

Assessment of Clay Tobacco Pipe from Site TDSS03

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A clay tobacco pipe was recovered from context 122, the cut of a cistern, on site TDSS03. The pipe has a broken stem but is otherwise in good condition and therefore potentially provides a good guide to the date of construction of the feature.

Description

A clay tobacco pipe bowl and stem. The pipe is heeled with a slightly bulbous bowl. Its general form and size suggest a manufacturing date in the third quarter of the 17th century, c.1660-80. A rouletted band has been applied to the upper part of the bowl, probably as part of the trimming of the bowl rim.

The pipe had been used and has a sooty deposit on the inside of the bowl.

Assessment

The pipe is of a widely-used style and it is unlikely that detailed analysis would conclusively identify the source of the pipe. No further work is therefore recommended.