

Area J

Features/contexts requiring dating evidence sections:

Period II A

Building 7 18849, **25065** (18769, 18871, 18990, 18808, 18871, 18843, 18989, 21025)

18849	Pottery fabrics GROG MICW
18871	Pottery jar \$ (MICW), fabric GROG
18843	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW

The contexts associated with this building contained small amounts of sand- and grog-tempered pottery, including a jar form which is dated to the late 1st century BC at Kelvedon (Rodwell 1988, fig.79, no.19-22).

Building 8 18674, 18677, 18701, 18704, 18722, 18732, 18734, 18778, 18780, 18786, 18862, 18881, 18883, 18291, 18295, 18306, 18792, 21015, **25068** (18295, 18291, 18306, 18792, 21015)

18674	Pottery fabric GROG
18778	Pottery fabric GROG

Few of the contexts associated with Building 8 contained pottery. Two postholes produced grog-tempered bodysherds providing a Late Iron Age date.

Building 10 13121, 13232, 13280, 13344, 18252, 18257, 18637, 18660, 18922

18252	Pottery jar \$ (GROG), fabric MICW
18257	Pottery fabric GROG

Two of the postholes associated with the building contained grog-tempered pottery. The jars in 18252 are handmade, and one of these is also tempered with sand. A date in the second half of the 1st century BC is indicated.

Pit 18578

18578	Pottery jar \$ (GROG)
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This shallow pit contained a whole grog-tempered jar, apparently buried upright. The vessel is wheel-finished and roughly decorated with looped combing, a form which is dated to the second half of the 1st century BC at Kelvedon (Rodwell 1988, fig. 79, no.32).

Pits 5220, 5221, 5259, 5270, 5272, 18030, 18653, 18710, 18766, 18936, 21501, 21513, 21542, 21544, 21550, 21552, 21640, 21673, 21674, 21972

5220	Pottery fabrics GROG MICW
5259	Pottery fabric GROG
5270	Pottery fabric GROG
5272	Pottery fabric GROG
18030	Amphora Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) Other pottery fabrics GROG GRS BSW
18652	Pottery jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabric GROG
18710	Pottery fabric GROG
18766	Pottery fabrics GROG CGFCS
18936	Pottery fabrics ESH BSW GROG
21501	Pottery fabric GROG
21513	Pottery fabric GROG
21542	Pottery fabric GROG
21550	Amphora Dr.1 (AITAL) Other pottery fabric GROG
21972	Pottery fabric GROG

The pottery recovered from these pits consists mainly of bodysherds in grog-tempered fabric providing a Late Iron Age date. The presence of an amphora sherd and Roman fabrics in 18030 indicates a mid 1st century AD date for this feature, but a late 1st century BC date is indicated by the Dressel 1 stamped handle in 21550. The coin of Constantius recovered from 21972 must be intrusive.

Sub-period II B

Destruction deposits: 18310, 18488, 18689, 18764, 18961, 18962, 21541, 21798, 22078

18310	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW NGWF
18689	Amphora Dr.1/Dr.2-4 (AITAF) Other pottery fabrics ESH BUF GROG GRS
18936	Pottery fabrics ESH BSW GROG
18961	Pottery fabrics BSW GRF GROG
22078	Amphora Dr.1 (AITAL) Other pottery fabrics MICW GROG

The pottery recovered from these deposits consists mainly of bodysherds. Some sherds are in Roman fabrics, but there is earlier pottery present also. A date in the first half of the 1st century AD is indicated.

Gravel surface(s): 5440, 5459, 5796, 5816, 5821, 13097, 13132, 13159, 13195, 13300, 13385, 13482, 13522, 13805,

13806, 18797, 21644, 21646

5440	Pottery jar \$ (GROG), fabric MICW
13805	Pottery fabrics GROG GRS
18797	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds. Some sherds are in Roman fabrics, but there is earlier handmade pottery present in 5440, indicating a late 1st century BC date for this context. The pottery from 13805 and 18797 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Road 3: 22312, 22348

22348	Pottery fabric GROG
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One context associated with this phase of Road 3 contained a grog-tempered bodysherd, providing a tentative Late Iron Age date.

Building(s) 27/28: 25064 (18744, 18761, 18813), 25066 (18932, 18934), 25067 (18956, 18971, 21038)

18813	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
18934	Pottery fabric BSW

Very little pottery was recovered from the contexts associated with this building. Dating evidence is inconclusive.

Building 33: (individual rooms separately)

25051 (18153, 18173, 18197, 18198, 18203, 18255, 18288, 18290, 18481), 18175, 18212

18153	Pottery fabric GROG
18173	Pottery jar Cam 258 (ESH), fabric GROG
18197	Pottery fabrics GROG ESH
18203	Pottery fabric GROG
18255	Pottery fabrics GRS GROG
18481	Pottery fabrics ESH GROG
18175	Pottery flagon J1.2 (MWSRF), fabrics NGWF BSW GROG
18212	Pottery fabric GROG

Most of the pottery recovered is grog-tempered providing a Late Iron Age date. The 'Hofheim' type flagon in 18175 is dated to the mid 1st century AD.

25052 (18281, 18284, 18294, 18297, 18319, 18594, 18611, 18940, 21001, 21027), 18199, 18317, 18928, 18930, 18994, 18996, 18998

18940	Pottery fabric GROG
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Only one context contained pottery. This consists of a sole grog-tempered bodysherd, providing a tentative Late Iron Age date.

25053 (13308, 18493, 18497, 18613, 18605, 18947), 13371, 18491, 18664, 18887, 18916, 18949, 18958

13308	Pottery fabric GROG
18493	Pottery fabric GROG
18613	Pottery dish B7 (BSW), fabric GROG
18947	Pottery fabric GROG
13371	Pottery fabric GROG
18491	Pottery jar G3 (STOR), fabric GROG
18887	Pottery fabric BSW
18958	Pottery fabrics GROG NGWF

Most of the pottery recovered is grog-tempered providing a Late Iron Age date. The dish in 18613 and the jar in 18491 are mid to late 1st century AD types.

25054 (13421, 13777, 18244, 18631, 18633, 18666, 18668, 18748, 18752, 18975, 18977, 18979, 21020), 18247, 18695, 18696, 18981

13421	Pottery fabric GROG
13777	Pottery fabric GROG
18631	Pottery jar G19 (GROG), fabric BSW
18977	Pottery fabric GROG

Most of the pottery recovered consists of grog-tempered bodysherds providing a Late Iron Age date, although the jar in 18631 is a mid 1st century AD form. The pottery in beam slot 18975 is prehistoric in date and presumably residual.

Building 34: 25057 (13537, 13555, 13608, 13695, 13741, 13815, 13882, 18215)

13537	Pottery fabric GROG
13695	Pottery fabrics COLB GRF BSW GROG
13882	Pottery fabric GRS

18215	Pottery fabric GROG
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The pottery recovered consists solely of bodysherds, but there are sufficient early Roman fabrics present to suggest a mid to late 1st century AD date.

Building 35: 25055 (5168, 13850, 13957, 18012, 18060, 18184, 18186, 18227), 13833, 13843, 13996, 13997, **25124** (13450), 13513, 13578, 13651, 13656, 13852, **25125** (13489), **25126** (13567), 18132

13957	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS GROG
18012	Pottery fabric GROG
18060	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
18184	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
13833	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
13843	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
13996	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
13450	Pottery fabric GROG
13578	Pottery fabric GROG
13567	Pottery jar G29 (BSW), fabric GROG

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds in both Roman and grog-tempered fabrics. The jar in 13567 indicates a mid to late 1st century AD date.

Extras = 5043, 5045, 5047, 5049, 5051, 5053, 5055, 5058, 5060, 5062, 5065, 5085, 5086, 5091, 5126, 5137, 5168, 5170, 5172, 5224, 5226, 5321, 5347, 5365, 13376, 13447, 13485, 13487, 18014, 18025, 18188, 18189, 18192, 18194, 18369

5058	Pottery fabric BSW
5137	Pottery fabric BSW
5170	Pottery fabrics BSW GRF GROG
5224	Pottery fabric NKG
5347	Pottery fabric GROG
13376	Pottery fabric GROG
13485	Amphora Dr.20 (ABAET) Other pottery fabrics GRF BSW
18014	Pottery fabrics GROG GRS BSW
18025	Pottery fabrics GROG GRS BSW
18192	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds in both Roman and grog-tempered fabrics. The Roman fabrics are present in sufficient quantity to suggest a late 1st to early 2nd century AD date. Two sherds of later, probably intrusive, pottery were found in posthole 13485.

Pits 5431, 13424, 13427, 13549, 13552, 13560, 13802, 13892, 13893, **18598**

5431	Pottery fabrics ESH BSW GROG MICW Coin AE unit (SF 2272)
13424	Pottery fabric GROG
13427	Pottery fabric GROG
13549	Samian Other pottery fabric GROG
13552	Pottery fabric GROG
13560	Amphora Dr.1 (AITAC AITAL) Other pottery fabrics BSW GRS GROG Brooch La Tene III (SF 4747)
13802	Samian Other pottery fabrics COLB GRF GROG
13893	Samian Other pottery jar G19 (GROG), fabrics GRF BSW Coin AE unit Cunobelin (SF 4752)
18598	Pottery fabric GROG

These pits contained small amounts of pottery, most of which is grog-tempered. The coin and the sand-tempered pottery in 5431 provide a late 1st century BC date for this pit. The brooch in 13560 and the coin in 13893 provide a date in the first half of the 1st century AD. The samian present in three other pits will refine the date for these.

Period III

Sub-period III A

Building 44: 18032, 18231, 18233, 18773, 18775, 18959, 18964, 21003, 22383, 22385, 25137

18233	Pottery fabrics VRW BSW
18775	Pottery fabric GRS

Two of the contexts associated with this building contained pottery, but bodysherds only were recovered. The fabrics present indicate an early Roman date.

Building 46: 5493, 5538, 5549, 5780, 5909, 13453, 13467, 13564, 13584, 13588, 13590, 13611

5538	Samian Other pottery fabrics GRS BSW
13453	Pottery beaker H6.2 (NKG), fabric BSW
13564	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
13584	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds, but two contexts contained pottery which dates to the early to mid 2nd century. The samian may refine the dating.

Building 47: 25006, 5010, 5012, 5014, 5016, 5018, 5040, 5068, 5070, 5074, 5089, 5095, 5101, 5107, 5115, 5121, 18064, 18868, 18918

5014	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
5101	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
5107	Pottery fabric BSW
18064	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

The pottery recovered from these contexts consists mainly of bodysherds. The fabrics present indicate an early Roman date. Context 5016 contained storage jar sherds only, inconclusive for dating purposes, and the pottery in 18868 is wholly residual

'Pit' 5751 / 13444

5751	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
13444	Samian Other pottery jar G20 (BSW), fabric GRS

The pottery recovered from this feature provides an early Roman date.

Pit 13892

13892*	Samian Amphora Gauloise 4 (AGAUL) Other pottery platters <i>Cam 5</i> (TN) A2 (BSW), dishes B7 (BSW) B4 (GRS), bowls C1 (GROG) C14 (GRF), mortarium D1 (BUFM), jars G3 (GROG BSW) G5.3 G19 G20 G30 (GROG) G23 (GRS), beakers <i>Cam 113</i> (NGWF) <i>Cam 112</i> (TR) H7 (BSW GROG) H1 (GROG), flagon J4 (COLB), fabrics NKG LYN VRW ESH Coin As copy (SF 4738) 41-64
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The pottery recovered is similar in character throughout and there are many cross-context joins, including some with contexts which are outside the pit. Most of the assemblage is mid 1st century in date, but some of the forms and fabrics from contexts near the top of the sequence continue into the 2nd century.

(Pit 13892: Archive version)

13219*	Samian Other pottery platters <i>Cam 5</i> (TN) A2 (BSW), dish B7 (BSW), bowl C1 (GROG), jars G19 G20 (GROG), beakers H1 (GROG) <i>Cam 113</i> (NGWF) <i>Cam 112</i> (TR), fabrics COLB ESH GRS
13542	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
13544	Pottery jar G23 (GRS)
13892	Pottery fabric GROG
18018*	Samian Other pottery platter A2 (BSW), dish B4 (GRS), bowl C14 (GRF), jars G5.3 G19 G20 (GROG), beaker H1 (GROG), flagon J4 (COLB), fabrics COLC NGWFS
18019*	Amphora Gauloise 4 (AGAUL) Other pottery mortarium D1 (BUFM), jars G3 (GROG BSW) G5.3 G19 G20 G30 (GROG), beakers H7 (BSW GROG) H1 (GROG), flagon J4 (COLB), fabrics NKG LYN VRW Coin As copy (SF 4738) 41-64
18020*	Pottery jars G19 G20 (GROG), beaker <i>Cam 92</i> (GROG), fabric BSW

Pit 13892 comprises several cuts or recuts, the fills of which contained pottery similar in character and with many cross-context joins. Some of these are with contexts which are outside the pit. There is grog-tempered pottery present, but most of the assemblage is mid 1st century in date. Some of the forms and fabrics from contexts near the top of the sequence continue into the 2nd century.

Sub-period III B

Roads/tracks: 5963, 18201, 18239, 21788, 21615, 21679, 22037, 22038, 21568

21615	Pottery fabric BSW Brooch Nauheim derivative (SF 7671)
21568	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW

The contexts associated with this road surface contained mainly bodysherds in a variety of fabrics, although an early Roman date only is inferred. The latest pottery present dates to the late 4th century+ probably indicating that the road is a long-lived feature. The pottery from 18239 is wholly residual and the brooch fragment from 21788 is not closely datable.

Fenceline: 18208, 18210, 18263, 18267, 18269, 18271, 18586, 18851, 25128, 5031, 5033, 5035, 5037, 5039, 5057, 5067, 5073, 5141, 21515, 21518, 21567, 21930/22032, 21965, 21968, **21524?**

18208	Pottery fabric BSW
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18210	Pottery fabric BSW
18263	Pottery dish B7 (BSW), fabric GRS
18267	Pottery jars G23 (BSW) G17 (GROG), fabrics COLB NKG GRS
18586	Pottery fabric BSW
5031	Samian Other pottery fabrics COLC GRS
5033	Pottery fabrics COLC GRS BSW
5037	Samian Other pottery dish B2/B4 (BB2), fabrics GRS BSW
5057	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
5067	Pottery fabric GRS
21515	Pottery fabrics BSW NKG
21518	Pottery dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS
21567	Pottery dish B1 (BSW), bowl-jar E2 (BSW)
21930	Pottery fabric BSW
22032	Pottery fabrics GRS LOND BSW
21965	Samian Other pottery dish B2 (BB2), jar G9.2 (GRS), fabric BSW Brooch Hod Hill (SF 7695)

Much of the pottery recovered consists of bodysherds, although some of the fabrics present indicate an early Roman date. The dishes and jars and the presence of Colchester roughcast beaker fragments indicate continuation into the 2nd century. The pottery from 21968 is wholly residual and that in the postpipe of 21567 is late Roman.

1st Precinct wall: 18986, 21812, 21899, 22001, 22008, 22058

21812	Pottery dish B2 (GRS), fabrics BSW NVC
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The small amount of pottery recovered provides a tentative late 2nd to mid 3rd century date.

Surface(s) within precinct: 5184, 5354, 5772, 5773, 13529, 13540, 13595 + **make-up layers** 13012, 13013, 13243, 13448, 13459, 13532, 13539

5354	Samian Other pottery dish B2/B4 (BSW), jar G16 (GRS), beaker H6.2 (NKG), fabrics VRW COLB LOND
13529	Pottery fabric GRS
13012	Samian Other pottery platter A2 (BSW), dish B7 (BSW), beaker H6 (NKG), fabrics BB1 GRS
13243	Pottery fabric BSW
13448	Pottery jar G24.1 (GRS), fabric BSW
13459	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW

The pottery recovered provides a late 1st to mid 2nd century date. The pottery from 13529, 13243 and 13459 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Deposits 5807, 5808, 5810, 13377, 13397, 13652, 13690

5807	Pottery platter A2 (BSW), dish B1 (BSW), jar G9 (BSW), fabrics GRS BB1
5810	Amphora Dr.2-4 (AITAL) Other pottery jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabrics VRW NKG BSW GRS
13377	Pottery fabrics VRW BSW GRS
13397	Pottery beaker H6 (GRF), fabrics GRS BSW
13652	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW

These deposits produced a range of fabrics and forms, mainly dating to the late 1st to mid 2nd centuries. Some intrusive pieces were found in 5807. The pottery recovered from 5808 is wholly residual and that from 13377 and 13652 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Middle surface phase: 18832, 18869, 21549, 21591, 21631, 21632, 21634, 21645, 21832, 21962, 21991

18832	Pottery fabric BSW
21991	Coin Radiate/AE4 (SF 7734)

Both the pottery and the coin provide only a general Roman date for this surface.

Building 52: 25056 (5508, 5513, 5555, 5563, 5565, 5567, 5569, 5571, 5573, 5575, 5577, 5767, 13417, 13836)

5555	Samian Other pottery fabrics GRS BSW
13417	Pottery fabric BSW

The pottery recovered is inconclusive for dating purposes, but the samian may provide the date. 13836 contained pottery which is wholly residual.

Pit 5588 / 13432

5588	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
13432	Pottery beaker H20 (LRC), flagon J3 (BUF), fabrics GRS BSW

The forms and fabrics present indicate a mid 2nd century date, although the pottery found in 5588 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Pits 5147, 5156, 5158, 5177, 5206, 13366, 13399, 13401

5147*	Samian Other pottery platters A4 (NKG) A2 (GRF BSW), dishes B2 (BB2) B1 (BSW) B7 (GRS BSW), bowls C1 C6 C12 (BSW), mortarium D1 (BUFM), jars G24 (GRS) G16 G19 (BSW) G20 G23 (GRS BSW), beakers H1 (GRF BSW) H4 (BSW), fabrics COLB VRW LOND
5156	Samian Other pottery dish B7 (BSW), jar G19 (BSW), flagon J3 (VRW), fabric GRS
5158	Samian Other pottery platter A2 (BSW), dish B7 (GRS), fabrics LOND COLB BB2 NKG
5177	Pottery fabric BSW
13366	Samian Other pottery dish B7 (BSW), jars G23 G5 (GRS), beaker H1 (BSW), fabric NKG
13399	Samian Other pottery dish B7 (BSW), fabric GRS
13401	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

The fabrics and forms recovered indicate a late 1st to early 2nd century date. The BB2 dish fragments suggest continuation into the later 2nd century for 5147 and 5158.

Period IV

Pits 5093, 5145, 5222, 5245, 5355, 5394, 5510, 5524, 5940, 13084, 22114

5093	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B3.2 B5.1 (BSW) B2/B4 (GRF), bowl-jar E2 (BSW), jar G9 (BSW), beaker H35 (GRF BSW), fabric NVC
5145	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B2/B4 (BSW), jars G42 (GRF) G24 (GRS), fabrics EGRHN HAX
5222	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B3.2 (BSW) B2/B4 (GRS BSW), fabric NVC
5245	Pottery dishes B1 (BSW) B4 (GRS), beaker H34 (BSW)
5355	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 (BSW) B4 (GRS), bowl-jar E2 (GRS), jars G9 (BB1) G5.5 (GRS), fabrics HAX NVC
5394	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B3.2 (BSW) B2 (BSW BB2), mortarium D1 (BUFM), jars G40 (GRS) G9 (BSW) G29 (BSW GRS), beakers H6 (NKG) H24 (NVC)
5510	Samian Other pottery dish B4 (BSW), fabric GRS
5524	Pottery bowl-jar E2 (GRF), fabric BSW
5940	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B3.2 (BSW) B4 (HAR BSW), jars G24 (GRS) G9 (GRF BSW), beaker H23 (NVC), fabrics NVP HAX
13084	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 (BSW) B2 (BB2) B4 (GRF), jars G5.5 (GRS) G9 (BSW GRF), beakers H6 (GRF) H35 (BSW)
22114	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B2 B4 (BSW), beaker H32 (NVC), fabrics GRS HAR

The pottery recovered consists mainly of dishes and folded beakers, providing a late 2nd to mid 3rd century date. There is intrusive pottery and a late coin in 5394, but the coin in 5940 is residual. The samian present may not be residual.

Fenceline 25069 / 25225 (5201, 5442, 5461, 5639 and **post-holes** 5183, 5186, 5218, 5444, 5452, 5455, 5446, 5634, 5650, 5652, 5697, 5700)

5201	Pottery dishes B1.4 B6.3 (BB1), fabrics NVC GRS BSW
5442	Pottery dish B3.2 (BSW), fabric GRS
5461	Pottery fabric GRS
5639	Pottery fabrics GRS NVM
5186	Pottery dish B4 (BSW), fabric GRS
5218	Pottery dishes B1 B2/B4 B6.2 (BSW), mortarium D14 (NVM), bowl-jar E2 (GRF), fabrics GRS NVC
5452	Pottery fabrics BSW GRF
5455	Samian

Small amounts of pottery were recovered and this ranges in date from the early/mid 3rd century into the early 4th century. There are later pieces in 5218, some of which must be intrusive. The samian may not be residual.

Boundary ditch 25070 (5267, 5437, 5525, 5695, 5928, 21061)

5267	Pottery dishes B2/B4 (BSW) B3.2 (GRF), jars G5.5 G23 (GRS), fabric BB1
5437*	Samian Other pottery dishes B1.4 (BB1) B1 B3.2 B4 (BSW) B2 (BB2 BSW), bowl-jars E2 (GRF) E6 (HAR), jars G5.5 (GRF GRS), fabrics NKG NVC Coin Sestertius Commodus (SF 2090) 180-192
5525	Pottery fabrics NVC GRS BSW
5695	Pottery dish B2/B4 (GRF), bowl-jar E2 (BSW GRS), fabric NVC
5928*	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B2/B4 B5.1 (BSW) B3.2 (GRF BSW), jars G9 (BSW) G24.2 (GRS), beakers H32 (NVC) H34/35 (GRF), fabrics NVC HAX BB1 OXWM

These ditch sections contained pottery ranging in date from the late 2nd century to the mid 3rd century.

2nd Precinct wall: 18739, 18798, 21810, 21876, 21934, 21964, 21981, 22009

21810	Pottery fabric GRS
21876	Pottery fabrics NVC GRS
22009	Pottery fabric GRS

Most of the pottery recovered is inconclusive for dating purposes, but the Nene Valley dish base found in 21876 indicates a late Roman date. There are two 4th century coins in 21810; these must be intrusive.

?Monumental post-hole 5232

5232	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 (GRS HAB BSW) B4 (BB2 GRF) B6.2 (GRF), bowl-jars E2 (GRF) E5/E6 (BSW); jars G5 G24 G42 (BSW) G9 G23 (GRS) G27.2 (LSH), beaker H32 (NVC), fabric OXRC
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Most of the pottery recovered from the posthole fill dates to the early to mid 3rd century. There are later pieces in the fill of the postpipe perhaps indicating accumulation in the slump hollow into the late 4th century+.

?Marker post-hole 21801

21801	Samian Other pottery dishes B1 B2 B6.2 (BSW), jar G9 (BSW), fabric GRS Coin Radiate Tetricus II (SF 7694) 273-274
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The dishes present indicate a mid to late 3rd century date. This is supported by the coin evidence.

Gravel surfaces and Occupation layers: 18740, 18793, 18831, 21613, 21630, 21633, 21643, 21649, 21651, 21652, 21659, 21678, 21758, 21772, 21800, 21816, 21875, 21901, 21908, 21912, 21913, 21922, 21958, 22102, 22107, 22126

18831	Samian Other pottery fabrics COLC GRS BSW
21613	Pottery dish B1 (GRS), bowl-jar E2 (GRS), fabrics HAX NVC
21678	Pottery dish B1 (GRS), fabric BSW
21758	Pottery fabric GRF
21816	Pottery fabric BSW Coin Barbarous Radiate (SF 7735) 270-290
21913	Samian Other pottery dish B2 (BSW), fabrics COLC NKG GRS

The forms and fabrics present indicate a late 2nd to mid 3rd century date, although the coin and some fabrics suggest continuation later into the 3rd century. There is also intrusive pottery present in 21613 and 21816, and that in 21912 is wholly residual.

Shrine: 5505, 5506, 5515, 5517, 5519, 5521, 5715/13428

5506	Pottery fabrics COLC BSW
5515	Pottery fabrics COLC GRS

Small amounts of pottery, mainly bodysherds, were recovered. Colchester colour-coated ware is current from the mid 2nd to the mid 3rd centuries, and provides the date.

Period V

Pits 5026, 5165, 5178, 5282, 5313, 5349

5026	Pottery dishes B1.4 (BB1) B6.2 (BSW), bowl-jar E5.4 (GRF), jar G26 (GRS), fabrics NVC ALH
5165	Pottery fabric HAB
5178	Pottery dishes B1.4 (BB1) B6 (BSW), bowl-jar E2 (GRS), jars G9 (BB1) G24 (RET), beaker H32 (RED), fabrics HAX NVC
5282	Pottery dish B6 (GRS), fabrics NVC BSW
5313	Pottery dish B6.1 (GRF)
5349	Pottery beaker H32 (NVC), fabrics NVM HAX BB1

The pottery recovered mainly dates to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries. Some fabrics and forms present continue into the later 4th century.

Boundary ditches: 5404, 5428, 5435, 5473

5404	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
5428	Pottery dish B2/B4 (HAB), fabrics GRS BSW
5473	Pottery dishes B6.2 (BSW) B6.3 (BB1), bowl-jar E3 (GRS), jar G24 (GRS), beakers H32 (NVC BSW) H39 (GRF), fabric NVM

The best dating evidence comes from section 5473. The pottery present indicates a late 3rd to mid 4th century date.

Fencelines: 5183, 5297, 5304, 5323, 5325, 5336, 5343, 5389, 5406, 5415, 5439, 5466, 5468, 5470, 5475, 5545, 5647, 5658, 5660, 5749, 5849, 5892, 5911, 13305, 13307

5297	Pottery fabric BSW
5304	Pottery jar G24 (RET), fabrics GRS BB1
5336	Pottery dish B6.2 (BSW), beaker H41 (NVC), fabric GRS
5343	Pottery dish B1 (HAB), fabric NVC
5415	Pottery fabric BSW
5468	Pottery fabric GRS
5545	Pottery dish B5.2 (BB1), fabric NVM
5658	Pottery fabric GRS

5749	Pottery fabrics NVC BSW
5892	Pottery fabric GRS
5911	Pottery fabrics BSW GRF

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds, but the forms and fabrics present indicate a late 3rd to mid 4th century date. The pottery from postholes 5297, 5415, 5468, 5658, 5892 and 5911 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Precinct wall repair: 21618, 21667, 21778, 21795, 21876, 22079 + 5234, 5236, 5238, 5299, 5339, 5378, 5389 + 22078

21618	Pottery bowl-jar E5.4 (BSW), fabrics NVC BB1 GRS
21667	Pottery fabric NVC
21795	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
21876	Pottery fabric NVC
22079	Pottery fabric GRS
5234	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
5236	Pottery jar G9 (BSW), fabrics GRS NVC
5238	Pottery fabric BSW
5339	Pottery jar G26 (MWSRS)
5378	Pottery fabrics RET GRS

The pottery recovered consists mainly of bodysherds, but the forms and fabrics present provide a 3rd century date. The pottery from 21795, 22079 5234 and 5238 is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Well 22210 (except upper fills)

22210	Pottery fabric GRS
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The pottery recovered from the lower fills of the well is inconclusive for dating purposes.

Period VI

Pits: 5179, 5180, 5189, 5209, 5341, 5359, 5379, (5429), 5471, 5509, 5736, 5805, 13873

5179	Pottery dishes B5.3 (LSH) B6.1 (BSW), bowl C8 (OXRC), fabrics OXP HAX NVC Coins AE3 Constantius II (SF 1273) 337-341, AE3 Valens (SF 1270) 367-375
5180	Pottery dish B5.3 (LSH), bowl C7.2 (BSW)
5189	Pottery jar G27.2 (LSH)
5209*	Pottery dishes B1 (NVC) B6.3 (BB1), bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics ALH OXSWM Coins AE3 Constantius II (SF 1892, 1897) 347-348, AE3 Valens (SF 1894) 367-375, AE4 Valentinian II (SF 1882) 388-392, AE4 House of Theodosius (SF 1881) 388-408
5359	Pottery fabrics OXP ALH LSH
5379	Pottery dish B6.3 (BB1), bowl C8 (HAX), jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXRC NVC OXSWM
5429	Pottery jar G27.2 (LSH)
5471	Pottery dish B6.3 (BB1), fabric NVC
5509	Pottery dish B6 (NVC), bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27.1 (LSH), fabrics OXWM CEP PORD Coins AE3 Valens (SF 2265) 364-367, AE3 Valentinian I (SF 2261) 364-375, AE4 Theodosius (SF 2260) 388-395
5736	Pottery fabrics LSH OXRC
5805	Pottery dish B6.3 (BB1), beaker H42 (NVC), fabrics NVP OXWM ALH
13873	Pottery dish B6 (NVC), fabrics OXRC OXWM

Most of the pottery recovered from these pits dates to the late 4th century+, and the fragmentary nature of all the pottery indicates agreement with this date. Late coins were found in three pits; the top fill of pit 5209 contained twenty, nearly all of late 4th century date. Most pits also contained residual material; in particular, high residuality was noted for pit 5189.

Precinct wall: collapse 21619, 21620, 21666, 21668, 21756, 21878, 21979; robbing 21815, 21929, 21944, 22169

21619	Pottery dish B1 (NVC), bowl C8 (OXRC), fabrics LSH HAX
21620	Pottery dish B6 (GRS), fabric NVC
21666	Pottery dish B6.2 (BSW), fabric HAX
21756	Pottery fabric NVC
21815	Pottery dishes B1 (NVC) B6 (GRS), fabrics LSH OXRC
22169	Pottery dish B6 (GRS), fabrics HAX OXRC OXSWM

These contexts produced pottery which does not provide a firm date. Most contexts contained early/mid 4th century pottery, but three, 21619, 21815 and 22169, also contained fabrics and forms of late 4th century+ date. The pottery from 21979 and 21944 consists of bodysherds which are not closely datable and also probably residual.

Deposits 5148, 5159, 5153, 5227, 5228, 5275, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5401, 5409, 5413, 5414, 5453, 5543, 5580, 5605

5148	Pottery dishes B1 B6 (NVC) B5.3 (LSH) B6.3 (BB1), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics ALH PORD OXSWM OXWM
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	OXRC Coins AE3 Constantius II (SF 566) 352-360, AE3 Constans (SF 1271) 347-348, AE3 Valens (SF 571) 364-375, AE4 Valentinian (SF 1276) 367-375, AE4 House of Theodosius (SF 570) 388-402
5159	Pottery dishes B5.3 (LSH) B1 (NVC), bowl C8 (HAX OXRC), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics CEP ALH OXSWM OXWM Coin AE3 Valens (SF 1876) 367-375
5153	Pottery jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXRC OXSWM Coins AE4 Theodosius (SF 1915) 388-395, AE4 Arcadius (SF 1913) 388-402
5227	Pottery bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27.1 (LSH), fabrics CEP OXW
5228	Pottery dishes B5.3 (LSH) B1 (NVC), bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics PORD OXP OXSWM OXWM
5275	Pottery fabrics LSH CEP OXRC OXWM OXSWM Coins AE3 Constans (SF 1314) 337-341, AE3 Constans (SF 1313) 347-348, AE4 Constantius II (SF 1302) 355-361, AE4 Honorius (SF 1870) 394-402
5305	Pottery dishes B1 B6 (NVC) B10 (OXRC), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics PORD OXWM OXSWM
5306	Pottery dishes B1 (LSH NVC) B6 (NVC) B10 (OXRC), bowl C8 (OXRC), bowl-jar E3 (BSW), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics ALH CEP PORD OXSWM OXWM
5307	Pottery dishes B1 (NVC) B5.3 (LSH) B10 (OXRC) B6.3 (BB1), bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27 (LSH), fabric OXSWM
5401	Pottery dishes B1 B6 (NVC), bowl-jar E6 (HAX), jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXSWM OXRC OXP Coins ; AE3 House of Constantine (SF 2076) 347-348, AE4 Valentinian II (SF 2074) 388-392, AE4 House of Theodosius (SF 2068 2085) 388-408
5409	Pottery dish B6.3 (BB1), jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXRC OXSWM OXWM
5453	Pottery dishes B1 B6 (NVC) B5.3 (LSH) B10 (OXRC), bowl C8 (OXRC), jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXSWM PORD Coin AE4 House of Theodosius (SF 3542) 388-408
5543	Pottery dishes B6.3 (BB1) B6 (NVC), fabrics OXRC OXSWM
5580	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

Quantities of fragmentary and abraded pottery were recovered, providing a late 4th century+ date. Many latest Roman forms and fabrics are present along with plenty of late coins. There is some residual pottery present throughout with high residuality noted for 5543 only.

Well 22210 upper fills

22210	Pottery jar G27.2 (LSH), fabrics OXRC OXSWM Coins AE2 Constantius II (SF 7952) 353-360, AE3 Valentinian I (SF 7772 7948 7963) 364-367, AE3 Valens (SF 7767 7962) 367-375, AE3 Gratian (SF 7950) 367-375, AE4 Theodosius (SF 7990) 388-395, AE4 Arcadius (SF 7983) 388-402, AE4 House of Theodosius (SF 7972 7984) 388-408
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The pottery from the upper fills included a range of late 4th century+ forms and fabrics and is similar in character to pottery recovered from upper fills elsewhere - an accumulation of debris in the slump hollows of backfilled features. Of note is the presence of sixty-three late coins. There is residual pottery present but this need not predate the 3rd century.

Building 63: 5421, 5477 + pits 5400, 5420, 5450

5421	Pottery fabric GRS
5400	Pottery jar G35 (GRS), fabric BSW
5450	Pottery fabrics GRS NVC BSW

Very little pottery was recovered, but there is a 4th century jar form and the pottery is fragmentary, probably indicating a late Roman date. The pottery from 5400 has been burnt, and that from 5420 is wholly residual.

+ **Destruction/abandonment layers** 5383, 5386, 5387, 5416, 5441

5383	Pottery jar G27.2 (LSH), fabric OXRC
5387	Pottery fabrics OXRC LSH OXSWM

Most of the pottery recovered consists of fabrics and forms which provide a late 4th century+ date. The pottery from 5441 is wholly residual; the brooches from 5383, 5386 and 5441 are also residual.

Building 64: 18873, 18879, 18889, 18952, 18953, 18992, 21006, 21008, 21010, 21013, 21504, 21506, 21509, 21511, 21525, 21527, 21529, 21531, 21554, 21580, 21583, 21589, 21721, 21730, 21732, 21738, 21748, 21783, 21818, 21820, 21884, 21888, 21890, 21892, 21905, 21923, 21936, 21947, 22010, 21514, 18923

18889	Pottery fabric GRS
18952	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS NVC
21010	Pottery fabric LSH
21504	Pottery fabric BSW
21511	Pottery fabric GRF
21531	Pottery fabric GRS

21554	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW
21580	Pottery fabric BSW
21589	Pottery fabric GRS
21748	Pottery bowl C8 (HAX), fabrics BSW GRS
21884	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
22010	Pottery fabric BSW
21514	Pottery dish B5.3 (LSH), jar G27 (LSH), fabrics OXRC OXSWM

Much of the pottery recovered is inconclusive for dating purposes, but 21010, 21748 and 21514 contained pottery of late 4th century+ date. The pottery from 18879, 21006, 21525 and 21719 is wholly residual.

Period VII

Post-Roman Fence line: 18770, 21533, 21547, 21601, 21685, 21699, 21701, 21713, 21717, 21792, 21807, 21940, 21954, 21994, 22002, 22027, 22070

Most of the pottery recovered from these postholes consists of undiagnostic bodysherds in a mixture of fabrics. Seven contexts contained pottery dating to the late 4th century+, and a coin of Gratian came from 22002, but evidence from elsewhere suggests that all of the Roman pottery present is residual.

There is quite a lot of fudging going on with some of these dates: hopefully mainly explained in the text! In particular, the odd top fill of early pits appears under 'deposits' in later phases. Likewise some long-lived layers appear in early phases but have late pot incorporated. We haven't gone totally mad, I think. Unless you say different.

Some observations:

The main impression is that many of the groupings are not closely datable, due to the presence in most cases of just bodysherds. I suppose this demonstrates the rebuilding/remodelling and general messing about which takes place in this area. Also explains the lack of eve'd contexts for Area J.