

1.1 Late Iron Age And Roman Pottery

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Introduction

- 1.1.1 Significant quantities of Early Roman and somewhat smaller amounts of Late Iron Age pottery were recovered during excavations west of Leda Cottages.
- 1.1.2 The bulk of the pottery was retrieved by hand on site, from sections across the various enclosure ditches and a number of pits, kilns and postholes. Smaller quantities of pottery were retrieved during the processing of environmental samples.
- 1.1.3 The retrieval of the pottery was undertaken in accordance with the Fieldwork Event Aims for the site, which are set out in section 2 of the main report, above. The recovery of this material was undertaken in order to refine our understanding of the development of the settlement throughout its life and in particular its changing morphology and function.

Methodology

- 1.1.4 All pottery assemblages were subjected to general sherd count, weighing and spot-dating. There are assemblages from 122 contexts: 18 of these were selected as being from contexts crucial for the dating of the various site phases. These 18 assemblages were further quantified by numbers of sherds and their weights per fabric. They account for 15% of the contexts with pottery, 22% of the sherds and 21% of the total weight.
- 1.1.5 Fabrics were identified with the aid of a x8 lens with built-in metric scale for determining the sizes, natures, forms and frequencies of added inclusions. Finer fabrics were further examined using a x30 magnification pocket microscope with built-in artificial illumination source. The Late Iron Age and Roman fabrics are described according to the Canterbury Archaeological Trust's classifications (Macpherson-Grant *et al.* 1995). There are, however, problems in that pottery seems to have made on or near the site during the late 2nd and early 3rd centuries. The fabrics of these local wares are, however, not terribly distinctive and have been given temporary Canterbury codings for general unsourced fabrics of similar appearance.

Quantification

- 1.1.6 An assemblage of 1982 sherds (20, 987 g) of pottery was recovered from 115 contexts. A further 281 sherds (1542 g) of pottery was retrieved during the sieving of environmental samples from 14 of these contexts and seven others. Tables 1.1 and 1.2 below give breakdowns of these figures by context and the spot-dates arrived at for the various assemblages.
- 1.1.7 Table 1.3 shows the excavated and sieved assemblages divided by phase, which suggests fairly limited occupation during the Late Iron Age and the period *c.* AD 50-150, followed by a great increase in activity during the period *c.* AD 150-270. There are no indications of occupation after AD 270 other than a possible medieval sherd from context 8252.
- 1.1.8 Table 1.4 gives the form and fabric breakdown of the 186 key assemblages. Those from the Late Iron Age ditches and kiln group 8136, dated *c.* AD 70-150 are very small and lacking in diagnostic sherds: only the broadest date-ranges can be given

for those features. The assemblages dated *c.* AD 150-270 are considerably larger and consequently better dated.

- 1.1.9 Table 1.5 gives the same information, but for the assemblages recovered during sieving. These assemblages by their very nature are generally less informative.

Provenance

'Belgic' Late Iron Age. *c.* 50 BC-AD 50

- 1.1.10 The small amounts of pottery of this phase come mainly from ditches 8624, 8525 and 8629 forming the earliest enclosure (129 sherds, 875 g). This material includes very few rims or other diagnostic sherds but can be broadly dated to the 'Belgic' Late Iron Age.
- 1.1.11 Other very small assemblages come from small pits and postholes within the northern part of this earlier enclosure. Diagnostic sherds from these assemblages are equally few and far between.
- 1.1.12 The bulk of the Late Iron Age sherds are in 'Belgic' grog-tempered ware variants, although significant numbers of sherds in the glauconitic-sand tempered B9.1 fabric from the Medway valley are also present.

Early Roman. *c.* AD 50-AD 250/70

- 1.1.13 Only five rather small assemblages can be attributed exclusively to the period *c.* AD 50-100. Pit 8062 contained a small assemblage of three 'Belgic' grog-tempered fragments and a chip from a closed form in an early-looking whiteware fabric. The construction matrix for structure 8142 (context 8138) and the upper fill of the associated pit 8136 contained a somewhat larger 32 sherds, also made up largely of grog-tempered jar fragments but with South Gaulish Dr.18 and Canterbury grey and oxidised ware sherds as well.
- 1.1.14 There are considerably larger quantities of material from 2nd-century features and from those containing a mixture of late 1st- and 2nd-century pottery. Most of the features belonging to this period are in the northern part of the Late Iron Age enclosure and immediately outside its west entrance, where there was a probable post-built structure. The post-packing for posthole 8593 relating to this putative structure contained three sherds, including a fragment from an everted rim jar in grey Upchurch fineware (*c.* AD 120-200); another small 2nd-century assemblage came from tree-throw hole 8494. Pit 8573, occupying much of the interior of the putative structure, contained 28 sherds of 2nd-century pottery, including an oxidised Canterbury mortarium with stamp in orange Fabric R6.1. Pits 8531 and 8321 within the Late Iron Age enclosure also contained small pottery assemblages of 2nd-century date.
- 1.1.15 Large pottery assemblages of late-2nd to early 3rd-century date from tree-throw holes 8494 adjacent to posthole 8593 and its associated structure and 8282 in the south-east corner of the later enclosure (the junction of ditches 8625/8627) point to tree clearance at this period, coinciding with a great increase in activity on the site. The focus of this activity was in the south-east corner of the new ditched enclosure and was clearly of an industrial nature.
- 1.1.16 The various pits in the south-east corner of the enclosure produced significant quantities of pottery dated *c.* AD 150-270. Pit 8037 contained 104 sherds, including many fragments from what appear to be wasters and poorly fired pots in a patchy-fired sandy fabric with pimply surfacing. A second local fabric is represented by a large necked storage-jar in a pink relatively sand-free fabric fired yellow-buff. The

upper part of a Severan ring-neck flagon in the same fabric also came from the pit, as did the lower part of another flagon; this time from Hoo and showing traces of burning.

- 1.1.17 The lining of kiln 8098 (8097) contained many sherds of residual pottery and fragments from contemporary Thameside vessels. Of particular interest is the very underfired base of a local flagon in a very similar fabric to the Severan example referred to above: sandy local black coarse wares are also present.
- 1.1.18 Virtually all of the other features in this Antonine to early 3rd-century industrial complex had sherds of both coarse and fine locally produced pottery and the conclusion is that it was fired on site.
- 1.1.19 None of the pottery from the site is likely to be later than *c.* AD 270.

Conservation.

- 1.1.20 As the pottery represents the primary dating evidence for the features on the site it should be retained until final decisions have been taken about the scope of further analysis.
- 1.1.21 The pottery has no immediate conservation needs, but it should be noted that investigative techniques recommended in the statement of potential will damage or destroy a limited number of sherds. It is recommended that about six to ten sherds in the locally produced fabrics be thin sectioned in an endeavour to determine a precise geological source for their clays and fillers. All sherds should be retained and no further conservation is needed.

Comparative Material

- 1.1.22 There is nothing particularly distinctive about the Late Iron Age wares. The grog-tempered pottery is similar to much of that from elsewhere in East Kent and the glauconitic wares are comparable with those from Snarkhurst Wood, Hockers Lane and other CTRL sites further west towards the Medway valley.
- 1.1.23 The late 2nd- and early 3rd-century Roman, grog-tempered wares display characteristics similar to those of contemporary East Sussex wares (Green 1980; Lyne 1994) and suggest that some pottery was brought in from the Weald at that time. The local material of the same period was clearly produced on a very small scale for mainly local consumption. This author has looked at pottery from very many sites in Kent and does not recall seeing any of the Leda Cottages pottery elsewhere, although the fineware fabric is not particularly distinctive.
- 1.1.24 The presence of resin on the necks and rims of two of the locally-produced jars suggests packaging of some local villa estate product, or products, and their marketing over a fairly limited area.
- 1.1.25 The other non-local Romano-British wares mainly come from the Thameside and Upchurch kilns of North Kent and the Canterbury kilns. Forms are quite standard and many parallels can be quoted from all over Kent including other CTRL sites.

Potential for further work

- 1.1.26 The lack of vertical stratigraphic sequences and limited relationships between features makes the pottery the key to the dating and phasing of this site. Further analysis of the pottery in conjunction with other finds and the stratigraphic data should help to refine the sequence and dating of the occupation phases.

- 1.1.27 The amounts of Late Iron Age pottery are unfortunately rather small and lacking in diagnostic sherds. This material can contribute little to the more precise dating of this earliest occupation and is totally inadequate for determining whether any specialised activities were taking place on the site. A general quantification of all sherds from Late Iron Age features may, however, be of some limited use in plotting the percentage distribution of Fabric B9.1 glauconitic sherds on CTRL sites.
- 1.1.28 The earlier Roman material is also of limited use for the same reasons as apply to the Late Iron Age pottery. The real importance of this site lies in the large quantities of late 2nd-early 3rd-century pottery from the industrial area.
- 1.1.29 The locally produced wares should be written up in their entirety as a small corpus with sherds sent for thin sectioning as detailed above (Section 1.1.22). Vessel rims should also be examined thoroughly for traces of resin sealant and their use as packaging. It might also be useful to send sherds of such vessels for residue analysis in order to determine what their contents may have been and thus the site's role in the economy of the area.
- 1.1.30 Quantities of imported pottery within the industrial area are large enough for determining the pattern of pottery supply to the site during the late 2nd and early 3rd centuries. This quantification can be compared with those for similarly dated assemblages at Thurnham and Smeeth CTRL sites and other sites such as Westhawk Farm, Ashford (Lyne forthcoming) in order to determine any variations in the pattern of pottery supply along the edge of the Kentish Weald. These imported wares should also be examined for any indications of their use as packaging: it may be that non-local pots were also used to transport the postulated local produce.
- 1.1.31 The late 2nd-early 3rd-century pottery assemblages from this site, taken in conjunction with those from other CTRL sites and elsewhere, have the potential to contribute significantly to our understanding of the contemporary pattern of economic activity within the Wealden Greensand zones of the Medway valley and East Kent, particularly with reference to CTRL period categories 3 and 4i; and these highlighted issues:

Farming Communities (2,000-100 BC)

- Determine spatial organisation of the landscape in terms of settlement location in relation to fields, pasture, woodland, enclosed areas and ways of moving between them
- Determine how settlements were arranged and functioned over time

Towns and their rural landscapes (100 BC - AD 1700)

- How were settlements and rural landscapes organised and how did they function?
- How did the organisation of the landscape change through time?
- Consider the effect on the landscape of known historical events, eg. the arrival of Roman administration.

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Table 1.1: Quantification of all excavated pottery assemblages

| Context | Count | Weight (g) | Early date | Late date | Period | Phase | Comments |
|---------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--|
| 8001 | 6 | 35 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R16 closed, LR2 sherds |
| 8015 | 4 | 11 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R1 sherds |
| 8032 | 54 | 146 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R43 Dr.31 |
| 8036 | 46 | 738 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | R73 flask, R16 beaker, R1 and local sherds |
| 8038 | 3 | 18 | 50BC | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | Misc. grogged sherds |
| 8040 | 2 | 2 | 50BC | AD.50 | RO | Phase 1 | B2, B9.1 sherds |
| 8042 | 1 | 342 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | Trunc. Local flagon |
| 8043 | 7 | 209 | AD.120 | AD.200+ | RO | Phase 2 | Local Immit. BB2 dish |
| 8044 | 36 | 384 | AD.200 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | Local flagon |
| 8045 | 14 | 379 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | Local storage jar |
| 8048 | 26 | 96 | AD.70 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | Lower part of R16 flagon |
| 8050 | 32 | 316 | AD.100 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | B2/R1 transit jar |
| 8051 | 7 | 115 | 50BC | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | Misc. grogged sherds |
| 8060 | 16 | 257 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | R46 Dr.31, R14 dish |
| 8061 | 4 | 42 | AD.43 | AD.100 | RO | Phase 2 | Local flagon sherds |
| 8065 | 5 | 57 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1 sherds |
| 8067 | 2 | 18 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8093 | 8 | 77 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2 | R1 sherds |
| 8094 | 9 | 154 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2 | Refired R14 dish, R1 dish |
| 8097 | 34 | 596 | AD.200 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | R14 flask, R73 dog-dish, R43 sherds |
| 8099 | 7 | 122 | AD.150 | AD.200+ | RO | Phase 2 | R43 sherds |
| 8102 | 2 | 26 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R1 jar sherds |
| 8109 | 7 | 36 | AD.50 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8117 | 13 | 142 | AD.130 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R14 'pie-dish' sherds |
| 8128 | 7 | 27 | AD.120 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R14 sherds |
| 8135 | 17 | 224 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R1 sherds |
| 8137 | 16 | 48 | AD.43 | AD.90 | RO | Phase 2 | B2 jar, R42 Dr.18 |
| 8138 | 12 | 84 | AD.70 | AD.100 | RO | Phase 2 | R5 jar, B2 bead rim, lids |
| 8145 | 1 | 388 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | All one ?ESW pot |
| 8151 | 11 | 43 | AD.190 | AD.270+ | RO | Phase 3 | ESW bowl, LR2 sherds |
| 8155 | 9 | 37 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | R14 bowl, R1 sherds |
| 8159 | 1 | 3 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherd |
| 8170 | 18 | 496 | AD.120 | AD.170+ | RO | Phase 2 | Lid-seated B2 jar |
| 8184 | 17 | 142 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8195 | 2 | 13 | AD.50 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | Grogged jar sherds |
| 8200 | 2 | 3 | ? | ? | RO | Ph.2 ? | |
| 8202 | 24 | 182 | AD.170 | AD.230 | RO | Phase 3 | R73 jar with resin adh. |
| 8233 | 5 | 71 | AD.50 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8234 | 13 | 154 | AD.50 | AD.100 | RO | Phase 1 | B2 jar sherds, inc. decor. |
| 8252 | 1 | 12 | ? | ? | | ?med. | Odd fabric, rim looks medieval |
| 8256 | 2 | 6 | 50BC | AD.200 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8281 | 101 | 1230 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | Local sandy wares, R16 flak etc. |
| 8283 | 65 | 360 | AD.150 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2/3 | Local lid-seated jar |
| 8285 | 3 | 40 | AD.150 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2/3 | B2/ESW Ev. rim jar |
| 8286 | 11 | 64 | AD.100 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 beaker |
| 8288 | 26 | 333 | AD.100 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 closed + local wares |
| 8289 | 33 | 532 | AD.170 | AD.230 | RO | Phase 3 | Same jar as 8283 |
| 8294 | 6 | 42 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2, B9.1 sherds |
| 8296 | 2 | 2 | AD.10 | AD.70 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | GB Whiteware |
| 8297 | 51 | 632 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | Local wares + ESW jar |
| 8302 | 2 | 17 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2, B9.1 sherds |
| 8303 | 26 | 1205 | 50BC | AD.200 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8308 | 6 | 34 | AD.43 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8309 | 4 | 7 | 50BC | AD.70 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | BER15 sherds |
| 8313 | 38 | 136 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2, B9.1 sherds |
| 8315 | 2 | 12 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8322 | 50 | 897 | AD.70 | AD.130 | RO | Phase 2 | B2 fl. bowl |

| Context | Count | Weight (g) | Early date | Late date | Period | Phase | Comments |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---|
| 8323 | 3 | 35 | AD.100 | AD.190 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 dot-barbotine bkr. |
| 8324 | 7 | 68 | 50BC | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8330 | 2 | 5 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B3 sherds |
| 8331 | 3 | 204 | ? | ? | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | |
| 8332 | 26 | 1205 | AD.50 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | B2 store, jar |
| 8353 | 39 | 288 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 jars |
| 8357 | 1 | 71 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 storage jar |
| 8364 | 6 | 33 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | Inc R14 bowl |
| 8390 | 9 | 257 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B3 jar |
| 8405 | 7 | 112 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2,B9.1 sherds |
| 8415 | 7 | 62 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | Unusual local flagon |
| 8417 | 16 | 108 | AD.120 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | Inc. R14 open form |
| 8426 | 63 | 321 | AD.180 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | Local jar with sealant |
| 8440 | 3 | 7 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1,B3 sherds |
| 8443 | 3 | 5 | AD.43 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 body sherds |
| 8447 | 6 | 74 | 50BC | AD.250+ | LIA; RO | Phase 2 | Misc. grogged pot |
| 8455 | 5 | 36 | 50BC | AD.250+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | Misc. grogged sherd |
| 8459 | 1 | 9 | 50BC | AD.250+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | Misc. grogged sherd |
| 8462 | 3 | 25 | AD.43 | AD.250+ | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8476 | 2 | 5 | AD.43 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | Inc. Roman glazed |
| 8477 | 9 | 64 | AD.50 | AD.100 | RO | Phase 2 | B2.1 beaker |
| 8489 | 6 | 11 | AD.43 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 sherds |
| 8493 | 6 | 25 | AD.43 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 2 | B2,B2.1,R17,R50 sherds |
| 8495 | 63 | 352 | AD.100 | AD.190 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 flask ,R5,R17, etc. |
| 8497 | 3 | 39 | AD.120 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | R14 jar |
| 8498 | 445 | 2347 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | R14 dishes, R16 beaker,LR1.1,LR2 sherds |
| 8499 | 72 | 527 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | R14 dishes, R5, R16 etc. |
| 8503 | 1 | 5 | AD.43 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8507 | 4 | 11 | 50BC | AD.200 | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | |
| 8510 | 10 | 234 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1, B9.1 sherds |
| 8519 | 8 | 16 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2, B9.1, BER15 sherds |
| 8520 | 2 | 24 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B9.1 sherds |
| 8523 | 1 | 3 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1 flake |
| 8527 | 2 | 16 | AD.43 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 sherds |
| 8528 | 11 | 189 | AD.70 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R6.1 sherd |
| 8530 | 10 | 92 | AD.43 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 sherds |
| 8535 | 5 | 24 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1 bead rim |
| 8539 | 28 | 209 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | Inc. R16, R17, LR2 sherds |
| 8550 | 3 | 99 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8553 | 3 | 7 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1 sherds |
| 8556 | 1 | 5 | AD.70 | AD.200+ | RO | Phase 1/2 | |
| 8560 | 2 | 11 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B5 sherd |
| 8569 | 36 | 494 | AD.43 | AD.100 | RO | Phase 1/2 | Most grogged but R17 present |
| 8570 | 8 | 133 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R43 base, B2/R2 jar |
| 8572 | 20 | 358 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R43, R16, B2/R1 sherds |
| 8578 | 1 | 9 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherd |
| 8579 | 3 | 458 | AD.0 | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2.1 store jar |
| 8580 | 4 | 80 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B9.1 beaker |
| 8584 | 3 | 52 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8595 | 3 | 29 | AD.120 | AD.180 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 beaker |
| 8596 | 8 | 43 | AD.50 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | B2 sherds |
| 8597 | 2 | 10 | AD.50 | AD.150 | RO | Phase 2 | B2 sherds |
| 8601 | 1 | 49 | ? | ? | | ? | |
| 8608 | 19 | 57 | AD.43 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 2 | R16 sherds etc. |
| 8611 | 1 | 9 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | R73 dog dish |
| 8619 | 1 | 4 | ? | ? | | ? | |
| 8621 | 2 | 4 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2., B9.1 sherds |
| 8623 | 31 | 194 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | All one ?ESW jar |
| TOTAL | 1982 | 20987g | | | | | |

Table 1.2: Quantification of all sieved pottery assemblages

| Context | Count | Weight | Early date | Late date | Period | Phase | Comments |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 8006 | 2 | 20 | 50BC | AD.150 | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | B2 sherds |
| 8020 | 1 | 2 | 50BC | AD.150 | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | B2 sherds |
| 8022 | 1 | 1 | 50BC | AD.150 | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | B2 sherds |
| 8036 | 95 | 180 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 2/3 | R1 sherds, R73 flask |
| 8050 | 14 | 79 | AD.100 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8051 | 10 | 34 | AD.42 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8097 | 66 | 741 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | LR2, R73, etc, comminuted |
| 8099 | 15 | 173 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | R17 flagons |
| 8137 | 4 | 8 | AD.120 | AD.200 | RO | Phase 2 | |
| 8151 | 16 | 100 | AD.190 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | R16 rouletted beaker |
| 8155 | 12 | 52 | AD.170 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | |
| 8184 | 4 | 54 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8330 | 1 | 2 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B3 sherd |
| 8343 | 1 | 6 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherd |
| 8369 | 1 | 14 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B9.1 sherd |
| 8441 | 1 | 2 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B9.3 sherd |
| 8445 | 4 | 12 | 50BC | AD.50 | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | B2 sherds |
| 8447 | 4 | 14 | 50BC | AD.250+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1/2 | |
| 8498 | 15 | 25 | AD.150 | AD.270 | RO | Phase 3 | DR20 |
| 8499 | 11 | 13 | AD.150 | AD.250 | RO | Phase 3 | |
| 8579 | 3 | 10 | 50BC | AD.50+ | LIA; RO | Phase 1 | |
| TOTAL | 281 | 1542g | | | | | |

Table 1.3: Summary of quantification of pottery assemblages by phase

| Phase | Main locations | Spot-Date | Period | No. of contexts | Count | Weight (g) |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Phase 1 | Ditches 8624, 8626, 8628 and 8629 | 50BC-AD.50 | LIA; RO | 34 | 199 | 2165 |
| Phase 1 | Ditches 8630 and 8631 | 50BC-AD.100 | LIA; RO | 5 | 34 | 287 |
| Phase 2 | Pit 8062 | AD.50-AD.100 | RO | 5 | 81 | 822 |
| Phase 2 | Pits 8573, 8531 and 8321. P.H.8593 | AD.100-AD.200 | RO | 20 | 325 | 4675 |
| Phase 2/3 | Ditches 8033 and 8039 | AD.100-AD.270 | RO | 24 | 120 | 1929 |
| Phase 3 | Pit 8037, Kiln 8098, waterhole 8282 | AD.150-AD.270 | RO | 31 | 1435 | 11849 |

Table 1.4: Spot-dating of excavated key pottery assemblages

| Context | Count | Weight (g) | Period | Early date | Late date | Comments |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|---------|-------------|------------|---|
| Ditch 8624 | | | | | | |
| 8353 | 39 | 288 | LIA; RO | 50BC | AD100 | B2. 2 ev. rim jars, fresh |
| 8184 | 4 | 42 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.100+ | B2 jar |
| | 13 | 100 | RO | 0 | AD.50 | B9.1 beaker + open form |
| 8405 | 6 | 72 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.100+ | B2. Closed |
| | 1 | 40 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD50 | B9.1 Jar |
| Ditch 8629 | | | | | | |
| 8313 | 36 | 130 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.50 | B2, inc. necked jar |
| | 2 | 6 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.50 | B9.1 closed |
| 8315 | 2 | 12 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.100+ | B2. jar |
| Ditch 8625 | | | | | | |
| 8200 | 1 | 2 | | Prehistoric | | Calc. flint filler. Abraded |
| | 1 | 1 | RO | AD.43 + | AD.43+ | R16 flake |
| 8202 | 24 | 182 | RO | AD.170 | AD.230 | R73. Monaghan 3H8 jar with sealant on rim |
| Feature 8098 Construction | | | | | | |
| 8097 | 4 | 88 | RO | AD.150 | AD.270 | B2/ESW. jar |
| | 3 | 82 | RO | AD.150 | AD.200 | B2.1 jar, Monaghan 3H7 jar |
| | 2 | 4 | RO | AD.180 | AD.250 | R8? Jar |
| | 4 | 100 | RO | AD.120 | AD.200 | R14 open form, chamf. base |
| | 4 | 58 | RO | AD.43 | AD.270 | R16 closed |
| | 1 | 8 | RO | AD.120 | AD.200 | R43, DR33 |
| | 1 | 8 | RO | AD.43 | AD.270 | R50, DR20 amphora, R75 base underfired |
| | 1 | 10 | RO | AD.180 | AD.270 | LR2.2 jar |
| | 1 | 12 | RO | C3rd | C3rd | LR2.3 jar, resin on rim |
| | 11 | 148 | RO | AD.200 | AD.300+ | LR2.3 jar |
| | 1 | 10 | RO | Late Roman | Late Roman | LR2.3Var. jar |
| | 1 | 68 | RO | AD170 | AD300+ | LR2.3.Oxidised, underfired |
| Pit 8100 Fill | | | | | | |
| 8099 | 1 | 60 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.200+ | B2.1 jar |
| | 3 | 34 | RO | AD.150 | AD.200 | R17.2 Flagons |
| | 1 | 4 | RO | AD.43 | AD.270 | R50. DR20 Amphora |
| | 1 | 24 | RO | C3rd | C3rd | LR2.3 Var. local jar |
| Feature group 8136 | | | | | | |
| 8137 | 15 | 46 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD100+ | B2. Jars, fresh sherds |
| | 1 | 2 | RO | AD.43 | AD.90 | R42. Dr.18 |
| 8138 | 7 | 38 | RO | AD.50 | AD.200 | B2. Lid |
| | 3 | 32 | LIA; RO | 50BC | AD.70 | B2.1. Bead-rim + lid |
| | 1 | 12 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.50 | B9.1. jar, abraded |
| | 1 | 2 | RO | AD.70 | AD.175 | R5. Closed |
| 8170 | 18 | 496 | RO | AD.120 | AD.170 | B2.1. Lid-seated jar. All |
| Pit Group 8279 | | | | | | |
| 8281 | 1 | 6 | | Prehistoric | | Calc flint + sand, abraded |
| | 22 | 104 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B2. Jar |
| | 9 | 60 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B2.1 jar |
| | 1 | 6 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B5. Closed |
| | 11 | 34 | RO | AD.130 | AD.190 | R16. Poppy head beaker |
| | 22 | 152 | RO | AD.170 | AD.250 | R.16 flask |
| | 2 | 2 | RO | AD.43 | AD.250 | R17 |
| | 1 | 1 | RO | AD.120 | AD.200 | R35. Beaker |
| | 5 | 682 | | | | R50. DR20 Amphora |
| | 12 | 88 | RO | AD.70 | AD.200 | R73. Lid-seated jar |
| | 5 | 30 | RO | AD.150 | AD.250 | R73. Rolled over rim |
| | 9 | 64 | RO | C2nd? | C2nd? | R73. Closed |
| | 1 | 1 | | | | Misc. |
| 8296 | 2 | 2 | LIA; RO | AD.30 | AD.70 | BER.5 Chips |
| 8297 | 8 | 44 | RO | AD.150 | AD.270 | B2. Jar |
| | 9 | 134 | RO | AD.150 | AD.270 | B2.1. Jars |

| Context | Count | Weight (g) | Period | Early date | Late date | Comments |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | 9 | 8 | RO | AD.70 | AD.175 | R5. Jar |
| | 3 | 8 | RO | AD.70 | AD.200 | R6.3. Closed |
| | 5 | 246 | RO | AD.150 | AD.270 | R16 Jar |
| | 1 | 2 | | | | R17 |
| | 2 | 4 | | | | R73. Jar |
| | 12 | 152 | RO | C2nd | C2nd | R73. Cse. Jar |
| | 2 | 4 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.70 | BER15. Salt container |
| Fill of 8282 Waterhole | | | | | | |
| 8283 | 33 | 150 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B2. |
| | 6 | 96 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B2.1 Jar |
| | 1 | 6 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.50 | B9.1. Abraded |
| | 10 | 10 | RO | AD.70 | AD.175 | R5. Jar |
| | 14 | 94 | RO | AD.150 | AD.200 | R16. Jar |
| | 1 | 4 | | | | R17.? |
| 8294 | 5 | 30 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.100+ | B2 |
| | 1 | 12 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.50 | B9.2. Abraded |
| Fill of Pit 8284 | | | | | | |
| 8285 | 3 | 40 | RO | AD.150 | AD.250+ | B2. Resin on neck |

Table 1.5: Spot dating of sieved key pottery assemblages

| Context | Count | Weight (g) | Period | Early date | Late date | Comments |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Ditch 8624 | | | | | | |
| 8184 | 4 | 54 | LIA; RO | 50BC | AD.50 | B2. Jar, fresh |
| Kiln 8098 Construction | | | | | | |
| 8097 | 3 | 4 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.100+ | B2. Abraded lumps |
| | 8 | 64 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD.100+ | B2.1. Closed |
| | 1 | 1 | RO | AD.30 | AD.80 | BER5. Butt beaker |
| | 3 | 4 | LIA; RO | LIA | AD.70 | BER15. Salt container |
| | 4 | 10 | RO | AD.43 | AD.270 | R16. Closed |
| | 3 | 6 | | | | R73. Closed |
| | 1 | 2 | RO | AD.180 | AD.270 | LR2. Closed |
| | 9 | 8 | | | | Misc. Heavily abraded |
| Pit 8100 Fill | | | | | | |
| 8099 | 5 | 26 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD100+ | B2. Necked jar |
| | 3 | 4 | RO | AD.120 | AD.200 | R43. Chips |
| | 1 | 26 | RO | AD.70 | AD.300+ | R73. Jar, fresh |
| Kiln Group 8136 Fill | | | | | | |
| 8137 | 3 | 6 | LIA; RO | 150BC | AD100+ | B2. Chips |
| | 1 | 2 | RO | AD.120 | AD.200+ | R14. Jar |

