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Fabric 1

Fine orange fabric, slightly micaceous, with some soft red inclusions, which are mostly small but up to 2mm.

- 1 Body sherd (B:8mm). Thin-walled fragment, with hollow cordon decorated with pie-crust and part of a diagonal vent hole. Unusual in that surface has vertical burnishing (apart from the lower side of the cordon) and a zone of incised lattice. Micaceous pale orange fabric with darker core and darker surface where burnished. The diameter at this point suggests it is near the top of the chimney pot. TF74, 2B(N), joins TF74, 41C (Northern *vicus*).
- 2 Body sherd (B: max. 10mm min. 5mm). Body sherd from near top of pot, thinning considerably near the top. Remains of poorly finished pie-crust and two close-set vents with almost vertical sides. There is a roughly made *ante-cocturam* hole poked through the wall between the vents (D: min. 5mm). HS79, 847, VQ (*vicus* building 2).
- 3 Body sherd (B:11mm). Large body sherd with hollow cordon with pie-crust decoration and the remains of a second cordon *c.*100mm below. There are two vent edges, one almost vertical, and one slightly diagonal. Immediately above the pie-crust cordon is the diagonal edge of a third vent. HS80, 1348, AFU (*vicus* building 1).
- 4 Body sherd (B:9mm). Body sherd near cordon, with diagonal edge of vent. TF73 3024, ML (Northern *vicus*).
- 5 Base (B:14mm). Worn fragment, with wall expanding both internally and externally to create wide base. Lower surface has traces of mortar. HS79 1106, ZJ (*vicus* building 1).

Fabric 2

Gritty orange fabric with plentiful rounded quartz inclusions.

- 6 Body sherd (B:9mm). Body sherd with hollow cordon and diagonal vent edge. Very weathered exterior surface. HS80, 1321, AEY (topsoil, berm).

- 7 Body sherd (B:100mm). Highly fired and heavily quartz-gritted. Two non-joining sherds, almost certainly from same pot. Both are body sherds with hollow cordons, with pie-crust decoration surviving on one sherd, and both have two diagonal vent edges. HS80, 906, ADK (main ditch); HS78, 805, RD (*vicus* building 2).

Fabric 3

Very soft, micaceous fabric with occasional large soft red and black and small white and cream inclusions. Pale orange core.

- 8 Base sherd? (B:11mm). Possible base sherd, slightly thickened wall to base. HHI72, H49 4, SF no. 373 (*vicus* south of river).

Fabric 4

Hard, fine grey fabric with occasional opaque white inclusions, with some rare examples up to 5mm across.

9. Thirty-four sherds, from probably four vessels. Terminal, base and body sherds, some with knife-cut windows. Decoration of singles, double or, round the knob, multiple grooves. The variations in the positioning of the grooves suggests there are at least four vessels in the same fabric. BE79, AD, AK, AM, AT, AW, AX (fort baths) (see fig. 9.28).