

Periods and Land use, Manor Farm, North Ockendon
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Subgroup and group no.	Feature type and context no.	Date range	Comments	Land use
Period 1: Geology and topography				
2	Natural [2]	1000–50 BC AD 150–250 AD 450–600 1480–1800 1805–1900	The small quantity of finds including pottery, building material and a coin of Constantine (4th century) presumably collected from the surface exposed surface by box-scraper	OA601
Period 2: Neolithic to Iron Age (4000–50 BC)				
56	Pit [61]	4000–50 BC	Elongated pit; possibly the remains of a gully	OA602
79	Pit [91]	4000–50 BC	3 potsherds, also context sheet mentions flint	OA602
Period 3: Iron Age (600–50 BC)				
36	Pit [38]	300–50 BC	Small pit. PXA states ‘now dated as MIA’. Context sheet mentions ‘lots of prehistoric pot’.	OA602
58	Ring ditch [64] [88] [89] [90] [107]	800–300 BC AD 100–300 1000–50 BC 600–50 BC 600–50 BC 1000–50 BC	Large amount of pottery Small amount of pottery (probably intrusive) Large amount of pottery Moderate amount of pottery Large amount of pottery Small amount of pottery Possibly evidence for a round house. It is cut by Roman ditch [73]	B601
71	Ring ditch [77]	1000–50 BC AD 40–400	Clearly part of ditch [64] (strictly speaking it should also be in subgroup 58). The small amount of Roman pottery from this ring ditch is probably intrusive especially as the feature is cut by late Roman ditch [73] (subgroup 67)	B601

80	Pit [93]	4000–50 BC	Elongated pit. It cuts ring ditch [64] and therefore should not be earlier than 600 BC Moderate amount of pottery	OA602
Period 4: Late Iron Age (50 BC–AD 70)				
10	Ditch [10]	50 BC–AD 70	Ditch in Area A	OA602
Period 5: Early to mid Roman (c AD 40–200/250)				
3	Cremation burial [3]	AD 60–160	Moderate amount of pottery	OA603
4	Cremation burial [4]	AD 40–400	Adjacent to early Roman cremation burials [3] and [13], presumably of similar date	OA603
5	Cremation burial [5]	AD 40–400	Adjacent to early Roman cremation burials [3] and [13], presumably of similar date	OA603
13	Cremation burial [13]	AD 150–250* AD 40–400**	* = MoLAS spot date; ** = Essex spot date Moderate amount of pottery	OA603
54	Pit [59]	AD 70–160	Cut by early Roman pit [60]	OA603
55	Pit [60]	4000–50 BC AD 70–200 1810–1900	Large oval feature, with a moderate amount of early Roman pot and a small amount of residual prehistoric pot. It cuts early Roman pit [59]. The small amount of 19th-century pot is probably intrusive	OA603
88	Cremation burial [118]	AD 60–160		OA603
Period 6: Late Roman (c AD 200–400)				
6	Pit [6]	AD 360–400	Moderate amount of pottery, also some undated and Roman fired ceramic	OA604
8	External dump [8]	AD 240–400	Dark area to the south of [6]	OA604
22	Ditch [22]	50 BC–AD 70	Late Roman tegula. Short linear feature	OA604
34	Ditch [36]	AD 150–250	E–W linear feature. Flint flake mentioned on context sheet	OA604

51	Ditch [56]	1000–300 BC AD 125–400	Small amount of pottery (presumably residual) Moderate amount of pottery Curvilinear feature. Cuts Roman pit [166] (subgroup 93). Context sheet mentions flint. Original pottery record sheet refers to Iron Age–Roman pottery	OA604
67	Ditch [73]	AD 150–400	Cuts Roman ditch [48] (subgroup 46) and Roman pit [77] (subgroup 71)	OA604
70	Pit [76] Pit fill [79]	AD 250–400		OA604
74	Pit [81]	AD 360–400		OA604
75	Pit [82]	AD 250–400	Charcoal rich pit	OA604
113	Ditch [191]	AD 200–400		OA604
115	Pit [194]	AD 200–400	Moderate amount of pottery Slumping into ditches	OA604
119	Gully [198]	AD 350–400		OA604
120	Gully [199]	AD 300–400		OA604
122	Pit [201]	AD 360–400		OA604
126	Ditches [206]	AD 360–400	Moderate amount of pottery Butt ends of two ditches	OA604
127	Posthole [207]	AD 200–400	Roman brick or tegula	OA604
128	Posthole [208]	AD 270–400		OA604
129	Ditch [210] 3rd fill [211] 2nd fill [220]	AD 120–150* AD 300–400** 4000–50 BC* AD 150–200**	N–S ditch. * = MoLAS spot date; ** = Essex spot date. This ditch post-dates late Roman ditch [212], and produced a moderate amount of late Roman pottery from fill [211]. The small amount of 2nd-century pottery in fill [220] must be residual	OA605
130	Ditch [212] Upper fill [213] of 5 fills	AD 200–280		OA605
131	Ditch [214] Ditch fill [215]	50 BC–AD 400	N–S ditch. Dated as late Roman because it cuts ditch [212] (subgroup 130), which contains late Roman pottery	OA605

133	Ditch [225] Top fill [226] 3rd fill [227] 2nd fill [229] Base fill [228]	AD 120–250* AD 360–400** AD 100–300**	* = MoLAS spot date; ** = Essex spot date	OA605
134	Ditch [230] 2nd fill [231] Base fill [232]	AD 150–300* AD 360–400** AD 150–200**	E–W ditch. * = MoLAS spot date ** = Essex spot date. Moderate amount of pottery Large amount of pottery [231] contained 2 fragments of early Roman tile. On the basis of the fills this would seem to be an early Roman ditch that continued to silt up during the late Roman period. However, it cuts ditch [225], which contains late Roman pottery	OA605
135	Ditch [233] Top fill [234] 2nd fill [235] Base fill [236]	 AD 40–100** AD 40–400**	E–W ditch. Dated as late Roman, because it cuts Late Roman ditch [230] (subgroup 134) Moderate amount of pottery Small amount of pottery. Daub	OA605
136	Ditch [238]		The ditch appears to be the last in a sequence of late Roman ditches. 1 fragment of late Roman tegula. A fragment of peg tile is probably intrusive	OA605
137	Pit [240] Pit fill [241]	AD 150–250	Daub	OA605
138	Ditch [242] Ditch fill [243]	AD 360–400	Early Roman imbrex, late Roman tegula Moderate amount of pottery	OA605
Period 7: Indeterminate Roman (c AD 40–400)				
12	Ditch [12]	50 BC–AD 400	Furrow. Original records mention LIA pottery (presumably residual)	OA604
14	Pit [14]	50 BC–AD 400	Original records mention prehistoric pottery	OA604
15	Pit [15]	50 BC–AD 400	Context sheet mentions prehistoric pottery. Cuts undated pit [38]	OA604

46	Ditch [48] 1st fill [51]	AD 40–400 50 BC–AD 400	Pieces of quernstone	OA604
47	Pit [52]	AD 40–400	Large oval feature. Context sheet mentions 1 sherd of LIA and 1 of Roman pottery. Cut by Roman pit [53] (subgroup 48)	OA604
48	Pit [53]	AD 40–400 1810–1900	13 fragments of Belgic brick, original pot record sheets refer to Late Iron Age and Romano-British pot. The pit is cut by ditch [73] (subgroup 67), which also contains a small amount of Roman pottery. Thus the 19th-century pot is probably intrusive	OA604
59	Ditch [65]	50 BC–AD 400		OA604
60	Ditch cut/fill [66] Ditch fill [136] Ditch fill [139] Ditch fill [143] Ditch fill [147] Ditch fill [157]	1000–50 BC* AD 150–220** 4000–50 BC* AD 40–400** 50 BC–AD 400 AD 40–400 AD 40–400 AD 40–400	* = MoLAS spot date; ** = Essex spot date. 30 fills [136]–[165], see sketch section on back of context sheet 144 for sequence of fills. Original pottery record sheet refers to Roman pottery (1st and 2nd century) from upper fill [66]	OA604
63	Ditch [69]	4000–50 BC AD 40–400	1 potsherd E–W ditch	OA604
69	External unspecified [75]	AD 40–400	Subsoil with pottery	OA604
72	Ditch [78]	AD 40–400	Cuts undated ditch [119] (subgroup 89) and is cut by undated ditch [84] (subgroup 77)	OA604
81	Ditch [94]	AD 40–400	Context sheet mentions prehistoric pottery and calcined flint. Original record sheet mentions 3 IA potsherds	OA604
86	[109]	AD 40–400	Oval feature	OA604

91	Ditch [124] Ditch fill [126] 6 other fills	AD 40–400 AD 150–250	Small amount of pottery Moderate amount of pottery Cuts Roman ditch [125] (subgroup 92)	OA604
92	Ditch [125] with 2 fills	AD 40–400	Cut by mid to late Roman ditch [124] (subgroup 91)	OA604
93	Pit [166]	1000–700 BC AD 40–400	Cut by Roman curvilinear ditch [56] (subgroup 51)	OA604
121	Ditch [200]	50 BC–AD 400	E–W gully	OA604
125	Pit [204]	AD 40–400	Oval feature	OA604
132	Ditch [221] Top fill [222] 2nd fill [223] Base fill [224]	AD 40–400	N–S ditch. Post-dated by successive late Roman ditches (subgroups 133–6), but there is nothing to indicate that this is late Roman too.	OA604
Period 8: Early and early Middle Saxon (AD 400–750)				
21	External dump [21]	AD 40–400 AD 400–600	Moderate amount of pottery Small amount of pottery Daub. Dark patch with charcoal. Also produced daub. Possibly remnants of hearth or oven?	OA606
24	Ditch [24]	AD 270–400 AD 400–600	Small amount of pottery Small amount of pottery Linear feature. Also produced daub	OA606
102	Ditch [175]	AD 40–400 AD 400–750	Small amount of pottery Small amount of pottery E–W ditch, Section shows it cuts undated pit [169] and is cut by the remains of an undated gully [184]	OA606
Period 9: Post-medieval (c.1540–1900)				
1	Modern topsoil [1]	1810–1830		OA607
9	Drainage ditch [9]	1805–1900	1 fragment of Late Roman imbrex. Context sheet suggests date as 16th or 17th century, but pottery indicates 19th century	OA607

27	Ditch [27]	AD 40–400	2 fragments of peg tile in Fabric 2276 (1480+)	OA607
77	Ditch [84]		Described on Section 2 and on context sheet as a post-medieval boundary ditch	OA607