

Ceramic Phase 3: c. AD20-55

Eleven groups with a total weight of 60.3kg and 31.22 EVEs, have been assigned to this ceramic phase, of which four (30.5kg, 14.76 EVEs) are presented below. The phase is characterised by the gradual appearance of samian and other Roman fabrics, accompanied by a decline in imported fineware and amphoras. Phase 3 groups came mainly from the northern and eastern areas of the site. Independent dating evidence occurs in the form of a Langton Down brooch from pit 24181 and a coin of Cunobelin from pit 7167, both current in the first half of the 1st century AD. Additional confirmation of the date range is provided by the presence of Neronian samian in contexts assigned to the later part of the phase, as is the appearance of Verulamium region products and Central Gaulish glazed ware, both mid 1st century types. Grog-tempered pottery continues to form a major component, averaging 85%, of all assemblages assigned to this phase. Residuality is apparent in the presence of prehistoric pottery, handmade vessels and many of the Central Gaulish products.

Area E: Pit 8026, fills 8003, 8014, 8018 (Fig.x)

| <i>Fabric</i> | <i>sherd no.</i> | <i>weight (g)</i> | <i>Average sherd wt</i> | <i>% weight</i> | <i>EVE</i> | <i>% EVE</i> | <i>Forms</i> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|--|
| ABAET | 1 | 77 | 77 | 1% | | | Dressel 20 |
| AITAL | 1 | 11 | 11 | <1% | | | Dressel 2-4 |
| ASALA | 3 | 482 | 161 | 5% | | | |
| CGFCS | 1 | 4 | 4 | <1% | | | |
| CGMIC | 1 | 8 | 8 | <1% | | | |
| ESH | 6 | 224 | 37 | 2% | 0.62 | 10% | Jar <i>Cam</i> 254 |
| GROG | 160 | 5712 | 36 | 58% | 3.31 | 55% | Platter <i>Cam</i> 32, cup <i>Cam</i> 212, bowl <i>Cam</i> 241/6, jars <i>Cam</i> 218 <i>Cam</i> 219 <i>Cam</i> 249 <i>Cam</i> 221, beakers <i>Cam</i> 116 <i>Cam</i> 118 <i>Cam</i> 119 |
| GROGC | 48 | 2931 | 61 | 30% | 1.41 | 24% | Jars <i>Cam</i> 259 <i>Cam</i> 258 <i>Cam</i> 271 G5 G44 |
| GROGRF | 3 | 132 | 44 | 1% | 0.12 | 2% | Bowl |
| GRS | 1 | 10 | 10 | <1% | 0.10 | 2% | Beaker H7 |
| NGWF | 2 | 76 | 38 | 1% | 0.08 | 1% | Beaker <i>Cam</i> 113 |
| SGSW | 2 | 2 | 1 | <1% | | | |
| TN | 5 | 180 | 36 | 2% | 0.15 | 3% | Platter <i>Cam</i> 2 |
| TR | 4 | 24 | 6 | <1% | 0.18 | 3% | Beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 |
| <i>Total</i> | 238 | 9873 | | | 5.97 | | |

This assemblage is typical of the earliest part of Ceramic Phase 3, c. AD20-40, and is dominated by grog-tempered pottery in a wide variety of forms. Imports are present in the form of Gallo-Belgic and Central Gaulish ware, although the latter is represented by small bodysherds only. *Salazon* amphora sherds are present and Dressel 20 amphoras have made an appearance, whereas Dressel 2-4 wine amphora is reduced to a single bodysherd. There are a few sherds in Roman fabrics and Romanized forms in grog-tempered wares are increasingly evident. The finer fabrics are fragmentary.

Area D: Pit 9230, fill 9231 (Fig.x)

| <i>Fabric</i> | <i>sherd no.</i> | <i>weight (g)</i> | <i>Average sherd wt</i> | <i>% weight</i> | <i>EVE</i> | <i>% EVE</i> | <i>Forms</i> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---|
| AITAL | 2 | 36 | 18 | 1% | | | Dressel 2-4 |
| BSW | 4 | 48 | 12 | 1% | | | |
| GROG | 265 | 3306 | 12 | 66% | 1.73 | 73% | Bowls <i>Cam</i> 212 <i>Cam</i> 244, jars <i>Cam</i> 219 <i>Cam</i> 229 <i>Cam</i> 249, beaker <i>Cam</i> 115, lid K6 |
| GROGC | 44 | 1396 | 32 | 28% | | | |
| GROGRS | 8 | 142 | 18 | 2% | 0.29 | 12% | Bowl, flagon |
| GRS | 1 | 6 | 6 | <1% | | | |
| RED | 1 | 4 | 4 | <1% | | | |
| TR | 25 | 76 | 3 | 2% | 0.35 | 15% | Beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 |
| PREHIST | 3 | 18 | 6 | <1% | | | |
| <i>Total</i> | 353 | 5032 | | | 2.37 | | |

Grog-tempered pottery in a variety of forms predominates in this small group. There is a narrow range of fabrics present; unusually, *terra rubra* is the sole imported fineware type represented. Amphoras are again scarce, with just two small sherds from a Dressel 2-4 wine amphora, and Roman fabrics are very much in the minority. The pottery is fragmentary, but there is very little which is residual, apart from three small flint-tempered bodysherds of prehistoric date. [There is a La Tene 1 brooch, too]. The group is dated broadly to AD 20-45.

Area G: Pit 7167, fills 7168, 7178, 7179 (Fig.x)

| <i>Fabric</i> | <i>sherd no.</i> | <i>weight (g)</i> | <i>Average sherd wt</i> | <i>% weight</i> | <i>EVE</i> | <i>% EVE</i> | <i>Forms</i> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|--|
| ABAET | 4 | 108 | 27 | 1% | | | Dressel 20 |
| AITAL | 1 | 199 | 199 | 2% | | | Dressel 1 |
| AMISC | 1 | 22 | 22 | <1% | | | |
| ASALA | 1 | 66 | 66 | 1% | | | |
| BSW | 33 | 280 | 8 | 3% | | | |
| BUF | 8 | 16 | 2 | <1% | | | |
| CGFCS | 15 | 116 | 8 | 1% | | | |
| GROG | 427 | 5850 | 14 | 59% | 2.78 | 82% | Platters <i>Cam</i> 21 <i>Cam</i> 33, bowls <i>Cam</i> 210 <i>Cam</i> 252, jars handmade, <i>Cam</i> 218 <i>Cam</i> 229 <i>Cam</i> 254 <i>Cam</i> 259 G17 G19, beaker H7 |
| GROGC | 39 | 1780 | 46 | 18% | 0.12 | 4% | Jar <i>Cam</i> 270 |
| GRS | 28 | 160 | 6 | 2% | | | |
| MICW | 10 | 160 | 16 | 2% | 0.12 | 4% | Jar |
| NGWF | 4 | 24 | 6 | <1% | | | |
| NGWFS | 2 | 6 | 3 | <1% | | | |
| STOR | 26 | 1095 | 42 | 11% | | | |
| TN | 1 | 22 | 22 | <1% | | | |
| TN[M] | 5 | 34 | 7 | <1% | 0.06 | 2% | Platter, beaker [new forms] |
| TR | 8 | 48 | 6 | <1% | 0.30 | 9% | Platter <i>Cam</i> 8, cup <i>Cam</i> 56, beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 |
| <i>Total</i> | 613 | 9986 | | | 3.38 | | |

Dressel 20 and *salazon* amphoras are present in this assemblage, although the sherd of Dressel 1 wine amphora is residual. Roman fabrics are becoming more established, although still forming a small part of the assemblage. Imports are again represented

mainly by bodysherds, while the forms present in Gallo-Belgic ware are the latest types to be produced. The newly-identified forms in micaceous *terra nigra* may reflect the continuance of this industry beyond the first two decades AD. The group is dated to *c.* AD25-45. The pottery is fragmentary, but, besides the Dressel 1, only the handmade jars are likely to be residual.

Area N: Pit 11723, fill 11720 (Fig.x)

| <i>Fabric</i> | <i>sherd no.</i> | <i>weight (g)</i> | <i>Average sherd wt</i> | <i>% weight</i> | <i>EVE</i> | <i>% EVE</i> | <i>Forms</i> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|--|
| ABAET | 6 | 229 | 38 | 4% | | | Dressel 20 |
| AWINE | 1 | 30 | 30 | 1% | | | Dressel 2-4 |
| BSW | 24 | 228 | 10 | 4% | | | |
| CGFCS | 1 | 4 | 4 | <1% | | | |
| CGGLZ | 1 | 2 | 2 | <1% | | | |
| CGMIC | 3 | 16 | 5 | <1% | 0.11 | 4% | Jar <i>Cam</i> 262 |
| COLB | 1 | 4 | 4 | <1% | | | |
| GROG | 171 | 2361 | 14 | 42% | 2.06 | 68% | Platters <i>Cam</i> 21 A2, bowl <i>Cam</i> 212, jars <i>Cam</i> 249 <i>Cam</i> 258 G19 |
| GROGC | 82 | 2158 | 26 | 38% | 0.40 | 13% | Jar <i>Cam</i> 260 |
| GROGRF | 3 | 30 | 10 | 1% | 0.10 | 3% | Beaker <i>Cam</i> 116 |
| GROGRS | 3 | 76 | 25 | 1% | 0.08 | 3% | Bowl C-new |
| GRS | 18 | 246 | 14 | 4% | 0.23 | 8% | Jar G23, lid |
| NGWF | 3 | 10 | 3 | <1% | | | |
| NGWFS | 2 | 14 | 7 | <1% | | | Beaker <i>Cam</i> 113 |
| RED | 2 | 1 | 1 | <1% | | | |
| SGSW | 4 | 36 | 9 | 1% | 0.06 | 2% | Platter f18R, bowl f29 |
| STOR | 6 | 168 | 28 | 3% | | | |
| TN[M] | 2 | 30 | 15 | 1% | | | |
| <i>Total</i> | 333 | 5643 | | | 3.04 | | |

This group is characteristic of pottery assemblages at the later end of this ceramic phase. Many of the identifiable forms are mid 1st century types and the assemblage is dated to *c.* AD45-55. Much of the imported fineware is likely to be residual, except for the North Gaulish beakers and the samian. Roman fabrics are more in evidence, forming more than 12% of the assemblage by weight. The samian and Central Gaulish glazed wares are both mid 1st century types, but in general, the quantity of imports is in decline. Dressel 20 amphora is present, but wine amphoras are again represented by a single small sherd, and there is a smaller range of forms than previously in grog-tempered wares. The pottery is fragmentary, especially the finer wares.

Tables for Ceramic Phase 3: c. AD20-55

| Context | Fabric | Sherds | Weight (g) | Ave wt | % wt | EVE | % EVE |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|-------------|
| 9231 | AITAL | 2 | 36 | 18 | 1% | | |
| 9231 | BSW | 4 | 48 | 12 | 1% | | |
| 9231 | GROG | 265 | 3306 | 12 | 66% | 1.73 | 73% |
| 9231 | GROGC | 44 | 1396 | 32 | 28% | | |
| 9231 | GROGRS | 8 | 142 | 18 | 2% | 0.29 | 12% |
| 9231 | GRS | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| 9231 | RED | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 9231 | TR | 25 | 76 | 3 | 2% | 0.35 | 15% |
| 9231 Total | | | 5014 | | | 2.37 | 100% |
| 10205 | BUF | 1 | 8 | 8 | 1% | | |
| 10205 | GROG | 56 | 1111 | 20 | 80% | 1.31 | 91% |
| 10205 | GROGC | 6 | 168 | 28 | 12% | | |
| 10205 | GROGRS | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| 10205 | NGWFS | 1 | 8 | 8 | 1% | | |
| 10205 | TN[M] | 1 | 16 | 16 | 1% | | |
| 10205 | UCC | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| 10205 | VRWM | 1 | 58 | 58 | 4% | 0.13 | 9% |
| 10205 Total | | | 1381 | | | 1.44 | 100% |
| 11720 | ABAET | 6 | 229 | 38 | 4% | | |
| 11720 | AWINE | 1 | 30 | 30 | 1% | | |
| 11720 | BSW | 24 | 228 | 10 | 4% | | |
| 11720 | CGFCS | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 11720 | CGGLZ | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 11720 | CGMIC | 3 | 16 | 5 | | 0.11 | 4% |
| 11720 | COLB | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 11720 | GROG | 171 | 2361 | 14 | 42% | 2.06 | 68% |
| 11720 | GROGC | 82 | 2158 | 26 | 38% | 0.40 | 13% |
| 11720 | GROGRF | 3 | 30 | 10 | 1% | 0.10 | 3% |
| 11720 | GROGRS | 3 | 76 | 25 | 1% | 0.08 | 3% |
| 11720 | GRS | 18 | 246 | 14 | 4% | 0.23 | 8% |
| 11720 | NGWF | 3 | 10 | 3 | | | |
| 11720 | NGWFS | 2 | 14 | 7 | | | |
| 11720 | RED | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 11720 | SGSW | 4 | 36 | 9 | 1% | 0.06 | 2% |
| 11720 | STOR | 6 | 168 | 28 | 3% | | |
| 11720 | TN[M] | 2 | 30 | 15 | 1% | | |
| 11720 Total | | | 5643 | | | 3.04 | 100% |
| 17258 | ABAET | 1 | 9 | 9 | | | |
| 17258 | BSW | 87 | 1245 | 14 | 11% | 0.23 | 6% |
| 17258 | COLB | 3 | 6 | 2 | | | |
| 17258 | COLBM | 1 | 30 | 30 | | | |
| 17258 | GRF | 4 | 53 | 13 | | | |
| 17258 | GROG | 279 | 3295 | 12 | 30% | 2.34 | 61% |
| 17258 | GROGC | 70 | 4530 | 65 | 42% | 0.16 | 4% |
| 17258 | GROGRS | 9 | 64 | 7 | 1% | 0.37 | 10% |
| 17258 | GRS | 63 | 849 | 13 | 8% | 0.60 | 16% |
| 17258 | NGWF | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 17258 | SGSW | 6 | 50 | 8 | | 0.09 | 2% |
| 17258 | STOR | 20 | 695 | 35 | 6% | 0.04 | 1% |

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|--------------------|--------|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 17258 | VRWM | 1 | 60 | 60 | 1% | | |
| 17258 Total | | | 10887 | | | 3.83 | 100% |
| 24179 | AITAL | 1 | 55 | 55 | 3% | | |
| 24179 | ESH | 1 | 75 | 75 | 3% | 0.18 | 16% |
| 24179 | GROG | 19 | 815 | 43 | 38% | 0.74 | 64% |
| 24179 | GROGC | 10 | 1225 | 123 | 56% | 0.24 | 21% |
| 24179 Total | | | 2170 | | | 1.16 | 100% |
| 15968 | ABAET | 2 | 92 | 46 | 1% | | |
| 15968 | AITAL | 2 | 57 | 29 | 1% | | |
| 15968 | AMISC | 2 | 25 | 13 | | | |
| 15968 | ASALA | 1 | 59 | 59 | 1% | | |
| 15968 | BUF | 8 | 58 | 7 | 1% | | |
| 15968 | CGFCS | 2 | 24 | 12 | | | |
| 15968 | CGRHN | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 15968 | COLC | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 15968 | GROG | 310 | 3596 | 12 | 58% | 3.10 | 82% |
| 15968 | GROGC | 67 | 1929 | 29 | 31% | 0.09 | 2% |
| 15968 | GROGRF | 22 | 110 | 5 | 2% | 0.27 | 7% |
| 15968 | GRS | 13 | 118 | 9 | 2% | 0.05 | 1% |
| 15968 | MICW | 9 | 56 | 6 | 1% | | |
| 15968 | MWSRS | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 15968 | NGWF | 3 | 22 | 7 | | 0.26 | 7% |
| 15968 | NVC | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 15968 | OXRCM | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| 15968 | OXSWM | 1 | 10 | 10 | | | |
| 15968 | TR | 1 | 12 | 12 | | | |
| 15968 Total | | | 6182 | | | 3.77 | 100% |
| 7167 | ABAET | 4 | 108 | 27 | 1% | | |
| 7167 | AITAL | 1 | 199 | 199 | 2% | | |
| 7167 | AMISC | 1 | 22 | 22 | | | |
| 7167 | ASALA | 1 | 66 | 66 | 1% | | |
| 7167 | BSW | 33 | 280 | 8 | 3% | | |
| 7167 | BUF | 8 | 16 | 2 | | | |
| 7167 | CGFCS | 15 | 116 | 8 | 1% | | |
| 7167 | GROG | 427 | 5850 | 14 | 59% | 2.78 | 84% |
| 7167 | GROGC | 39 | 1780 | 46 | 18% | 0.12 | 4% |
| 7167 | GRS | 28 | 160 | 6 | 2% | | |
| 7167 | MICW | 8 | 130 | 16 | 1% | 0.06 | 2% |
| 7167 | NGWF | 4 | 24 | 6 | | | |
| 7167 | NGWFS | 2 | 6 | 3 | | | |
| 7167 | STOR | 26 | 1095 | 42 | 11% | | |
| 7167 | TN | 1 | 22 | 22 | | | |
| 7167 | TN[M] | 5 | 34 | 7 | | 0.06 | 2% |
| 7167 | TR | 8 | 48 | 6 | | 0.30 | 9% |
| 7167 Total | | | 9956 | | | 3.32 | 100% |
| 8026 | ABAET | 1 | 77 | 77 | 1% | | |
| 8026 | AITAL | 1 | 11 | 11 | | | |
| 8026 | ASALA | 3 | 482 | 161 | 5% | | |
| 8026 | CGFCS | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 8026 | CGMIC | 1 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| 8026 | ESH | 6 | 224 | 37 | 2% | 0.62 | 10% |
| 8026 | GROG | 160 | 5712 | 36 | 58% | 3.31 | 55% |

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|--------------------|--------|----|--------------|----|-----|--------------|-------------|
| 8026 | GROGC | 48 | 2931 | 61 | 30% | 1.41 | 24% |
| 8026 | GROGRF | 3 | 132 | 44 | 1% | 0.12 | 2% |
| 8026 | GRS | 1 | 10 | 10 | | 0.10 | 2% |
| 8026 | NGWF | 2 | 76 | 38 | 1% | 0.08 | 1% |
| 8026 | SGSW | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 8026 | TN | 5 | 180 | 36 | 2% | 0.15 | 3% |
| 8026 | TR | 4 | 24 | 6 | | 0.18 | 3% |
| 8026 Total | | | 9873 | | | 5.97 | 100% |
| 11063 | ASALA | 1 | 70 | 70 | 2% | | |
| 11063 | ESH | 8 | 50 | 6 | 1% | | |
| 11063 | GRF | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| 11063 | GROG | 98 | 1405 | 14 | 38% | 2.13 | 77% |
| 11063 | GROGC | 54 | 2132 | 39 | 58% | 0.44 | 16% |
| 11063 | GROGRF | 3 | 16 | 5 | | 0.08 | 3% |
| 11063 | TR | 2 | 10 | 5 | | 0.13 | 5% |
| 11063 Total | | | 3687 | | | 2.78 | 100% |
| 20031 | ABAET | 1 | 82 | 82 | 2% | | |
| 20031 | BSW | 1 | 30 | 30 | 1% | | |
| 20031 | BUF | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 20031 | COLC | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 20031 | ESH | 4 | 156 | 39 | 4% | 0.20 | 7% |
| 20031 | GROG | 73 | 1429 | 20 | 39% | 1.54 | 57% |
| 20031 | GROGC | 29 | 1513 | 52 | 42% | 0.82 | 30% |
| 20031 | GROGRF | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| 20031 | GROGRS | 5 | 272 | 54 | 7% | | |
| 20031 | GRS | 2 | 46 | 23 | 1% | | |
| 20031 | ITSW | 3 | 20 | 7 | 1% | | |
| 20031 | MICW | 1 | 10 | 10 | | | |
| 20031 | TN | 1 | 68 | 68 | 2% | 0.15 | 6% |
| 20031 | TR | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 20031 Total | | | 3638 | | | 2.71 | 100% |
| 7181 | BSW | 34 | 276 | 8 | | 0.28 | 34% |
| 7181 | BUF | 4 | 16 | 4 | | | |
| 7181 | CGFCS | 2 | 34 | 17 | | | |
| 7181 | GROG | 57 | 680 | 12 | | 0.18 | 22% |
| 7181 | GROGC | 9 | 406 | 45 | | | |
| 7181 | GRS | 20 | 254 | 13 | | 0.37 | 45% |
| 7181 | MWSRF | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 7181 | RED | 4 | 22 | 6 | | | |
| 7181 | STOR | 3 | 192 | 64 | | | |
| 7181 Total | | | 1882 | | | 0.83 | 100% |
| Grand Total | | | 60313 | | | 31.22 | |

N.B. Contexts 15969 and 15971 are included within feature 15968.

Contexts 8003, 8014 and 8018 are included within feature 8026.

Contexts 7168, 7178 and 7179 are included within feature 7167.