd to mid 3rd century, and the jars are probably of the same date. The context can perhaps be dated to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: late 2nd /mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5238 (7 sherds, 78g)

context 5237	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained one bodysherd in black-surfaced ware. Further small bodysherds, plus a beaker base all in the same fabric, were retrieved from the soil sample. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5245 (7 sherds, 196g)

context 5239	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B4 (GRS); beaker H34 (BSW).
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This pit was not fully excavated due to ground water and just seven sherds came from the only fill excavated. There are dishes present and the rim from a folded beaker, so a late 2nd to mid 3rd century date can be given to the context.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Unknown 5246 (3 sherds, 42g)

context 5247	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B4 (GRF); fabric RET.
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This single fill contained just three sherds, one of which is a dish and the remainder is Rettendon ware. The context can be dated to the 3rd century+.

Date: 3rd century+.

Posthole 5257 (39 sherds, 1113g)

context 5255	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); jar G (STOR); lid K3 (GRF); fabrics GRS, TN(M).
context 5256	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BSW, GRF.

This posthole had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The bottom fill, 5256, contained just three bodysherds in Roman fabrics, and the only readily datable piece in the

top fill, 5255, is the mid 2nd to mid 3rd century dish. It is possible that both sherds of micaceous *terra nigra* are in a highly micaceous fine greyware instead, and thus not residual.
Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5259 (49 sherds, 600g)

context 5258	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jars G [cf. Rodwell 1988, fig.90, no.232], Cam 254 (GROG), G (GROGC).
context 5259	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GROG.

A small quantity of grog-tempered pottery was recovered from this single fill and a further three sherds were assigned the cut number. The fill can be dated to the Late Iron Age.
Date: LIA.

Posthole 5263 (1 sherd, 2g)

context 5262	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GROG.
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The pottery recovered from this single fill came from the soil sample and comprises one grog-tempered bodysherd. No date is offered.

Posthole 5265 (2 sherds, 36g)

context 5264	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics GROG, GROGC.
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This single fill produced two grog-tempered bodysherds. No date is offered.

Layer 5266 (199 sherds, 3496g)

context 5266	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1, B6.2 (GRF, BSW, GRS), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW), B3.2 (BSW); mortaria D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM), D (OXWM); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (BSW, GRS); beaker ?H35 (BSW); fabrics STOR, HAX, OXRC, NVC, RET.
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This is a cleaning layer above pits 5178 and 5179, and sherds present join with pottery in the bottom fill, 5219, of pit 5178. There are late 4th century+ forms and fabrics present, along with plenty of residual material, mainly dishes. The beaker has a rather nice graffito under the rim.

Date: late 4th century+.

Gully 5267 (22 sherds, 360g)

context 5268	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B2/B4 (BSW), B3.2 (GRF); jars G5.5, G23 (GRS); fabric BB1.
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This feature had two fills; no pottery was recovered from the bottom fill, 5283, but a small quantity came from the top fill, 5268. There are dishes and folded beaker sherds present and the jar is a 2nd to early/mid 3rd century form. The latest piece may be the B3.2 dish, but a late 2nd to mid 3rd century date can perhaps be given.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5270 (6 sherds, 62g)

context 5269	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (GROG); fabric GROGC.
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This single fill contained very little pottery, all of which is grog-tempered. A tentative Late Iron Age date can be given.

Date: ?LIA.

Pit 5272 (16 sherds, 250g)

context 5271	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jars G [cf. Rodwell 1988, fig.79, no.19-22, G (GROG); fabric GROGC.
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This single produced a small amount of grog-tempered pottery. One rim sherd is pierced below the rim. A Late Iron Age date is assigned.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 5273 (1 sherd, 4g)

context 5274	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BUF.
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This single fill contained one bodysherd in buff fabric, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5275 (112 sherds, 1798g)

context 5275	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2/B4, B6.2 (BSW); bowl C (OXRC); mortarium D (OXWM, OXSWM, NVM); jar G (LSH, BSW, GRS); beaker H (GRF); fabrics CEP, HAX, RED, NVC, STOR <i>Coins:</i> AE4, Constantius II (SF 1302), 355-361; Barbarous Radiate (SF 1312), 260-290; AE3, Constans (SF 1313), 347-348; AE3, Constans (SF 1314), 337-341; AE4, Honorius (SF 1870), 394-402
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This context contained a moderate amount of broken and abraded pottery. Most of the fabrics and forms date to the late 4th century+, although many of the vessel rims are broken at the neck. The coins confirm the date. A bodysherd in *ceramique a l'eponge* is present and another, possibly Hadham greyware, has Romano-Saxon decoration. There are one or two residual pieces.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5278 (31 sherds, 428g)

context 5277	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker Cam 117 (GROG).
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The pottery recovered from this single fill consists of joining sherds from a grog-tempered butt-beaker, although not all the vessel was present. Another joining sherd was retrieved from the soil sample. The context can be dated to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 5281 (5 sherds, 42g)

context 5279	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, BSW.
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This posthole had two fills but no pottery was recovered from the top fill, 5280. The bottom fill contained five bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5282 (36 sherds, 352g)

Context 5300	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B6 (GRS); jar G (GRS); fabrics NVC, GRF, BSW.
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Very little of the pottery recovered from this single fill is closely datable. There is a late 3rd to mid 4th century dish present and folded and rouletted Nene Valley ware beaker bodysherds, so a tentative late 3rd to mid 4th century date can probably be given. This feature may be part of pit 5355.

Date: late 3rd/mid 4th century.

Posthole 5297 (1 sherd, 8g)

context 5296	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (BSW).
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This single fill contained a small rim sherd in black-surfaced ware, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5304 (10 sherds, 46g)

context 5303	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G24 (RET); fabrics GRS, BB1.
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The single fill of this posthole contained mostly bodysherds in Roman fabrics. The presence of Rettendon ware plus BB1 dates the context to the late 3rd century+.

Date: late 3rd century+.

Layer 5305 (244 sherds, 1654g)

context 5305	? <i>Samian:</i> <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (NVC), B [Fulford 1975, type 109.8] (PORD), B10 [Young 1977, 159, fig.58, type C49] (OXRC), B6 (NVC, GRS); bowls C [Young 1977, 175, fig.67, type C100] (OXRC), C (NVC); mortarium D (OXWM,
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	OXSWM, OXRCM); jars <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS, RET, STOR); fabrics HAX, BSW.
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This context contained a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery, most of which dates to the late 4th century+. There are 34 different jar rims in late shell-tempered ware and a number of dish and bowl forms in Oxford red colour-coat. Also present is a dish sherd in Portchester D fabric, possibly the same vessel as that in context 5306. There is very little residual material present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5306 (599 sherds, 5866g)

context 5306	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (LSH, NVC, GRF, BSW), B10 [Young 1977, 175, fig.58, type C49] (OXRC), B2/B4, B3.2 (BSW), B6 (NVC), B6.2 (GRF, BSW, GRS), B [cf.5305] (PORD); bowls C8 (OXRC), C [Young 1977, types C100, C110, C47, C75, C55] (OXRC); mortaria D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, types WC4, WC7] (OXSWM), D (NVM, OXWM, OXRCM); bowl-jar E3 (BSW); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G (STOR, RET, PORD, GRS); beaker H (GRF); lids K7 (NVC), K (BSW); fabrics ALH, CEP, BUF, RED, HAX, GROGC
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A large amount of broken and abraded pottery was recovered from this context. There are many late shell-tempered ware jars present and dishes and bowls in Oxford red colour-coat. There is a large base sherd in *ceramique a l'eponge*, which joins the base sherd in fill, 5374, of pit 5341. Also present, are sherds of Portchester D, possibly same vessel as 5305, and Alice Holt wares, and one black-surfaced ware vessel has Romano-Saxon decoration. There are some residual pieces present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5307 (260 sherds, 2406g)

context 5307	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (NVC, GRS, BSW), B5.3 (LSH), B10 [Young 1977, 159, fig.58, type C49] (OXRC), B2/B4 (BSW), B6.2 (GRF, BSW), B6.3 (BB1); bowls C8, C (OXRC); mortaria D14.2 (NVM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, types WC4, WC7] (OXSWM), D (BUFM, OXRCM); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G (STOR, GRS); beaker H34/35 (GRS, BSW); lid K7 (NVC); fabrics COLC, HAX, RET
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This context produced a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery, very similar in content to 5305 and 5306. Many late 4th century forms and fabrics are present, along with some residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Some interim comments on layers (J73) and associated pits (J43) [7.6.99]:

These layers are mostly recorded as cleaning layers, but seem to represent accumulations of silting over Road 4.

The pottery from both J43 and J73 is fragmentary and suffers from varying degrees of abrasion, that from the layers behaving like pottery does from surfaces/layers (ie. broken and worn), except that there appears to be less residuality. With 'ordinary' cleaning layers there is usually plenty of residual pottery, very often a large enough amount to make dating difficult. The residual pottery from these J73 layers seems confined to dish fragments and odd sherds of early fabrics. (The exception seems to be 5543, which has high residuality). There are many joining sherds, not only between layer contexts, but also between layers and J43 pit fills (and between various pit fills). There is probably little difference in quality of the pottery in the pit fills to that from the layers. This all seems to indicate deposition at the same time and within a relatively short period. Many of the 'latest' Roman forms and fabrics have not (yet) occurred elsewhere on the site, but there is no Saxon pottery present.

Posthole 5311 (5 sherds, 8g)

context 5308	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GRS).
context 5309	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric RED.

This posthole had two fills; two sherds in sandy greyware were recovered from the top fill, 5308. The pottery in the bottom fill, 5309, which represents the lining, was retrieved from the soil sample and consists of three small fragments in red fabric. Neither context can be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5313 (1 sherd, 26g)

context 5312	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B6.1 (GRF).
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This single fill contained a dish rim in a form current from the mid 3rd to the late 4th century. This dates the context, although it is the only sherd present.

Date: mid 3rd/late 4th century.

Posthole 5328 (24 sherds, 31g)

context 5327	<i>Amphora</i> : Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics GRF, LSH, OXRC, BSW, NVC, GRS <i>Coin</i> : Siliqua
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This single fill produced one bodysherd in fine greyware, but a further small quantity of very small bodysherds was retrieved from the soil sample. The fabrics of these date the context to the late 4th century+.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5334 (5 sherds, 62g)

context 5333	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : ?Bowl-jar E2 (BSW); fabrics NVC, GRS.
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This single fill contained a small quantity of pottery, not closely datable. There is a probable bowl-jar and a sherd in Nene Valley fabric present, so a later Roman date is the most likely.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5336 (36 sherds, 166g)

context 5335	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B6.2 (BSW); beakers H41 (NVC), H (BSW); fabrics STOR, EGRHN, GRS, LSH, GRF.
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A small amount of pottery was recovered from the single fill of this posthole and a further quantity, mainly bodysherds, was retrieved from the soil sample. Most of the forms and fabrics present date to the later 3rd and 4th centuries, but a small bodysherd in late shell-tempered ware came from the sample. The context should be dated to the mid to late 4th century+.

Date: mid/late 4th century+.

Posthole 5339 (4 sherds, 334g)

context 5338	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jars G26 (MWSRS), G22 (GRS).
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This single fill contained two jar rims, both of which are not closely datable. The greyware jar, in three large joining sherds with stabbing on the shoulder, has a date band of late 1st to 3rd centuries. The white-slipped vessel has a slashed lower rim and the form has a date range of 3rd to 4th centuries. This date could perhaps be given to the context.

Date: 3rd/4th century.

Pit 5341 (329 sherds, 5188g)

context 5340	<i>Samian: Amphora</i> : Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1 (BSW), B6 (NVC), B4 (GRF), B5.1 (GRF, BSW), B2/B4, B6.1, B7 (BSW), B6.2 (BSW, GRS); bowl C8 (NVC, OXRC); mortaria D2 (SOLM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM), D (OXWM, BUFM); jars G27.1, G27.2 (LSH), G (BSW, GRS); beaker H17 (HAX); flagon J (NVC); fabrics STOR, MWSRS, CEP, UCC
context 5374	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1.4 [Gillam 1976, no.77] (BB1), B6.1, B6.2 (HAB); bowl C8 (HAX); mortaria D11 (BUFM), D (OXSWM, OXRCM); jars G27.2 (LSH), G24 (GRS), G (STOR, BSW, GRS); beakers H41, H42-b/s (NVC), H32/33 (GRF), H1 (GRS), H (BSW, UCC); fabrics COLB, CEP, MWSRF, OXRC.

This pit was not fully excavated, but pottery was recovered from both upper fills, and from the soil sample taken from the first fill, 5374. The sherd of *ceramique a l'éponge* in this

context joins the base sherd in layer 5306 and a dish base with intersecting loop decoration joins with the large sherd in bottom fill, 5376, of pit 5359. There are joining sherds between the top fill, 5340, and the first fill, and both fills contain late 4th century fabrics and forms, along with a quantity of residual material. The D2 mortarium has a very large diameter and therefore could be a 'Verecundus' vessel from Lower Germany, or a 'Gillam 238', both would be residual in this context.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5343 (3 sherds, 46g)

context 5342	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B1 (HAB); fabric NVC.
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This single fill contained a dish rim and two bodysherds, one from a folded beaker. The fabrics indicate a 3rd century+ date.

Date: 3rd century+.

Posthole 5347 (7 sherds, 332g)

context 5346	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
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This single fill contained a few grog-tempered bodysherds and a tentative late Iron Age date can be given.

Date: LIA.

Pit 5349 (70 sherds, 543g)

context 5348	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); mortarium D (NVM); jars G44 (STOR), ?G40, G (GRS); beakers H32/33 (NVC), H (BSW); fabrics HAX, BUF, MWSRS, BB1.
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This pit was not fully excavated; the pottery was recovered from the only fill excavated and from the soil sample taken from the same context. Most of the pottery consists of bodysherds, but the forms present, and the fabrics, can probably be dated to the mid 3rd to early 4th centuries.

Date: mid 3rd/early 4th century.

Prepared surface 5354 (30 sherds, 296g)

context 5354	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); jars G16 (GRS), G (GROG); beaker H6.2 (NKG); lid K6 (BSW); fabrics VRW, COLB, OXRC, LOND.
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A small amount of pottery was recovered from this context, most of which is dated to the late 1st and 2nd centuries, although there is also an abraded flange fragment, probably from an Oxford red colour-coated bowl, which must be intrusive. There is a North Kent beaker present, plus a dish; these date the context to the mid 2nd century.

Date: mid 2nd century.

Pit 5355 (49 sherds, 860g)

context 5337	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B4 (GRS, GRF); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jars G9 [Gillam 1976, no.10] (BB1), G5.5 (GRS); lid K3 (BSW); fabrics STOR, BUF, HAX, NVC.
context 5353	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GRS); fabrics NVC, BSW.

This pit was not fully excavated, but pottery was recovered from both upper fills. The first fill, 5353, contained seven sherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable. There are dishes present in the top fill, 5337, and a BB1 jar, which is dated by Gillam to the mid to late 3rd century. There are also folded and rouletted beaker sherds, indicating a 3rd century date, but no later Roman forms or fabrics. A mid to late 3rd century date therefore can be assigned.

Date: mid/late 3rd century.

Pit 5359 (80 sherds, 419g)

context 5375	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics STOR, LSH.
context 5376	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2 (BSW); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jar G (GRS); beakers H17 (MWSRS), H (OXP); fabrics BB1, ALH, STOR, COLC, NVC.

This pit had five fills, but no pottery was recovered from the top fill, 5358. The secondary fill, 5375, contained just five sherds, two of which are joining base sherds in late shell-tempered ware. Most of the pottery came from the soil sample taken from the bottom fill, 5376, and this consists mainly of residual bodysherds. There is an Oxford parchment ware beaker rim (form not identifiable) present, a sherd of Alice Holt and a BB1 dish base sherd with intersecting loop decoration, which joins with a sherd in fill 5374 of pit 5341. The pit fills can therefore be dated to the late 4th century+.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5371 (20 sherds, 208g)

context 5371	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B7 (GRS); fabrics STOR, MWSRS, GRF, BSW.
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The pottery recovered from this ?single fill was assigned the cut number. Very little is closely datable, but there is a B7 dish present, dated 1st/2nd century, and some of the other fabrics present are early types, although there is also a beaker base in fine greyware. The context should perhaps be dated to the early Roman period only.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5378 (24 sherds, 359g)

context 5377	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); fabrics STOR, RET, GROG, GRS <i>Coin:</i> AE unit, Cunobelin (SF 1914)
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mainly base and bodysherds, and a further four sherds came from the soil sample. There are dishes present and these date the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5379 (58 sherds, 898g)

context 5356	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B6.3 [Gillam 1976, no.46] (BB1); bowls C8 (HAX), C (OXRC, NVC); mortarium D (OXSWM); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS); fabric STOR.
context 5357	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B1 (BSW); mortarium D14 (NVM); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jar G (GRS); fabric NVC.

This pit had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The latest piece in the bottom fill, 5357, is the Nene Valley mortarium, dated mid 3rd to mid 4th century, but the top fill, 5356, contained both late shell-tempered and Oxford ware, dating to the late 4th century+.

Date: late 4th century+.

Gully 5381 (3 sherds, 22g)

context 5380	<i>Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B1 or B3 (GRS).
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This single fill contained a very small dish rim sherd and two bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5383 (42 sherds, 434g)

context 5383	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (GRS), B2/B4, B6.2 (BSW); bowl C (BSW); jars G27.2 (LSH), G26 (GRS), G (GROG, BSW); fabrics OXRC, STOR, BUF <i>Brooch:</i> Nauheim derivative (SF 1926)
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This context contained both late shell-tempered and Oxford ware, plus other late forms, and can be dated to the late 4th century+. There is plenty of residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Prepared surface 5386

context 5386	<i>Brooches:</i> Nauheim (SF 1926), fragment (SF?)
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Part of a brooch and another fragment, probably the same type, provide a late 1st century BC/early 1st century AD date for this context.

Layer 5387 (97 sherds, 708g)

context 5387	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A-new (GROG); dishes B1 (GRF, BSW), B6 (GRF), B3, B6.2 (BSW); mortarium D (OXSWM); jar G (STOR, GRS, BSW); fabrics VRW, NVC, COLB, BUF, OXRC, LSH.
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This context produced a small amount of fragmentary and mainly residual pottery and further bodysherds were retrieved from the soil sample. There is one sherd of late shell-tempered ware present in the main assemblage, but more bodysherds, and other late Roman fabrics, appeared in the soil sample. The context is therefore dated to the late 4th century+.

Date: late 4th century+.

Ditch 5390

context 5390	<i>Samian:</i>
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Pit 5394 (462 sherds, 5952g)

context 5392	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2, B2/B4 (BSW); mortarium D (BUFM, COLBM); jars G16 (GRF), G40 (GRS), G9, ?G37 (BSW), G (GRS, BSW); beakers ?H24 (NVC), H24 (UCC); fabrics STOR, LSH, COLB, OXRC, MWSRS, COLC, RED <i>Coin:</i> AE4 copy (SF 6917), 353-360
context 5393	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2 (BB2, BSW), B1, B3.2 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRS); mortarium D1 (BUFM); jars G16 (GRF), G9 (BSW), G29 (BSW, GRS), G (GRS, BSW, GROGC); beakers H20.3 (COLC), H6 (NKG), H (GRS); fabrics RED, COLB, ESH, STOR, NVC, VRW, NGWF, MICW.

This pit (or well?) had four fills, but no pottery was recovered from the bottom, 5457, and secondary, 5447, fills. The tertiary fill, 5393, contained a moderate amount of pottery and a further quantity, mainly bodysherds, was retrieved from the soil sample. Most of the forms present are 1st and 2nd century in date; the latest pieces are the dishes and there is a small rouletted bodysherd of Nene Valley colour-coat in the soil sample. The tertiary fill should be dated to the mid to late 2nd century. The top fill, 5392, contained similar forms and fabrics; the latest pieces are the H24 beaker fragments, dated to 190-250AD at Chelmsford, and the dishes. There are two very small, ?intrusive bodysherds in late 4th century+ fabrics, and one or two jar forms may continue into the 4th century, but the top fill can perhaps be dated to the late 2nd to early 3rd centuries. (but the coin is also 4th century)

Date: late 2nd/early 3rd century.

Robber trench 5400 (16 sherds, 350g)

context 5399	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G35 (GRS); beaker cf.H8 (GRF); fabrics STOR, BSW.
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Very little pottery was recovered from this single fill. There are three large joining sherds from a jar, which has horizontal zones of stabbed and burnished line decoration. This is a 4th century form and dates the context. The beaker is probably much earlier in date, although the identification of the form is uncertain. Most of the pottery has been well burnt.

Date: 4th century.

Layer 5401 (118 sherds, 1674g)

context 5401	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (NVC, BSW), B2/B4 (GRS), B6 (NVC); bowls C [Young 1977, 88, fig.27, type P24] (OXF), C (OXRC, BSW); mortarium D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM); bowl-jars E6 (HAX), E2 (BSW); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (RET, BSW, GRS); beaker H (GRF); fabric STOR <i>Coins:</i> AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 2068, 2085), 388-408; AE4, Valentinian II (SF 2074), 388-392; AE3, House of Constantine (SF 2076), 347-348; AE4 (SF 2079), 353-360
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This context contained a large amount of broken and abraded pottery, which includes many late 4th century+ forms and fabrics. The coins confirm the date. There are a number of residual pieces.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5403 (10 sherds, 176g)

context 5402	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B4 (HAB); bowl-jar E2 (BSW); fabric GRS.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery. There are three joining sherds from a dish in Hadham black-surfaced ware, and a bowl-jar. These date the context to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries, perhaps later.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5404 (6 sherds, 86g)

context 5398	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H (GRF); fabrics STOR, GRS, BSW.
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The pottery recovered from this single fill consists mainly of bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5409 (139 sherds, 1635g)

context 5409	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4, B4, B6.2 (BSW), B6.3 (BB1); mortarium D (OXRCM, OXSWM, NVM, BUFM, OXWM); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jars G5 (GRS), G27.2 (LSH), G (GRS, BSW); beaker H34/35 (BSW); fabrics RED, GRF <i>Coin:</i> Dupondius/As, Hadrian (SF 2086), 125-128
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This context contained a moderate amount of broken and abraded pottery, mainly dating to the late 4th century+. There is some residual material present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5410 (43 sherds, 490g)

context 5410	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (LSH), B6 (BSW); mortarium D (OXSWM); jars G27.2 (LSH), G9 (GRS), G44.5 (STOR); fabrics NVC, OXRC AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 2081), 383-402
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This context produced a small amount of fragmentary pottery. There are late Roman forms and fabrics present, providing a late 4th century+ date, and the coin confirms the date.

N.B. The B1 dish in late shell-tempered ware seems to be an unusual form in Essex; similar rim sherds in contexts 5148, 5159 and 5305 are jar rims in early shell-tempered ware. (I've double-checked!). See also context 5809 below.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5415 (1 sherd, 16g)

context 5412	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained one bodysherd in Roman fabric, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Other 5420 (1 sherd, 4g)

context 5419	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
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This single fill contained one grog-tempered bodysherd, retrieved from the soil sample. No date is offered.

Other construction 5421 (2 sherds, 16g)

context 5422	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROGC, GRS.
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Two bodysherds were recovered from this single fill, one sandy greyware, the other from a grog-tempered storage jar. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Subsidence 5423 (9 sherds, 37g)

context 5424	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRF, BSW, GROG, GRS.
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This single fill contained a few bodysherds, mostly in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Unknown 5426

context 5426	<i>Coin:</i> AE4, Valentinian II (SF 2107), 388-408
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Ditch 5428 (23 sherds, 170g)

context 5395	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, BSW.
context 5407	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (HAB); jar <i>Cam</i> 259 (GROGC); fabrics GRS, BSW.

This ditch had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The top fill, 5395, contained bodysherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics, not more closely datable. The bottom fill, 5407, contained a dish rim, base and bodysherds, probably all the same vessel, plus other bodysherds in Roman fabrics and a grog-tempered jar rim. This context can be dated to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

?Layer 5429 (20 sherds, 233g)

context 5429	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2/B4 (GRF), B3.2 (BSW); jar G27.2 (LSH); fabrics STOR, GROG, GROGC, GRS <i>Coins:</i> Barbarous Radiate (SF 2095), 260-290; AE3, Constantine I (SF 2116), 319
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This context, originally recorded as the top fill of pit 5431, contained a small amount of pottery, mostly dishes. There is a jar rim in late shell-tempered ware present and this dates the context to the late 4th century+. There is a quantity of residual material present.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5431 (48 sherds, 698g)

context 5430	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GROGC, GROG); fabrics ESH, BSW, MICW.
context 5491	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar <i>Cam</i> 229 (GROG); fabrics MICW, GROGC <i>Coin:</i> AE unit (SF 2272)

This pit was not fully excavated and had three fills recorded, but top fill, 5429, was reinterpreted during post-excavation and reassigned. Pottery was recovered from both remaining fills and from the sample taken from second (top) fill, 5430. All of the pottery is Late Iron Age in date, and there are joining neck and rim sherds between both fills; these are sand-tempered and likely to be early in the sequence. The coin provides a mid to late 1st century BC date.

Date: mid/late 1st century BC.

Ditch 5437 (122 sherds, 3544g)

context 5418	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1.4 (BB1), B1, B3.2, B4 (BSW), B2 (BB2, BSW); bowl C-new (LOND); bowl-jars E2 (GRF), ?E6 (HAR); jars G5.5 (GRF, GRS), G20 (BSW), G (GRS); beakers H20/21 (COLC), H (GRS); fabrics STOR, NKG, NKO <i>Coin:</i> Sestertius, Commodus (SF 2090), 180-192
context 5436	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2 (BSW), B4 (GRS); jar G (BSW); fabric NVC.

This ditch segment was not fully excavated, but pottery was recovered from both excavated fills. The first fill, 5436, contained mainly dishes which date the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries. The top fill, 5418, also contained dishes, plus a complete lid-seated jar of a type dated 2nd to early/mid 3rd century at Chelmsford, and the coin confirms the date. There are also a number of pieces normally dating to the early to mid 2nd century, presumably residual in this context.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Prepared surface 5440 (69 sherds, 882g)

context 5440	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars G [cf. Rodwell 1988, fig.79, no.19-22] (GROGC), G (GROG); fabrics BUF, HAX, MICW.
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This context contained mainly grog-tempered pottery. There is a bodysherd of Hadham oxidised ware present, which must be intrusive, and another bodysherd in pink fabric, not readily identifiable. Otherwise the context could be dated to the Late Iron Age by the quantity of grog-tempered pottery present. Some bodysherds, mainly from a butt beaker, also have sand-tempering.

Date: LIA.

Layer 5441 (12 sherds, 138g)

context 5441	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, GROGC <i>Brooch:</i> La Tene III (SF 2310)
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This context contained just a few grog-tempered bodysherds, which provide a Late Iron Age date, although stratigraphically they appear to be residual. The brooch, which is a fragment, possibly from a Knotenfibel, is dated to the last half of the 1st century BC.

Date: late 1st century BC.

Gully 5442 (35 sherds, 296g)

context 5417	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B3.2 (BSW); jar G (GRS); beaker H (BSW); fabric GRF.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mostly undiagnostic rims and bodysherds. There is a dish present, however, and this dates the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5450 (23 sherds, 30g)

context 5448	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, NVC, BUF <i>Coin:</i> Radiate (SF 2106), 256-259
context 5449	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.

This pit had two fills, pottery was recovered from both and from the soil sample taken from top fill, 5448. A very small sherd of Nene Valley colour-coat was retrieved from the soil sample, but the remainder of the pottery from both fills consists of small bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable, although the sherd size would indicate a late Roman date. The coin is mid 3rd century.

Date: late Roman.

Posthole 5452 (4 sherds, 38g)

context 5451	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (STOR); fabrics BSW, GRF.
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This single fill contained an undiagnostic jar rim and bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5453 (186 sherds, 1870g)

context 5453	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (NVC, GRF, BSW), B5.3 (LSH), B6 (NVC), B10 [Young 1977, 159, fig.58, type C49] (OXRC), B2/B4, B6.2 (BSW); bowls C8 (OXRC), C (OXRC, BSW), C [Young 1977, 169, fig.64, type C81/2] (OXRC); mortarium D (BUFM, OXRCM), D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM); bowl-jar E1 (GRF); jars G27.2 (LSH), G (MWSRS, OXRC, PORD, RET, GRF, GRS); fabrics HAX, GROG <i>Coins:</i> AE3 copy (SF 2112), 351-353; Radiate, Tetricus (SF 2113), 272-273; AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 3542), 388-408 <i>Brooch:</i> Langton Down (SF 2111)
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This context produced a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery. There is a range of Oxford, late shell-tempered and Portchester D wares, and other late forms and fabrics, including Romano-Saxon decorated sherds. A late 4th century+ date is assigned. The coins confirm the date. There is plenty of residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5455

context 5454	<i>Samian:</i>
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Layer 5458 (15 sherds, 192g)

context 5458	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRS); bowl C-new (HAX); fabrics STOR, BUF.
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The pottery recovered from this context consists mainly of bodysherds, not closely datable, but there are also dishes present and the remains of a two-handled bowl in Hadham ware. The context can probably be dated to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries. The bowl has affinities

with the 2nd century samian form Dr.39, which copies a metal original, although the samian form is quite rare. Thus the vessel is as likely to be directly copying a metal, or glass prototype, as the samian form. Also, metal vessel types can be long-lived and as our bowl is in Hadham ware, it could be later than 2nd century.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Gully 5461 (2 sherds, 12g)

context 5460	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics COLB, GRS.
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This single fill contained two sherds in Roman fabrics, which cannot be more closely dated, although there is a flagon handle in Colchester buffware present, which is probably an early Roman vessel.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5463 (1 sherd, 6g)

context 5462	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GROGC.
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This single fill contained a combed storage jar bodysherd in grog-tempered fabric. A tentative Late Iron Age can be given.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 5468 (1 sherd, 4g)

context 5467	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GRS.
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This single fill contained one bodysherd in sandy greyware, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Ditch 5471 (15 sherds, 124g)

context 5464	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B6.3 (BB1); jar G (GRS); fabrics STOR, BSW, NVC.
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This single fill, probably a spread of later material in the slump hollow of 5695, contained a small amount of fragmentary pottery, very little of which is closely datable. The latest pieces are the dishes in BB1 and there is also a dish sherd in Nene Valley colour-coat. A date of late 3rd to 4th century is provided by the BB1, but the fragmentary nature of the pottery may indicate deposition in the later 4th century+. **N.B.** Saxon was identified for this context once (but not any more).

Date: late 3rd/4th century.

Ditch 5473 (322 sherds, 6563g)

context 5472	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1, B3.2, B6.2 (BSW), B4 (GRF, BSW), B6.3 (BB1); mortaria D11 (BUFM), D (NVM); jars G24 (GRS), G (STOR, BSW, GRS); beakers H32/33 (NVC), H39 (GRF).
context 5497	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1 (GRF), B5.1, B4 (GRF, BSW), B3.2 (BSW); mortaria D11 (BUFM), D (NVM); bowl-jar E3 (GRS); jars G24, G5, G (GRS); beakers H32/33 (BSW), H (GRS); lid K6 (BSW); fabrics STOR, NVC, BB1.

This section of ditch had two fills, pottery was recovered from both and from the soil sample taken from the top fill, 5472. Much of the pottery dates from the mid 3rd century, with some 4th century pieces, although exclusively late 4th century+ material is absent. A late 3rd to mid 4th century date can be given. The bowl-jar and B5 dish in the bottom fill, 5497, join with vessels in the top fill, 5488, of pit 5509.

Date: late 3rd/mid 4th century.

Layer 5477

The pottery from this layer is prehistoric in date.

Posthole 5479 (21 sherds, 40g)

context 5478	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B3.2 (BSW).
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This single fill contained a dish, broken into many small pieces, but all from the same vessel. This dates the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5485 (3 sherds, 126g)

context 5484	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G45 (STOR); fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained two bodysherds and a storage jar rim, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5489 (4 sherds, 36g)

context 5489	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B1 (BSW); fabrics GRS, GRF.
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This context contained just four sherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5499 (1 sherd, 8g)

context 5499	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GRS.
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This context contained one bodysherd in sandy greyware, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5509 (192 sherds, 3300g)

context 5488	<i>Samian</i> : Amphora: Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1 (BSW, GRS), B2, B4 (GRF), B2/B4 (BSW), B6 (NVC), B5.1 (GRF, BSW), B6.2 (BSW); bowls C8 (OXRC), C (GRF); mortarium D (OXWM); bowl-jar E3 (GRS); jars G27.1 (LSH), G24.2 (RET), G9, G24 (GRS), G (STOR, GRF, BSW, GRS); beaker H41 (NVC); fabric CEP <i>Coins</i> : AE4, Theodosius (SF 2260), 388-395; AE3, Valentinian I (SF 2261), 364-375; AE3, House of Constantine (SF 2262), 347-348; AE3 copy (SF 2263), 350-353; AE3, Valens (SF 2265), 364-367
context 5495	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B2/B4, B5.1 (BSW); mortarium D (OXWM); fabrics PORD, GRF.
context 5509	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B3.2 (HAB); fabrics GRS, GRF, BSW.

This pit was not fully excavated, but pottery was recovered from two fills and a small quantity was assigned the cut number. Very little of the pottery from this context is closely datable, but there is a dish in Hadham black-surfaced ware, providing a date of 3rd century+. The first fill, 5495, contained pottery mainly dating to the mid to late 3rd century, but there is a small bodysherd of Portchester D present, which is a late 4th century fabric. Most of the pottery came from the top fill, 5488, and comprises many late 4th century+ forms and fabrics. There are joining sherds with vessels in bottom fill, 5497, of ditch segment 5473. The coins are all late 4th century.

Date: late 4th century+.

Pit 5510 (11 sherds, 84g)

context 5501	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B4 (BSW); fabric GRS.
context 5503	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (GROG); fabric GRS.

This pit had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The bottom fill, 5503, contained a bodysherd in sandy greyware and a grog-tempered jar rim. The context is not closely datable within the Roman period. The top fill, 5501, contained mainly bodysherds, but there is a dish present and this dates this context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Occupation layer 5511 (1 sherd, 4g)

context 5511	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GRS.
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This context contained one bodysherd in sandy greyware, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5515 (2 sherds, 2g)

context 5514	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics GRS, COLC.
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The single fill of this posthole contained two very small bodysherds, one in sandy greyware, the other in Colchester colour-coat. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5522 (4 sherds, 36g)

context 5522	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B2 (BSW); fabric GRS.
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This context produced just four sherds, one of which is a dish, dating the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5524 (3 sherds, 148g)

context 5523	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Bowl-jar E2 (GRF); jar G (BSW).
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This pit was not fully excavated and just three sherds were recovered from the only fill excavated. The bowl-jar is a type current from the late 2nd century, and nothing else present is more closely datable. The context is therefore dated to the late 2nd century+.

Date: late 2nd century+.

Ditch 5525 (22 sherds, 302g)

context 5498	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Mortarium D (BUFM); jar G (GRS); fabrics STOR, NVC, GRF, BSW.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mainly bodysherds. There are folded beaker bodysherds in Nene Valley colour-coat present, which probably indicate a 3rd century+ date.

Date: 3rd century+.

Posthole 5538 (8 sherds, 62g)

context 5537	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics BUF, GRS, GRF, BSW.
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This single fill contained a dish base sherd and bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Ditch 5540 (28 sherds, 346g)

context 5539	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (GRS); fabric STOR.
context 5578	<i>Samian. Amphora: salazon</i> (ASALA) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (BSW); beaker H41 (NVC); fabrics COLC, BUF, GRF, GROG, GRS.

This ditch segment had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The top fill, 5539, contained just three sherds, not closely datable within the Roman period. The bottom fill, 5578, contained a small quantity of pottery, mainly bodysherds. There is a dish base present and folded and stamped beaker sherds, so a 3rd century date can probably be given. The Nene Valley beaker rim type continues into the 4th century.

Date: 3rd century.

Layer 5541 (4 sherds, 218g)

context 5541	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics STOR, GROGC, GRS.
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This context contained four bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5543 (638 sherds, 24397g)

context 5543	<i>Samian. Amphoras</i> : Gauloise 4 (AGAUL), Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Platters A2 (BSW), Cam 28 (GROG); dishes B1 (GRF, BSW), B5.2 [Gillam 1976, no.42], B6.3 (BB1), B2 (BB2), B2/B4, B5.1, B7, ?B10 (BSW), B6 (NVC,
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	BSW); bowl C [Young 1977, 159, fig.58, type C46] (OXRC); mortarium D (BUFM, OXSWM); bowl-jar E2 (BSW); jars G43, G44, G45 (STOR), G26 (MWSRS, HAWO), G9 (BB2), <i>Cam</i> 259 (GROGC), G19 (BSW), G (STOR, GRF, GROG, GRS, BSW); beakers H20/21 (COLC), H34/5 (BSW), H (GROGRF, GRF); flagon J2 (BSW); lids K3, K6 (BSW); unguentarium Q/ <i>Cam</i> 389B (BUF); fabrics VRW, COLB, RED <i>Brooch</i> : Nauheim derivative (SF 2276)
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This context contained a very large quantity of pottery, three-quarters of which comprises storage jars. The remaining pottery is quite fragmentary and has a large residual element. There is Oxford red colour-coat present, plus late forms in Nene Valley colour-coat and white-slipped wares, but there are no late shell-tempered wares or other late fabrics. The context should perhaps be dated to the first half of the 4th century, in the absence of most of the late 4th century+ indicators. One of the residual vessels is an almost complete unguentarium, *Cam* 389B.

Date: early/mid 4th century.

Layer 5544 (12 sherds, 254g)

context 5544	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (STOR, BSW); fabrics NKG, GRS.
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The pottery from this context consists mainly of bodysherds, very little of which are closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 5545 (99 sherds, 1219g)

context 5533	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics BSW, GRS.
context 5536	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dishes B1 (BSW), B4 (GRF), B5.2 [Gillam 1976, no.42] (BB1); mortarium D (NVM); bowl-jar/jar E2/G5 (GRS, BSW); jar G (BSW, GRS); beakers H34/35 (BSW), H (GRF); fabric LSH.

This pit had two fills and pottery was recovered from both. The top fill, 5533, contained a few bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable. The bottom fill, 5536, contained a small amount of pottery, most of which dates to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries. There are two joining bodysherds in late shell-tempered ware present, however, and the presence of these extends the date into the late 4th century+.

Date: mid/late 4th century+.

Pit 5547 (9 sherds, 42g)

context 5546	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B2 (BSW); fabrics GRS, COLC.
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This single fill contained Colchester beaker sherds and a dish, dating the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Layer 5550 (3 sherds, 92g)

context 5550	<i>Amphora</i> : Stopper (ABUNG) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics STOR, GRS.
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This context contained three sherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Foundation trench 5555 (7 sherds, 66g)

context 5512	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Lid K6 (BSW).
context 5554	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabric GRS.

This feature had two fills. Pottery was recovered from both the top, 5512, and bottom, 5554, fills, and consists mainly of bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable

Date: Roman.

Layer 5556 (7 sherds, 52g)

context 5556	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Jar G (GRS); fabrics GRF, BSW.
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The pottery recovered from this context consists mainly of bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5558 (8 sherds, 8g)

context 5558	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery: Jar G (GROG); fabrics MWSRS, BUF, GRS.</i>
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The pottery in this context was retrieved from the soil sample and consists mainly of bodysherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics. The context can be dated only to the Roman period, perhaps early Roman.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5560 (3 sherds, 12g)

context 5559	<i>Misc. pottery: Fabrics BSW, GROG.</i>
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This single fill contained three bodysherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics and can be dated only to the Roman period, perhaps early Roman.

Date: early Roman.

Layer 5579 (3 sherds, 28g)

context 5579	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery: Bowl C cf. Cam 243 (COLB); fabric GROG.</i>
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This context contained three sherds, one of which is an early bowl type in Colchester buffware and the other two are grog-tempered bodysherds. The context can perhaps be dated to the mid to late 1st century.

Date: ?mid/late 1st century AD.

Layer 5580 (36 sherds, 264g)

context 5580	<i>Misc. pottery: Jar G (GRS); fabric BSW.</i>
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The pottery recovered from this context consists mainly of well-broken bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Foundation pit 5588 (26 sherds, 212g)

context 5506	<i>Misc. pottery: Fabrics COLC, GROGC, BSW.</i>
context 5643	<i>Misc. pottery: Fabrics GRS, BSW.</i>
context 5644	<i>Misc. pottery: Fabrics GRS, BSW.</i>
context 13481	<i>Misc. pottery: Fabric GROGC.</i>

This foundation pit appeared to have thirteen fills, but pottery was recovered from only four and quantities were small. Most of the pottery retrieved comprises bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable, but the top, 5506, and secondary, 13481, fills both contain grog-tempered sherds and the top fill also contained early Roman fabrics. An early Roman date can probably be given.

Date: early Roman.

Posthole 5633 (23 sherds, 492g)

context 5630	<i>Samian: Amphora: Dr.20 (ABAET) Misc. pottery: Mortarium D (VRWM); jars G5.5 (GRS), G (STOR, BSW); beakers H1 (BSW), H (GROGRF); fabrics GRF, GROG.</i>
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This posthole had three fills, but no pottery was recovered from secondary, 5631, or bottom, 5632, fills. The top fill contained a small amount of pottery, very little of which is closely datable. There are 1st to early 2nd century forms present, along with a few sherds in grog-tempered fabrics. The latest piece is the G5 jar, dated 2nd to early/mid 3rd century, and there is a dish base sherd in black-surfaced ware, plus a folded beaker bodysherd. The context may not be any later than 2nd century, but perhaps an early Roman date should be given, as the dating evidence is not strong.

Date: early Roman.

Gully 5639 (2 sherds, 8g)

context 5637	<i>Misc. pottery: Mortarium D (NVM); fabric GRS.</i>
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This gully had two fills but no pottery was recovered from the bottom fill, 5638. The top fill contained two small bodysherds, one in sandy greyware, the other from a Nene Valley mortarium. The mortarium is a mid 3rd to mid 4th century form, but the context should perhaps be given a Roman date only.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5648 (2 sherds, 26g)

context 5649	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); fabric STOR.
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This single fill contained two sherds, one of which is a dish. This probably dates the context to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5657 (176 sherds, 584g)

context 5656	<i>Samian:</i> Chip. <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Bowl C8 (HAX); mortarium D [Young 1977, 121, fig.38, type WC7] (OXSWM); jar G (NVC, GRS); beaker H (NVC, GRS); fabrics LSH, OXRC, ALH, COLC, PORD, GRF, BSW, RET <i>Coins:</i> AE3, House of Valentinian (SF 2308), 364-375; AE3, Valentinian I (SF 8428), 367-375
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The pottery from this single fill was retrieved from the soil sample and consists mainly of bodysherds. There are many late 4th century+ fabrics present, however, and these date the context to the late 4th century+. The coins confirm the date. There is very little present which is residual.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 5658 (3 sherds, 32g)

context 5659	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GRS.
context 5658	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics MWSRS, GRF.

This single fill contained one bodysherd in sandy greyware and a further two sherds were assigned the cut number. Neither context is closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Unknown 5669

context 5669	<i>Coin:</i> Barbarous Radiate (SF 3189), 273-290
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Posthole 5682 (4 sherds, 8g)

context 5683	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
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The pottery from this single fill was retrieved from the soil sample and consists of a few grog-tempered bodysherds. A tentative Late Iron Age date can be given.

Date: ?LIA.

Posthole 5684

The pottery from this feature is prehistoric in date.

Posthole 5686 (4 sherds, 6g)

context 5687	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROGC, GROG, MICW.
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The pottery from this single fill was retrieved from the soil sample and consists of three grog-tempered bodysherds and another which is sand-tempered. A Late Iron Age date can probably be given.

Date: LIA.

Ditch 5695 (31 sherds, 350g)

context 5654	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, BSW.
context 5655	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (GRF); mortarium D (BUFM); bowl-jar E2 (BSW, GRS); fabrics NVC, RED.

This ditch segment had three fills, but no pottery was recovered from context 5653. Top fill, 5654, contained two bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable. The bottom fill, 5655, contained a small amount of pottery mainly dating to the late 2nd to 3rd centuries. There are bodysherds in Nene Valley colour-coat present, one of which has white paint and barbotine decoration, along with bowl-jars and dishes. These date the context to the first half of the 3rd century.

Date: early/mid 3rd century.

Layer 5698 (50 sherds, 689g)

context 5698	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Jars G29, G5.5, G (GRS); fabrics STOR, NVC, COLC, BSW.
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This context contained a small amount of pottery, most of which can be dated to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries. The latest piece is the bodysherd from a Nene Valley colour-coated scale beaker, a form which continues into the 4th century.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Unknown 5720 (56 sherds, 146g)

context 5720	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B1 (GRS); jar G (GRS); fabrics STOR, GROGC, GROG, BSW.
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The pottery from this context was retrieved from the soil sample and consists mainly of small bodysherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics. The context can be dated only to the Roman period, although there is a small dish rim sherd present.

Date: Roman.

Unknown 5732 (1 sherd, 2g)

context 5732	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric HAX.
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Just one tiny bodysherd in Hadham oxidised ware came from this context, which can therefore be dated only to the Roman period, perhaps late Roman.

Date: late Roman.

Posthole 5734

The pottery from this feature is prehistoric in date.

Pit 5736 (215 sherds, 4247g)

context 5730	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Fabric AMISC <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1 (BSW), B2 (BB2); mortarium D (NVM, BUFM); jar G (BSW, GRS); beakers ?H34/35 (GRF), H (BSW); flagon J (NVC); fabrics STOR, LSH, HAX, OXRC, GROGC.
context 5754	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4, B3.2 (BSW), B4 (GRF); mortarium D (BUFM); bowl-jar ?E6 (GRF, BSW); jars G44.5 (STOR), G (GRS); beakers H32/33, H34/35 (GRS); flagon J-new (HAX); fabrics LSH, RED, OXRC, COLB, GROGC.
context 5766	<i>Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B4, B3.2, B5.1 (BSW); jar G9 (BSW); beakers H41 (NVC), H32/33 (GRS); fabrics VRW, STOR.

This pit had three fills, pottery was recovered from all three and from the soil sample taken from the bottom fill, 5766. Most of the pottery in the bottom fill came from the soil sample and consists mainly of dishes and beaker fragments. The B5 dish is dated mid to late 3rd century and the latest beaker form present continues into the 4th century. The secondary, 5754, and top, 5730, fills also contained a quantity of dishes and beakers, but there is a small amount of late shell-tempered ware and Oxford red colour-coat present in both fills, plus late flagon forms in different fabrics. The feature probably dates to the mid 4th century, but the presence of the later pieces extends the date into the late 4th century.

Date: mid/late 4th century.

Layer 5745 (141 sherds, 2905g)

context 5745	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Bowl Cam 242 (GROGC); jars Cam 249 (GROG), Cam 259 (GROGC), G (STOR); fabric ESH.
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This context contained a moderate amount of pottery, mainly storage jar sherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics. The context can perhaps be dated to the Late Iron Age by the quantity of grog-tempered pottery present.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 5749 (11 sherds, 276g)

context 5748	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G-new [Perrin 1999, 107, fig.65, no.275] (NVC); fabrics GRF, BSW.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, very little of which is closely datable. There is a rouletted jar in Nene Valley colour-coat present, a form dated by Perrin to the 4th century. A tentative 4th century date can probably be given.

Date: 4th century.

Other 5751 (15 sherds, 88g)

context 5750	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BSW, GRS.
context 5783	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BSW, GRS.

This feature had two fills, pottery was recovered from both and from the soil sample taken from the bottom fill, 5783. The pottery consists entirely of bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Foundation trench 5767

See Foundation trench 5555 above.

Posthole 5795 (15 sherds, 314g)

context 5795	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B5.1, B6 (BSW); bowl-jar E5 (BSW); jar G (GRS); fabrics BUF, RED, GRF.
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The pottery from this single fill was assigned the cut number. There are dishes and a bowl-jar present, providing a late 3rd to mid 4th century date for the context.

Date: late 3rd/mid 4th century.

Pit 5805 (315 sherds, 7118g)

context 5804	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Mortarium D (OXWM); jar G (STOR); fabrics GRF, BSW, GRS.
context 5841	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1.4 [Gillam 1976, no.77], B6.3 [Gillam 1976, no.48-9] (BB1), B6.2 (GRS, BSW), B1, B2, B3.2 (BSW); mortarium D1 (BUFM); jars G (STOR, GRS, BSW); beakers H41 (NVC), H (BSW); fabrics NVP, ALH, GRF <i>Coins:</i> Radiate, Gallienus (SF 3319), 253-260; As (SF 3320), 69-99
context 5864	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B6.2 (GRS, BSW), B1 (BSW); mortarium D11.1 (BUFM); bowl-jar E2 (GRS); jars G40, G25 (GRS), G42, G (GRS, BSW); beakers H41, H42 (NVC, RED); flagon J shoulder [Howe <i>et al</i> 1981, fig.8, no.96] (NVP); fabrics STOR, MWSRS, RED, BB1, GRF.

This pit had six fills, but no pottery was recovered from fills 5832, 5858 and 5863. Most of the pottery came from the bottom, 5864, and secondary, 5841, fills and a further small amount was retrieved from the soil sample taken from the secondary fill. Both contained a range of forms and fabrics, mostly dating to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries, and there are joining sherds between contexts. There are late forms present, but no exclusively late 4th century+ pieces. The top fill, 5804, contained a small amount of pottery, mainly bodysherds and very little is closely datable. The feature can be dated to the first half of the 4th century. **N.B.** A reconstructed miniature jar, from 5841, has not been located.

Date: early/mid 4th century.

Build-up layer 5807 (44 sherds, 433g)

context 5807	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dish B1 (BSW); bowl C (NVC); jars G27.2 (LSH), G9, G (BSW); lid K6 (BSW); fabrics BUF, GROG, GRF, GRS, BB1
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	<i>Brooch</i> : Fragment (SF 2252)
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A small amount of pottery was recovered from this context, most of which is 1st or 2nd century in date. But there are also late 4th century forms present, including a bifid bowl rim in Nene Valley colour-coated ware. The pottery is fairly fragmentary and the black-surfaced wares are the most abraded, but this is consistent with pottery recovered from a layer. The context is difficult to date, but most of the pottery is late 1st to early 2nd century, and the later pieces are probably intrusive. A late 1st to early 2nd century date should perhaps be given, and an early Roman date agrees with the stratigraphy.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Spread 5808 (57 sherds, 574g)

context 5808	<i>Misc. pottery</i> : Fabrics GROG, GROGC.
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This context produced a small quantity of grog-tempered pottery dating to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Layer 5809 (326 sherds, 4155g)

context 5809	<i>Samian</i> : Amphora: Stopper (ABUNG) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Platter A2 (GROG); dishes B1 (BB1, LSH, BSW), B2/B4, B3.2, B7 (BSW), B5.1 (BSW, GRF), B2 (BB2, GRS), B4 (GRF); bowls C8, C (OXRC), <i>Cam</i> 211 (GROG); mortarium D (OXSWM, OXRCM); jars <i>Cam</i> 258 (ESH), G27.2 (LSH), <i>Cam</i> 259 (GROGC), G (STOR, GROGC, GROG, GRS, BSW); beaker H20.2 (COLC); flagon J handle (NGWF); fabrics NVC, BUF, HAX, NKG <i>Coins</i> : Barbarous Radiate (SF 2096), 260-290; AE4 (SF 2097), Roman; AE4 copy (SF 2098), 353-360; AE3, House of Constantine (SF 2099), 330-335; AE4, Arcadius (SF 2100), 388-402; AE4, Arcadius (SF 3519), 388-395; AE4, House of Theodosius (SF 3551), 383-402
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This context produced a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery. There are a number of late 4th century+ pieces, which date the context, and the coins confirm the date. There is also a large quantity of residual material. Also present is another example of a late shell-tempered ware B1 dish. See context 5410 above.

Date: late 4th century+.

Layer 5810 (467 sherds, 5915g)

context 5810	<i>Amphora</i> : Dr.2-4 (AITAL) <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Bowl C-new (GROG); mortarium D (BUFM); jars <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), <i>Cam</i> 255 (GROGC), <i>Cam</i> 229 (GROG), G (GROGC, GROG); lid K (GROG); fabrics VRW, BUF, TN, NKG, BSW, GRS, GROGRS.
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This context contained a large amount of fragmentary pottery, mostly dating to the first half of the 1st century AD. There are a few bodysherds in Roman fabrics present, but the context can probably be dated to the mid 1st century. The date is supported by the presence of the amphora. The fragmentary nature of the pottery may indicate a later date, although there is nothing present which is later than early 2nd century.

Date: mid 1st century AD.

Layer 5838 (73 sherds, 666g)

context 5838	<i>Samian</i> : <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Dish B6 (GRF); mortarium D11 (BUFM); jars G26, G (BSW); beaker H32/33 (BSW); fabrics STOR, NVP, OXRC, COLC, NVC, GRS.
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This context contained a small quantity of fragmentary pottery. There is no late shell-tempered ware present, but there is a bowl base in Oxford red colour-coat and other later Roman pieces. The fragmentary nature of the pottery also indicates a late 4th century+ date. There is also residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Slot 5844 (21 sherds, 1498g)

context 5843	<i>Amphoras</i> : Dr.20 (ABAET); fabric AMISC <i>Misc. pottery</i> : Mortarium D1
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	(NEGM); jar G (STOR); fabrics GROG, BSW.
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This single fill contained a moderate amount of pottery, very little of which is closely datable. There is a stamped mortarium, probably originating in north-eastern France, and normally dated to 70-100AD. This dates the context.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Layer 5859 (55 sherds, 278g)

context 5859	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Bowl C26 (COLB); jar G (BSW); beaker H (BSW); fabrics NKG, GRS, GROG.
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Very little of the pottery recovered from this context is closely datable. The bowl rim sherd joins with a larger sherd from layer 5927 and another from layer 13021. The form is dated to the late 1st to early 2nd centuries, a date supported by the North Kent beaker bodysherds.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Posthole 5887 (2 sherds, 16g)

context 5886	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, BSW.
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This single fill contained one grog-tempered bodysherd and another in Roman fabric. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5892 (6 sherds, 70g)

context 5891	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H20 (COLC); fabrics STOR, GRF, GRS.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, very little of which is closely datable. There is a rough-cast beaker in Colchester colour-coat present, which is a mid 2nd century form. This dates the context.

Date: mid 2nd century.

Posthole 5899 (3 sherds, 52g)

context 5898	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H32/33 (BSW); fabric GRS.
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This posthole had two fills, but no pottery was recovered from the top fill, 5897. The bottom fill, which represents the packing, contained a beaker base in sandy greyware and a beaker rim, a form dating to the 3rd century. This dates the context.

Date: 3rd century.

Pit 5900 (141 sherds, 3208g)

context 5900	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars Cam 259 (GROGC), G (STOR, GROG); beakers H1 (BSW), H (GROG); lid K3 (GROG); fabrics ESH, BUF, VRB.
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The pottery recovered from this ?single fill was assigned the cut number. The bulk of the pottery is grog-tempered, but there are enough Roman forms and fabrics to provide a mid to late 1st century date for the context. There are bodysherds from a Verulamium fineware ring-and-dot beaker present, a form which is relatively uncommon at Elms Farm.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Posthole 5911 (3 sherds, 44g)

context 5910	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H (GRF); fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained an undiagnostic beaker rim and dish base and bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5927 (248 sherds, 2040g)

context 5927	<i>Samian. Misc. pottery:</i> Bowl C26 (COLB); jars G17 (GRS), G23, G24, G16 (BSW); G (GROG, BSW); beakers H6 (NKG, GRF), H1 (GRS, BSW), H7 (BSW); lid K3 (BSW); fabrics LRC, STOR.
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A moderate amount of pottery was recovered from this context. Most of the forms and fabrics present can be dated to the late 1st to early 2nd centuries. The bowl rim joins with sherds in layers 5859 and 13021.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Pit 5928 (211 sherds, 2238g)

context 5893	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4, B5.1 (BSW), B3.2 (GRF, BSW); mortarium D (OXWM); jars G9 (BSW), G24.2 (GRS), G (BSW, GRS); beakers H32/33 (NVC), H34/35 (GRF); flagon J-new [Perrin 1999, 56, fig.33, no.33] (NVC); fabrics HAX, RED, BB1, STOR.
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This single fill contained a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery, mostly comprising folded beakers and dishes. There are scale beaker sherds in Nene Valley ware, plus a flagon with a bulbous neck above the handle, which may be a variant of 3rd-century Nene Valley flange-necked flagon types. Most of the dishes are the mid 3rd century B5 type; one shallow example, in four large joining sherds, has inscribed concentric circle decoration on the inner surface of the base. The Oxford whiteware mortarium also appears in Essex from the mid 3rd century onwards. A mid 3rd century date can probably be given to the context in the absence of any late Roman pieces, although the fragmentary nature of the pottery is usually a late indicator.

Date: mid 3rd century.

Posthole 5931 (9 sherds, 86g)

context 5930	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained jar base and bodysherds, nearly all from the same vessel, and further sherds from the same jar were retrieved from the soil sample. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Hearth construction 5933 (4 sherds, 136g)

context 5933	<i>Amphora:</i> Dr. 20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars Cam 255, G (GROGC); fabric STOR.
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This context contained storage jar fragments in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics, which cannot be closely dated within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Layer 5937 (8 sherds, 30g)

context 5937	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B2/B4 (BSW); fabrics GROG, GRF, GRS.
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The pottery from this context was retrieved from the soil sample. There is a small dish fragment present, but nothing else is closely datable. The context can perhaps be dated to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: mid 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Pit 5940 (106 sherds, 1319g)

context 5939	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4, B3.2 (BSW), B4 (HAR, BSW); jars G24 (GRS), G9 (GRF, BSW), G (GRS, BSW); beaker H23 (NVC); fabrics NVP, HAX, NVG, STOR, COLC <i>Coin:</i> Sestertius, Trajan (SF 3558), 103-117
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This single fill contained a moderate amount of pottery and a further quantity was retrieved from the soil sample. There are dishes present and Nene valley beaker sherds, along with other 3rd century fabric types. A 3rd century date can be assigned.

Date: 3rd century.

Cremation pit 5966 (40 sherds, 388g)

context 5965	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Beaker H1 (BSW); lid K6 (GRS); fabrics STOR, BUF, GROG, GROGRF.
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This feature was recorded as a cremation pit, but is probably just a posthole. Very little of the pottery recovered from the single fill is closely datable, but there are four large joining sherds from an H1 beaker, dating to the mid to late 1st century. There are also grog-tempered bodysherds present, including one from the soil sample.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Gully 5969

The pottery from this feature is prehistoric in date.

Posthole 5978 (1 sherd, 10g)

context 5979	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GRS).
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This single fill contained a jar rim in sandy greyware, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 5980 (2 sherds, 85g)

context 5981	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRS, COLC.
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This single fill contained two bodysherds in Roman fabric, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Layer 13012 (237 sherds, 1477g)

context 13012	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dish B7 (BSW); jar G (GRS, BSW); beakers H6 (NKG), H (BSW); lids K6 (GRS), K3 (BSW); fabrics BUF, STOR, BB1, GROGC, GROG.
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This context produced a small amount of fragmentary pottery and further sherds were retrieved from the soil sample. The identifiable forms present date to the late 1st to 2nd centuries. There is a tiny sherd of BB1 in the context, a fabric which probably reaches Essex in the mid 2nd century. A late 1st to mid 2nd century date can probably be given.

Date: late 1st/mid 2nd century.

Layer 13021 (63 sherds, 528g)

context 13021	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); dish B7 (BSW); bowl C26 (COLB); jars G23, G (GRS); beaker Cam 85 (GROG); fabrics STOR, GRF.
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Most of the fabrics and forms in this context can be dated to the late 1st to early 2nd centuries. The Colchester buffware bowl joins with sherds in layers 5859 and 5927.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Other 13031 (24 sherds, 98g)

context 13030	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, BSW, GRS <i>Brooch:</i> Nauheim derivative (SF 5118)
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This single fill contained a few bodysherds and further bodysherds were retrieved from the soil sample. The context cannot be closely dated within the Roman period. The brooch is a 1st century type.

Date: early Roman.

Layer 13043 (235 sherds, 2281g)

context 13043	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter Cam 28 (GROG); dishes B3.2 (GRF), B7 (BSW), B2/B4 (GRF, BSW); bowlC [Young 1977, 165, fig.61, type C68] (OXRC); jars G3 (GROG), G23 (BSW), Cam 259 (GROGC), G (GRF, GROG, BSW); beakers H6 (GRF), H (GROGRS, GRF, BSW); lid K (GROG); fabrics HAX, LSH, OXSWM, VRW, BUF, STOR, GRS <i>Coin:</i> Radiate/AE4 (SF 3508), 200-399
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This context contained a moderate amount of fragmentary pottery, mainly bodysherds. There are late 4th century forms and fabrics present and these date the context, although there is also a large quantity of residual material.

Date: late 4th century+.

Posthole 13055 (12 sherds, 48g)

context 13054	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROGC.
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This single fill contained a small quantity of friable grog-tempered bodysherds, probably all from the same vessel. The context can be dated to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Layer 13056 (29 sherds, 308g)

context 13056	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B7 (BSW); jar G (BSW); fabrics STOR, GRS.
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Very little of the pottery recovered from this context is closely datable. The dish form is dated to the 1st to 2nd centuries, so an early Roman date is probably the most appropriate.

Date: early Roman.

Pit 13084 (209 sherds, 2801g)

context 13071	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B1, B2/B4 (BSW), B4 (GRF); mortarium D (BUFM); jar G9 (BSW); beakers H34/35 (BSW), H (GRF); fabrics MWSRF, RED, GRS.
context 13072	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2/B4 (GRF), B4 (BSW); jar G9 (BSW); fabrics STOR, MWSRF, GRS.
context 13083	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dishes B2 (BB2), B4 (GRF); beaker H6 (GRF); flagon J3 (BUF); fabrics STOR, MIC, BSW, GRS.
context 13094	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jars G9 (GRF), G5.5 (GRS); fabrics STOR, RED, BSW.

This pit had four fills and pottery was recovered from all four. There are dishes present throughout and other late 2nd to mid 3rd century forms. The feature can be dated to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

Date: late 2nd/mid 3rd century.

Slot 13123 (7 sherds, 52g)

context 13122	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
context 13125	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics STOR, BSW, GROGC, GROG.

This feature had two fills and a small amount of pottery was recovered from both. The top fill, 13122, contained just one grog-tempered bodysherd and the bottom fill, 13125, contained grog-tempered pottery, plus two tiny sherds in Roman fabrics. A Late Iron Age date can probably be given, although quantities are small.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 13170

The pottery from this feature is prehistoric in date.

Posthole 13176 (1 sherd, 48g)

context 13145	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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The pottery from this single fill was retrieved from the soil sample and consists of one bodysherd in Roman fabric, not more closely datable. **N.B.** Other pottery present seems to be prehistoric.

Date: Roman.

Pit 13219 (517 sherds, 12503g)

context 13219	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platters A2 (BSW), Cam 28 (GROG); dishes B6.2 (GRF), B7 (BSW); jars G45 (STOR), Cam 259 (BSW, GROGC), Cam 260, G [cf. Rodwell 1988, fig.79, no.25-27] (GROG), G (GROG); fabrics COLB, ESH, GRS.
context 13389	<i>Samian: Amphora:</i> Dr.20 (ABAET) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platters Cam 5 (TN), Cam 21, Cam 23, Cam 28 (GROG); bowl ?C1 (GROG), C (GROGC), C-new (STOR); cup Cam 57 (GROG); jars Cam 255, Cam 259 (GROGC), G20 (GROGC, GROG), G19, Cam 249 (GROG), G (STOR, GROGC, GROG); beakers H1, Cam 92 (GROG), Cam 113 (NGWF), ?Cam 112 (TR); lids K3, K (GROG); fabrics BUF, BSW, MICW, GRS.

A large quantity of pottery was recovered from this single fill and a further amount was retrieved from the soil sample. Other pottery was assigned the cut number, and the B6 dish is therefore probably intrusive. Most of the pottery in both contexts dates to the mid to late 1st century and there are joining sherds with vessels in fills 13387 of pit 18019 and 13388 of pit 18020. Two joining *terra rubra* base sherds have internal red paint and the edge of the base appears to have been trimmed; bodysherds, which must be from the same vessel, appear in contexts 13801 and 13803. The North Gaulish beaker rim found in the sample joins with a decorated bodysherd in context 13801. Both of these vessels could be local copies.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Layer 13243 (6 sherds, 44g)

context 13243	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics STOR, BSW.
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The pottery recovered from this context consists of bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 13245 (2 sherds, 24g)

context 13244	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric BSW.
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This single fill contained just two bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 13251 (17 sherds, 58g)

context 13250	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics COLB, BUF, BSW, GRS.
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This single fill contained bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable, although there is Colchester buffware present which may indicate an early Roman date.

Date: Roman.

Pit 13266 (5 sherds, 26g)

context 13265	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter Cam 28 (GROG).
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This single fill contained a small amount of grog-tempered pottery dating to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 13286 (3 sherds, 32g)

context 13285	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GROG, GROGC.
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This single fill contained three grog-tempered bodysherds. The context can be dated tentatively to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Layer 13289 (17 sherds, 344g)

context 13289	<i>Amphora:</i> Dr.1 (AITAL) <i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter A2 (BSW); jars Cam 229, G (GROG); fabrics ESH, GROGC.
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A small amount of pottery was recovered from this context, mostly grog-tempered. There are also sherds in black-surfaced ware present, including a platter, providing a mid 1st century date for the context. The presence of the Dressel 1 amphora handle supports the date.

Date: mid 1st century AD.

Beam slot 13294 (73 sherds, 85g)

context 13292	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> ?Platter Cam 28 (GROG); fabrics NKG, GRS, BSW.
context 13293	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GROG, BSW); fabrics ESH, NVC, GRS.

This feature had two fills and small quantities of mainly bodysherds in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics were retrieved from both. Very little is closely datable, but most of the fabrics present are early Roman, apart from a tiny sherd in Nene Valley colour-coated ware, probably intrusive, in the secondary fill, 13293.

Date: early Roman.

Beam slot 13308 (11 sherds, 210g)

context 13309	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Platter Cam 21 (GROG); jar G (GROG).
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This single fill contained a small amount of grog-tempered pottery dating to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Natural 13323 (24 sherds, 48g)

context 13322	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BUF, GRS, BSW.
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The pottery from this single fill was retrieved from the soil sample and consists mainly of bodysherds, not closely datable within the Roman period.

Date: Roman.

Pit 13362 (11 sherds, 82g)

context 13281	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics GRF, BSW, GRS.
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This single fill contained bodysherds in Roman fabrics, not more closely datable.

Date: Roman.

Posthole 13365

The pottery from this feature is prehistoric in date.

Pit 13366 (156 sherds, 1666g)

context 5151	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B7 (BSW); jars G23, ?G5 (GRS), G (GROG, BSW); beaker H1 (BSW); fabrics NKG, GROGC, BUF, UWW.
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context 13336	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabrics BSW, GRS.
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This pit had five fills, but no pottery was recovered from fills 13291, 13334 and 13335. Pottery came from two top fills, 5151 and 13336, and a further amount was retrieved from the soil sample taken from 5151. Three bodysherds were found in context 13366, and these can be dated only to the Roman period. There are both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics present in context 5151, plus a purpose-made spindle-whorl. Most of the sandy greyware in this context comprises a single jar and the dish joins with that in context 5149. The datable forms, and some fabrics, are 1st and 2nd century types. Perhaps a late 1st to early 2nd century date could be given.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Posthole 13371 (14 sherds, 78g)

context 13372	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GROG).
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This single fill contained a jar rim and bodysherds in grog-tempered fabric and further grog-tempered bodysherds were retrieved from the soil sample. The context can be dated to the Late Iron Age.

Date: LIA.

Posthole 13373 (26 sherds, 192g)

context 13374	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
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context 13378	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GROG); fabric GROGC.
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This feature had two fills, pottery was recovered from the bottom fill. All of the pottery present is grog-tempered and further grog-tempered bodysherds were retrieved from the soil samples taken from the bottom fill and from the top fill, 13374. A Late Iron Age date can be assigned.

Date: LIA.

Beam slot 13376 (1 sherd, 10g)

context 13375	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Fabric GROG.
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This single fill produced just one grog-tempered bodysherd, providing a tentative Late Iron Age date.

Date: LIA.

Spread 13377 (38 sherds, 464g)

context 13377	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (GROG); beaker H (GROGRF, GRF); fabrics VRW, CGMIC, GROGC, BSW, GRS.
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This context contained a small quantity of fragmentary pottery, very little of which is closely datable. Most of the forms and fabrics date to the mid to late 1st century and the bulk of the pottery is grog-tempered. There are dish base sherds present, however, and the fragmentary nature of the pottery probably indicates a later date than 1st century. The context should perhaps be dated to the late 1st to early 2nd century.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.

Posthole 13383 (26 sherds, 260g)

context 13382	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G [cf. Rodwell 1988, fig.90, no.232] (ESH); fabrics BUF, STOR, MWSRS, GROGC, GRS, BSW, GROG.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mainly bodysherds, in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics. Very little is closely datable, but the few forms present, and the fabrics, indicate a mid to late 1st century date.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Layer 13397 (19 sherds, 236g)

context 13397	<i>Misc. pottery:</i> Jar G (BSW); beaker ?H6 (GRF); fabrics NGWF, GROGC, GRS, GROG.
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This context produced a small amount of pottery, mainly bodysherds, in both grog-tempered and Roman fabrics. The beaker rim is very small and not readily diagnostic, therefore a mid to late 1st century date can be given.

Date: mid/late 1st century AD.

Pit 13399 (62 sherds, 1653g)

context 13398	<i>Samian: Misc. pottery:</i> Dish B7 (BSW); jars ?G34 (GRS), G (BSW); lid K (BSW); fabrics GROGC, STOR.
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This single fill contained a small amount of pottery, mainly bodysherds. Very little is closely datable, but there is grog-tempered pottery present and the dish in black-surfaced ware is a 1st/2nd century form. Two bodysherds have comb-stabbed decoration, which is common on 1st century H1 beakers. A late 1st to early 2nd century date can perhaps be given.

Date: late 1st/early 2nd century.