

An Assessment of the Iron Age and Roman Pottery from the Conoco Pipeline, Immingham (CNK2000): Trench 8

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A small quantity of pottery (157 sherds) was recovered from Trench 8 on the Conoco Pipeline at Immingham. It spans the Iron Age to mid Roman periods.

Description

Iron Age

Two features produced only pottery of Iron Age type, context 9023 and 11003. The wares present were COAR and IASH (in 9023) and NAT, OX, IASH, and IASA (in 11003). COAR equates to the Erratic Tempered Ware or Rock Tempered Ware found extensively in East Yorkshire and this ware and IASH occur in early to mid Iron Age deposits in the area whereas the other wares are probably of late Iron Age date.

In addition, a number of sherds are of types which could be current on either side of the Roman conquest, or are of Iron Age type and probably in mixed assemblages, either as a result of residuality or intrusion of Roman pottery into earlier deposits.

These include the remaining 12 sherds of COAR; a fine greyware (GFIN) of Gallo-Belgic type current either side of the conquest; a sherd of IASA with roller-stamped decoration, paralleled at Dragonby and two or three other IASA sherds; and 8 other sherds of NAT.

In total, there are probably 40 sherds of Iron Age date in the collection, indicating a considerable amount of activity before and either side of the Roman conquest (Table 1).

Table 1

cname	11003	8000	8002	8006	8015	8024	8028	8035	8037	8046	8047	8052	9012	9021	9023	Grand Total
COAR		1	2	1	1		2	1	1	1		2	1		2	15
IAGR									1							1
IASA			2													2
IASA?							1									1
IASH	1								2						1	4
IASH?			4			1										5
LOOL							1									1
NAT	3		4	1					1		1			1		11
Grand Total	4	1	12	2	1	1	4	1	5	1	1	2	1	1	3	40

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Roman

One hundred and four sherds of Roman date were recovered (Table 2). Most of these were greywares which cannot be closely dated without comparison with local kiln assemblages. Eleven are coarse wares, some or all of which may be residual Iron Age (but including a rim identified as being of Late Roman date. Eight are shelly wares of Roman date and the remainder are mainly varieties of wheelthrown greyware.

Of note, however, are two sherds of South Gaulish Samian ware, probably of later 1st or early 2nd century date, and five sherds of Dales-type shelly ware, with rims which have also been dated to the late 4th century by their typology.

Table 2

context	COAR	DWSH	GREY	GRFF	GRSA	GRSAN	GYBN	OX	SAMSG	SAMSG?	SHEL	VESIC	Grand Total
18001			1										1
2001							1						1
8000	1		6				2	1			1		11
8002	2		18					2	2				24
8006			1								1		2
8013					1			1		1			3
8015	1												1
8024			2			2					1		5
8028		5	12				2	1			5		25
8035	1												1
8037	2			6								5	13
8046	1		1										2
8047			3										3
8050			1										1
8052			3										3
8060			5										5
9012	1												1
9023	2												2
Grand Total	11	5	53	6	1	2	5	5	2	1	8	5	104

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Assessment

Each assemblage was given a terminus post quem for its deposition (Table 3). RO indicates that no precise date can be given. Of note is context 8028 which contains two sherds datable by their typology to the late 4th century, as well as probable residual material. Most of the groups were noted during assessment as being mixed (e.g. 8000, 8002, 8006, 8024, 8028, 8046, and 8052).

Table 3

Context	Date
1016	POSTRO
1021	PMED
2001	RO
8000	L3-4C
8002	1C
8002	2-4C
8002	1C
8002	2-4C
8006	3C+
8013	1C
8015	IA-RO
8024	M2-4C
8028	VL4
8035	LIA-EROM
8037	L1-E2C
8046	RO
8047	2-E3C
8050	IA-RO
8052	L3-4C
8060	2C+
9012	LIA-EROM
9021	IA-RO
9023	IA
11003	LIA
11024	PMED
18001	RO

One sherd definitely requires illustration (marked D1X in Appendix 2) and two others could be illustrated (marked DR in the Action column in Appendix 2).

Appendix 1

cname	Total	cname	class	full name	period	earliest date	latest date	broadsource
COAR	13	COAR	POTTERY	Reduced misc Roman coarsewares	rom	40	400	England
DWSH	1	DWSH	POTTERY	Dales Shelly ware	rom	250	400	England
GFIN	1	GFIN	POTTERY	Fine Greyware	rom	50	200	England
GREY	30	GREY	POTTERY	Romano-British greywares	rom	40	400	England
GRFF	2	GRFF	POTTERY	Fairly Fine greyware	rom	40	400	England
GRSA	1	GRSA	POTTERY	Reduced version of OXSA	rom	40	400	
GRSAN	1	GRSAN	POTTERY	Reduced sandwich fabric Middleton	rom	40	400	England
GYBN	5	GYBN	POTTERY	Grey with brown surfaces	rom	40	400	England
IAGR	1	IAGR	POTTERY	Native tradition grit-tempered wares	ia	-700	40	England
IASA	2	IASA	POTTERY	IA type sandy wares	ia	-700	40	England
IASA?	1	IASA?	POTTERY	IA type sandy wares?	ia	-700	40	England
IASH	4	IASH	POTTERY	Iron Age shell-tempered	ia	-700	40	England
IASH?	3	IASH?	POTTERY	Iron Age Shelly ware?	rom	40	150	England
LOOL	1	LOOL	POTTERY	IA/Early Roman ware with oolitic limestone temper	IA-EROM	-100	100	England
MPOT	1							
NAT	9	NAT	POTTERY	'Native' Wares	rom	40	150	England
OX	5	OX	POTTERY	Oxidized ware	rom	40	400	England
SAMSG	1	SAMSG	POTTERY	South Gaulish Samian ware	rom	40	100	France
SAMSG?	1	SAMSG?	POTTERY	South Gaulish? Samian ware	rom	40	100	France
SHEL	4	SHEL	POTTERY	Romano-British shelly wares	rom	40	400	England
VESIC	1	VESIC	POTTERY	Vesicular ware	rom	40	200	England

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Appendix 2

context	cname	form	dec	nov	refid	condition	temp cnk2000.description	date	nosh	W
1016	MPOT			1		VABR	BS TRACE GLAZE	MED	1	
1021	PPOT			1			BS	PMED	1	
1021	PIPE			1			CLAY PIPE	PMED	1	
2001	GYBN	JCUR		1			RIM A R Q 0.2	ROM	1	
8000	SHEL	JBL		1		LEACH	BS RDBN NOT IA	ROM	1	
8000	OX	JBK		1		ABR	RIM FRAG	ROM	1	
8000	GYBN			1		ABR	BS	ROM	1	
8000	GYBN	BFB		1		VABR	RIM FLANGE A SA Q 0.2	ROM	1	
8000	GREY			3			BSS	ROM	3	
8000	GREY	JBR		1		ABR	RIM NECK; EARLY FORM	ROM	1	
8000	GREY	CLSD		1			BS A SA Q 0.2	ROM	1	
8000	COAR			1			BS LGE A Q AS REST UNUS	ROM	1	
8000	GREY	BEXR?		1		ABR	RIM FRAG	ROM	1	
8002	IASH?			1		ABR	FRAG; PROB JUST SHEL	IA	1	
8002	IASA	CPN		1			RIM	IA	1	
8002	IASH?			1		VABR	SCRAP <8>	IA	1	
8002	IASH?			1		ABR	FRAG; PROB JUST SHEL	IA	1	
8002	IASA	CPN		1			RIM	IA	1	
8002	IASH?			1		VABR	SCRAP <8>	IA	1	
8002	NAT		HM?	1		VABR	FRAG	IA/ROM	1	
8002	NAT			1		ABR	FRAG	IA/ROM	1	
8002	NAT		HM?	1		VABR	FRAG	IA/ROM	1	
8002	NAT			1		ABR	FRAG	IA/ROM	1	
8002	GREY	CLSD		1		VABR	BS	ROM	1	
8002	SAMSG			1			FLAKE	ROM	1	
8002	OX			1		VBURNT	BS POSS ORIG GREY	ROM	1	

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8002	GREY	CLSD		1		BS	ROM	1
8002	COAR	CLSD		1	BURNT	BS AS REST LESS A Q	ROM	1
8002	GREY	CLSD		1	SOOT	BS	ROM	1
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8002	GREY	CLSD		3		BSS <3>	ROM	3
8002	GREY			1	VABR	FRAG	ROM	1
8002	GREY	CLSD		1	VABR	BS	ROM	1
8002	SAMSG			1		FLAKE	ROM	1
8002	OX			1	VBURNT	BS POSS ORIG GREY	ROM	1
8002	GREY	CLSD		1		BS	ROM	1
8002	COAR	CLSD		1	BURNT	BS AS REST LESS A Q	ROM	1
8002	GREY	CLSD		1	SOOT	BS	ROM	1
8002	GREY	CLSD		1	SOOT	BSS A Q SOME PEBBLES	ROM	2
8002	GREY	CLSD		3		BSS <3>	ROM	3
8002	GREY			1	VABR	FRAG	ROM	1
8006	COAR		HM	1	VABR	BS UNUS ROCKS; IA?	IA	1
8006	NAT	CLSD	HM	1	ABR	BSS UNUS ROCKS; IA?	IA/ROM	3
8006	SHEL	JBL		1		BS	ROM	1
8006	GREY	CLSD		1	WWORN	BS; MLROM	ROM	1
8013	GFIN	BK334V		1		BS ANGLE ROUNDED; GALLO BELGIC TYPE	IA/ROM	1
8013	GRSA	JBK		1		BS	ROM	1
8013	OX			1	VABR	FRAG COARSE Q	ROM	1
8013	SAMSG?			1	VABR	FTM?	ROM	1
8015	COAR	CLSD	HM	1	ABR	BS FLAKED LGE A Q; UNUS; AS 8037	ROM	1
8024	IASH?	CLSD	HM?	1	SOOT	BSS BLK	IA	5
8024	GRSAN	CLSD		1		BSS J; SAME AS REST <2>	ROM	2
8024	SHEL	JS		1		BS	ROM	1
8024	GREY	JBL		1	WWORN	BS	ROM	1
8024	GREY	CLSD		1	ABR	BS	ROM	1
8028	COAR	JS	HM?	1		BS UNUS ROCKS; IA?	IA	1

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8028	LOOL			1		SCRAP <4>	IA/ROM	1
8028	GREY	BIBF		1		RIM GIRTH; L4C	ROM	1
8028	DWSH	JDLS		1		RIMS BSS SCRAP L4C	ROM	5
8028	GREY			4		BSS MISC	ROM	4
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8028	GREY	CP	BDL	1		RIM	ROM	1
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8028	GYBN	JBL		1	ABR	BS	ROM	1
8028	OX	CLSD		1		BS	ROM	1
8028	SHEL			5		BSS MISC	ROM	5
8028	GREY	J		1		BS	ROM	1
8035	COAR	CLSD	HM	1		BS OCC LGE A Q; SCORED HORIZ GBODY GROOVES	ROM	1
8037	IAGR	JEV	HM	1		RIM	IA	1
8037	IASH	CLSD	HM	1	LEACH	BSS	IA	8
8037	IASH	CPN	WF	1		RIM BS	IA	2
8037	NAT		HM	2	VABR	FRAGS	IA/ROM	2
8037	COAR	CLSD	HM	1		BSS V GLE A Q AS 8015	ROM	2
8037	GRFF	B334		1		BSS J; SAME AS REST <2>	ROM	2
8037	GRFF	B334		1		RIMS BSS SAME AS <2>	ROM	4
8037	VESIC			1	VABR	SCRAPS <2>	ROM	5
8046	GREY	CLSD		1	WWORN	FRAG PROB ML ROM	ROM	1
8046	COAR	JBL	HM;SCRH	1		BS UNUS LGE ROCKS	ROM	1
8047	NAT			2		SCRAPS <5>	IA/ROM	2
8047	GREY			1	VABR	FRAG <5>	ROM	1
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8052	COAR		HM	1	VABR	FRAGS POSS IA; RESID?	IA	2
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8052	GREY	L		1	ABR	RIM UPPER WALL FITS BWM	ROM	1
8060	GREY	JNN?	BDL	1	VABR	BSS NECK; SOOT	ROM	4
8060	GREY	JBK		1		BS; LGE ?FLIN INC	ROM	1
9012	COAR		HM	1		BS UNUS LGE ROCKS	ROM	1
9021	NAT			1	VABR	FRAGS	IA/ROM	1
9023	IASH			1		FRAG <16>	IA	1
9023	COAR	JBL	HM	1	SOOTIN	BASE BSS LGE A Q ERRATICS ETC	ROM	1
9023	COAR	JS?	HM	1	VABR	BS SOOT; LGE A Q ETC	ROM	1
11003	OX	CLSD	HM	1		BS DK GRY INT	IA	1
11003	IASH			1	VABR	FRAGS	IA	2
11003	IASA	CLSD	HM;STR;	2	D1X	BSS;INC ROLLER STAMPED LINES AS DRAGONBY	IA	2
11003	NAT		HM;B	1	VABR	FRAGS DK GRY SOME LGE R Q	IA/ROM	7
11003	NAT	JBL	HM	1	SOOT	BS LGE SH SOME LGE ROCKS	IA/ROM	1
11003	NAT	CLSD	HM	1	VABR	BSS SCRAP PART OXIDISED	IA/ROM	6
11024	PPOT			3		BSS INC FIGURINE ARM	PMED	3
18001	GREY	J		1	SOOT	BS	ROM	1