

Elms Farm Heybridge

Area Q Features/contexts requiring dating evidence sections:

* denotes a fully-quantified group

Period II

Layers (17080, 17194, 17244, 17294, 17319, 17201, 17245)

17194	Samian Other pottery beaker H1 (CGGLZ)
17244	Amphora salazon (ASALA) Other pottery fabrics GROG GRS MICW TR TN
17294	Pottery fabrics COLB BSW GROG
17319	Pottery fabric GROG
17201	Pottery fabrics GROG COLB BSW
17245	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

The pottery was recovered in generally small, but sufficient quantity to provide a range of fabrics. These suggest that the layers were deposited between the early and mid 1st century AD. Context 17195 contained the latest pottery and is likely to have been formed at the end of this date range.

Ditch 25098 (17208, 17353, 17362)

17208	Pottery fabrics GROG MICW
17353	Pottery jar <i>Cam</i> 229 (GROG), fabric MICW

The pottery evidence, principally comprising grog-tempered pottery, is consistent with a Late Iron Age date.

Ditch 17401, 17324

17324	Pottery jars <i>Cam</i> 256 (GROG) <i>Cam</i> 263 (MICW)
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A small amount of Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from this feature.

Well 17155

17155*	Amphora salazon (ASALA) Other pottery platter <i>Cam</i> 1 (TN(M)), fabric GROG Brooch Nauheim Derivative (SF 5963)
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In addition to the large quantity of grog-tempered pottery, a *salazon* amphora and Gallo-Belgic pottery were recovered, and suggests that filling commenced during or after the late 1st century BC. The absence of Roman wares suggests that deposition is unlikely to have continued beyond the middle of the 1st century AD.

Pit 17329

17329	Amphora Pascual 1 (ARCAT) Other pottery beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 (NGWF), fabric GROG
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The pit contained a predominance of grog-tempered pottery, which, supported by the amphora and Gallo-Belgic pottery, dates the filling of the pit to the late 1st century BC to the early 1st century AD.

Layers 17074, 17143, 17231, 17232, 17233

17143	Amphora salazon (ASALA) Other pottery fabric GROG
17231	Pottery fabric GROG
17233	Pottery fabric GROG

The pottery recovered from these deposits can be given a broad Late Iron Age, probably no earlier than the late 1st century BC.

Ditch 25099 (17318, 17343, 17364), **25183** (17257, 17314, 17412), **25184** (17315, 17340, 17344, 17348)

17318	Pottery fabric GROG
17343	Amphora Dressel 2-4 (ABSAN) Other pottery fabric GROG
17257	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
17314	Amphora salazon (ASALA) Other pottery beaker <i>Cam</i> 94 (COLCE), fabrics COLB GROG Brooches Dolphin (SF 5970) Colchester B (SF 7872)
17412*	Samian f29 Other pottery platter <i>Cam</i> 1 (TN(M)), mortarium D (VRWM), fabrics COLB NGWF
17315*	Pottery fabric GROG
17340	Pottery jar G3 (BSW), fabrics COLB GROG
17348	Samian Other pottery fabrics TR BSW NGWF GROG

Ditch 25099 contained small amounts of pottery, although of sufficient quantity to allow a Late Iron Age origin. The main episodes of filling occurred during the middle of the 1st century AD. This date is suggested by the overwhelming presence of grog-tempered pottery, and supported by smaller quantities of Gallo-Belgic and Roman wares, and brooches.

Ditch 25181 (17055, 17086, 17410, 17411), **25179** (17009, 17055, 17183, 17185, 17195, 17198)

17055	Pottery platter <i>Cam</i> 22 (TN), jars G3 (BSW) G19 (BSW)
17086*	Samian Curle 11 f27 Amphora salazon (ASALA) Other pottery platter A2.4 (BSW), jars G19 (GRF) G20

	(GRF), beaker H1 (GRS)
17009	Amphoras <i>salazon</i> (ASALA) Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) Other pottery platter A2 (GRS), beaker H1 (GRS), fabrics CGMIC PR GROG
17183	Samian f67 Other pottery platter A2 (BSW)
17198*	Samian Amphora Dr.1 (AITAF) Other pottery platter A2.2 (BSW), dishes B7 (GRS) B8 (BSW), jars G3 (BSW) G18.2 (BSW) G19 (BSW) G20 (GRS) G22.1 (GRS) G29.3 (BSW), beakers H1.3 (BSW) H7 (BSW) H10.1 (NKG)

The pottery from 17055, 17086 and 17009 can be dated to the mid 1st century AD, although the samian evidence from the latter suggests that these features may have continued to accumulate material into the later part of the century. A late 1st century date is given to 17183 and 17198, by which time the Dressel 1 amphora and grog-tempered ware are probably residual.

Layers 17187, 17325, 17346, 17374, 17399

17187	Pottery jar <i>Cam</i> 202/3 (GROG)
17346	Amphora Dr.1a (AITAH) Other pottery platter <i>Cam</i> 1 (TN(M)), fabric GROG

Pottery was recovered from just two deposits, and in small amounts. Context 17346 is the best dated; the Gallo-Belgic pottery providing a late 1st century BC to early 1st century AD date. The amphora is probably residual by this time.

Period III

Building 33 (17165, 17157, 17269, 17052, 17049, 17321, 17271 17030, 17083, 17125, 17311, 17291, 17357, 17370 17372, 17125, 17311, 17403, 17220, 17230, 12360, 17380, 17108)

17164	Pottery fabrics GRS GROG
17156	Pottery jars G19.2 (GRS)
17269	Pottery beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 (TR), fabrics GRS CGMIC
17051	Pottery fabrics GROG GRS
17049	Pottery fabrics GROG BSW
17320	Pottery jars G20.1 (GRS) G22 (BSW)
17271	Pottery fabric GROG
17125	Pottery fabrics STOR GROG
17357	Samian Other pottery fabrics GRS NKG GROG
17210	Other pottery fabric (GROG)
17230	Samian f37 Other pottery fabric GROG
17360	Pottery fabric BSW
17107	Samian f37 Other pottery jar <i>Cam</i> 220 (GROG)

Much of the pottery recovered from these features could not be dated closely, although it is consistent with a 1st century AD date. A number of features contained samian and other Roman wares, which suggests that, on balance, building 33 was constructed during the second half of the 1st century.

Pits 17288, 17276

Prepared surfaces 17020, 17190, 17197, 17234, 17345, 17373

17020	Pottery dish B2/B4 (BSW) jar G19/G20 (GRS), beaker H20 (LRC)
17190	Samian f35 Other pottery platter A2 (BSW)
17197	Samian f27 Other pottery dish B2 (GRS), beaker H1 (BSW)
17234	Pottery platters A2 (GRS), beaker H1 (GRS), fabric BB2

The pottery evidence provides a late 1st to early 2nd century AD date for the deposition of these surfaces. Context 17020, containing Lower Rhineland colour-coated ware and a dish, is among the latest. Most deposits yielded grog-tempered pottery, some of which was abraded and probably residual.

Building 32 (17017, 17027, 17034, 17114, 17116, 17123, 17134, 17205, 17238, 17243, 17283, 17289, 17293, 17309, 17389)

17017	Pottery fabric BSW
17027	Pottery fabrics GRS GROG
17114	Pottery jars G5 (BSW), fabric NKG
17205	Pottery dish B4 (BSW), fabric COLC
17238	Pottery fabrics GRS NKG BSW GROG
17243	Pottery fabric GROG
17293	Pottery fabrics COLB GRS

Small amounts of poorly dated pottery were recovered from these features. Post-hole 17205 contained the best dating evidence; the presence of Colchester colour-coated ware and a dish form provides a date up to the mid 2nd century for the construction of the building. The remaining pottery is undiagnostic; the grog-tempered pottery and *terra nigra* ware in 17134 are almost certainly residual.

Pit 17193

17193	Pottery jar G19 (BSW), beakers H1.6 (BUF) H34 (BSW), fabric BB2
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This feature contained a large amount of pottery dating from the late 1st to late 2nd century AD.

Beamslots 17066, 17068, 17097, 17147

17068	Pottery fabric GRS
17097	Pottery jars G20 (BSW) G24 (BSW), beaker H20 (UCC)
17147	Pottery fabric GRS

Beamslot 17097 contained the most and best dated pottery, providing an early to mid 2nd century date for deposition. The remaining pottery is undiagnostic, but consistent with the offered date.

Post-holes 17006, 17094, 17304, 17121, 17078, 17022, 17117

17094	Pottery beaker H20 (COLC)
17078	Pottery fabric GRF
17022	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
17117	Pottery fabrics BSW

Small quantities of largely undiagnostic pottery were recovered from most post-holes. A Colchester colour-coated ware beaker dates 17094 to the 2nd century.

Pits 17026, 17100, 17175, 17177, 17297

17026	Pottery jars G19.4 (BSW) G20 (BSW) G23 (GRS)
17100	Samian Other pottery platter A1 (BSW), dish B7.1 (BSW), bowl C16.5 (GRS), jars G8.1 (GRS) G17.1 (GRS) G20.1 (BSW) G23.2 (BSW), flagon J3 (MWSRS)
17175	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
17177	Samian f37 Other pottery platter A2.3 (GRS), dish B7 (BSW), bowl C33.1 (BSW), jars G3 (BSW) G19.4 (BSW) G20.1 (BSW) G22.1 (GRS), beakers H1.6 (VRB) H10 (BSW)
17297	Samian Other pottery dish B2.3 (BB2), jar G23 (BSW)

The pottery provides a late 1st to early 2nd century AD date for the filling of all pits, except 17297, which appears to date exclusively to the 2nd century, based on the presence of a BB2 dish.

Period IV

Pit 17038

17038*	Samian f31/f33 Other pottery dishes B1 (BSW), B2 (GRF), jar G5.6 (GRS), beakers H20 (COLC) H35 (GRF), fabrics NVC EGRHN
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A large volume of pottery was recovered and dates the filling of this feature to the late 2nd century.

17064, 17094, 17108, 17132, 17138, 17072

17064	Pottery dish B2 (BB2)
17094	Pottery beaker H20.3 (COLC)
17108	Samian f37 Other pottery fabrics GRS BSW
17131	Pottery BSW GRS
17138	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS COLB
17072	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS COLB

The pottery, mostly comprising body sherds in undiagnostic fabrics, can not be closely dated. A dish provides a broad mid 2nd to mid 3rd century date for pit 17064, while post-hole 17094 is dated to the second half of the 2nd century.

Slot 17253

17253	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
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Undiagnostic Roman pottery was recovered from the feature.

Layers 17058, 17059, 17109, 17182, 17196, 17200, 17259, 17331, 17332

17058	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS
17109	Amphora Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) Other pottery fabrics GROG BSW
17196	Pottery fabrics GRS
17259	Pottery fabric STOR
17331	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

These deposits yielded Roman pottery that can not be closely dated.

Period VII

Ditch 17179

Residual Roman pottery was recovered from the ditch.

