The western end of this area sees a number of linear features cut into the natural, these being (from west to east) furrow [6057], furrow/small ditch [6055], ditch [6059], ditch [6070], ditch [6061], ditch [6087], gully [6065], and ditch [6074]. The upper fill of ditch [6074] was cut by a further furrow, [6223], this being the only stratigraphic relationship evident between any of these features.

Immediately to the east of furrow [6223] was an area of rather more complicated stratigraphy. Cut [6248] is of unknown function or form, as very little of the feature was within the trench. The fill of [6248] was cut by feature [6089], which was in close association, although with no stratigraphic relationship, to two further cut features; contexts [6199] and [6197]. Cut [6199] was also predominantly beyond the limits of the trench, and it is therefore not clear whether this was a pit or a ditch terminus. Cuts [6197] and [6089] were presumed to be associated with each other, the former being a small pit into which a single pottery vessel appeared to have been set (the upper part of this vessel had been damaged through ploughing/sub-soiling, and has been spot dated between AD 200 and AD 350).

Feature [6089] is as yet unidentified, but has been tentatively interpreted as a kiln. In plan the cut was an hourglass shape, and was filled with [6237], [6205] and [6091]. A band of burnt clay was set across the neck of the hourglass, separating the two 'bulbs', though this was not assigned a context number during excavation. The primary fill, [6237], was almost entirely charcoal, with moderate fragments of burnt clay and degraded CBM, these fragments being more common in the northern 'bulb' of the cut. This was overlain by fill [6205], a dark

brownish black sandy silt with frequent charcoal, burn clay and degraded CBM flecks/fragments. This in turn was overlain by fill/layer [6091], consisting of clay with moderate charcoal flecks. This context had a 'knobbly' appearance giving the impression that it had been lain in clods, and extended beyond the limits of cut [6089] with a marked depression over the cut (see plate 1, to right, taken after [6091] had been partially excavated). The depression in [6091] was filled with [6090], a dark brownish black sandy silt, from which a clay lamp was recovered.

To the east of feature [1089] was ditch [6312], running north - south, and the clay extended to the western edge of this ditch. It was not clear during excavation whether this ditch had cut the clay, or the clay had been laid up to the edge of an extant ditch, but further analysis of the recovered



Plate 1. Clay lining [6091], looking north.

artefacts may shed some light on the relative chronologies of the two features. Ditch [6312] was filled by [6311], [6310], and [6307]. The primary fill, [6311], was a mid brownish grey silty sand with charcoal and CBM flecks. Fill [6310] was a mid greyish brown sand containing frequent charcoal and CBM flecks and burnt sandstone fragments. The upper fill,

[6307], was a mid pinkish red clay. The presence of a high proportion of charcoal and CBM fragments/flecks in fill [6310] might suggest that the ditch was open during the use of adjacent feature [6089].

To the east of ditch [6312] were a group of several irregular/curvilinear cut features, though the majority of these extended beyond the limits of the trench and little can be said regarding their form or function at this stage. These cut features were overlain by a series of layers, presumably levelling dumps, the final layer being one of cobbles which probably extended over fill [6307] of ditch [6312] to the west. This layer of cobbles, [6142], however, was truncated by a furrow situated between ditch [6312] and the group of cut features mentioned above. Although presumably a continuation of [6142], the cobbles overlying ditch [6312] were assigned the number [6300].

To the east of cobble spread [6142] was a linear feature, gully [6302], aligned north - south and filled with [6301], a mid greyish brown clayey silty sand. The spot date for [6301] is between AD 200 and AD 400. This was cut by curvilinear gully [6298], filled with [6297], a dark brown sandy clayey silt, spot date between AD 150 and AD 200. Within the area enclosed by the curvilinear gully [6298] was a possible post hole, [6135], filled with a dark brown sandy silt, [6134]. These three features were truncated by a wide shallow cut feature, [6133], filled with mid greyish brown sandy silt [6132] and spot dated between AD 300 and AD 400. The full extent of this feature remains unknown, as its western edge was completely truncated by furrow [6141], which also appears to have truncated cobble spread [6142] mentioned previously.

To the east of feature [6133] were a series of linear features, all aligned north - south. These were furrow [6105], ditch/gully [6109], gully [6111], gully [6139], ditch [6113], furrow [6173], ditch [6169] and ditch [6131]. Between [6113] and [6173] were pit [6127], pit [6129] and ditch terminus [6107]. A further pit was located between furrow [6173] and ditch [6169]

5.2.1.8 Trench 6, Area C (see Figure 8)

Area C spans easting 300 to 400. This area again contained the furrows evident over the rest of the site, and a number of ditches. Many of the features encountered in Area C proved difficult to deal with in the confines of such a narrow trench, and in two locations the trench was widened in order to try and elucidate the nature of the features, though not altogether successfully.

At the western end of Area C were a group of inter-cutting ditches, [6206], [6271], [6273] and [6185]. Ditch [6206] was aligned north - south, and filled with [6309], [6184] and [6183]. The primary fill, [6309], consisted of a mid yellowish brown sand. Fill [6184] consisted of a dark brownish grey silty sand, and [6183] a mid reddish brown silty sand (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400).

Ditch [6271] was aligned east - west, and filled with a mid brownish grey silty sand, [6270]. Ditch [6273] was again aligned east - west, located immediately to the south of [6271] and filled with [6272], a mid brownish grey silty sand (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400).

These two ditches were not fully exposed during the excavation, as they lay beyond the pipe trench and were only visible when the trench was extended to the south.

While the stratigraphic relationships between ditches [6206], [6271] and [6273] were not established, as the point at which they intersected was beyond the limits of the trench, all three were cut by a further ditch, [6185]. The primary fill of [6185] was [6308], a light reddish brown silt, and the upper fill, [6182], a mid greyish brown sandy silt (spot dated between AD 360 and AD 410). This latter ditch may be a re-cut of ditch [6206].

To the east of the ditch group were three further ditches, again aligned roughly north - south, which were associated with a very wide cut feature. Ditch [6314] contained a single fill, context [6313], a mid grey silty sand spot dated to between AD 150 and AD 400. Immediately to the east, ditch [6288] was filled with a dark brownish grey sandy silt. Further to the east, ditch [6290] also contained a single fill, context [6289], comprising a dark brownish grey silty sand (spot dated to between AD 300 and AD 400). These three features are all stratigraphically beneath cut [6259]. This ran slightly obliquely to the trench and measured 25 metres in width, and 0.50 metres in depth. The cut was filled (in stratigraphic order) by light brownish grey sandy silt [6291] (spot date between AD 350 and AD 410); dark greenish grey sandy silt [6262] (spot date between AD 360 and AD 410); mid greenish grey sandy silt [6315]; light yellowish grey silty sand [6260] (spot date between AD 350 and AD 410); and light reddish brown very silty sand [6264].

Of these four cuts, ditch [6314] may be an earlier feature which has been truncated by [6259]. During excavation [6259] was interpreted as a road or droveway with ditches [6288] and [6290] flanking the western and eastern sides respectively. Cut [6259] might have been formed through repeated use and wear, i.e. a holloway, which was later consolidated by the laying of stone layer [6292]. Although layer [6292] appeared to form a fairly consolidated surface in plan, after its removal it did not appear as such in section and visitors to the site have queried this interpretation, which remains tentative. Correlation of air photograph and geophysical survey data with the site drawings might elucidate the function of this feature.

To the west of feature [6259] were a group of intersecting ditches, the relationships between which were difficult to ascertain due to the similarity of their fills, and fact that the majority of intersections were beyond the limits of the trench. After partial excavation the trench was widened in an attempt to try and resolve the stratigraphy of the features, but with limited success, due in part to a very high water table. The dating of finds from the ditches will therefore be crucial to their interpretation and in establishing their chronology. The discussion of these features is based on the interpretation and stratigraphy established in the field by the excavators. The group appeared to comprise three inter-cutting linear ditches, and a further ditch with a right angle bend cutting the intersection of two of the linear ditches (see Figure 8).

One of the earliest features was ditch [6160]. This was aligned roughly north - south, though very little of the feature was evident in the trench, it having been truncated by two other

ditches at its southern end. It was filled by a dark brownish grey sand [6161] (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400).

A second ditch, located to the east of [6160] was ditch [6195], running obliquely across the trench. This contained two fills, the primary fill, [6204], being a dark brownish grey sand, the upper fill, [6194], a mid brownish grey sand (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400).

Both ditches [6160] and [6195] were truncated by east - west aligned ditch [6171], containing a dark brownish grey sand primary fill, [6202], and a mid greyish brown sand upper fill, [6170] (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400). This in turn was truncated by ditch [6151], which formed a right angle at the intersection of ditches [6160] and [6171]. Ditch [6151] contained to fills, [6244] being a dark brownish grey sand primary fill, and [6150], a mid greyish brown sand (spot date between AD 280 and AD 400). This ditch completely truncated two sub-rectangular features, [6210] and [6212], both located beneath the bend of ditch [6151]. These were filled by [6209] and [6211] respectively, both of which consisted of dark grey-black humic material in a sandy matrix. Fill [6211] contained a few sherds of pottery, giving a spot date of between AD 300 and AD 400.

Two gullies were also evident in the vicinity of this ditch group, these being [6235] and [6214]. Gully [6214] was cut by ditch [6195], and contained a mid brownish grey silty sand, [6213]. Four sherds of pottery were recovered from this fill giving a spot date of between AD 200 and AD 300+. Gully [6235] was filled with [6234], a mid slightly blueish-grey sand.

A furrow [6176] cut the upper fill of feature [6259], and a further furrow cut the upper fill of ditch [6151] mentioned above.

The final three features evident, located at the eastern end of the excavation trench, were furrow [6190], and ditches [6220] and [6224]. Ditch [6220] was filled with a mid yellowish grey sand, [6219], and ditch [6224] by a mid brownish grey silty sand, [6221] (spot date between AD 300 and AD 400). Both the furrow and the ditches were aligned north - south.

5.2.2 Preliminary Results

Although much of the evidence unearthed by fieldwork has yet to be fully integrated and interpreted, several important conclusions can already be reached:

• There is evidence for a prolonged length of occupation at the site, possibly with several distinct phases of habitation present. This is indicated through the apparent reuse of some of the ceramic building material (see Garside-Neville, Appendix 4, OSA99EV02) and the re-cutting of a number of the ditches. The presence of sub-Roman/Anglian pottery also suggests prolonged occupation, though at this stage in the analysis the degree of continuity of occupation cannot be ascertained. Early Anglo-Saxon pottery was definitely recovered from five contexts, and possibly from a sixth. These were from contexts [6004] (fill of pit [6003]), [6005] (fill of pit [6006]), [6166] (fill of ditch [6169]), [6261] (fill of 'droveway' [6259] and context [6228]. A probable Anglo-Saxon sherd was found in context [6012] (fill of pit or natural hollow [6013]). Of these contexts, [6228] also

produced a medieval sherd, and [6261] produced an assemblage predominantly dating from between AD 350 and AD 410. The Anglo-Saxon sherd from [6261] may therefore be intrusive, having been moved from a later context through bioturbation or agricultural activity.

- There is strong evidence for substantial/high status buildings on the site in the form of ceramic building materials, wall foundations and surfaces, and also for less substantial buildings in the form of daub fragments.
- The environmental samples have provided evidence of agricultural activity on the site, with charred cereal grains suggesting possible arable agriculture. In addition animal husbandry might be indicated by fragments of heather, possibly imported as bedding or fodder, and by faunal remains which may be associated with animal bedding.
- The as yet unidentified structure [6089] would seem to indicate some sort of small scale industrial activity taking place on the site.

5.2.3 The Artefactual Record

5.2.3.1 Roman Pottery (see Appendix 1 for full assessment)

Barbara Precious

The Roman pottery from the excavation is very similar to that from the evaluation in terms of date, but there is a larger quantity - 630 sherds from the excavation, in comparison to 337 sherds from the evaluation. Both sites have been recorded in accordance with the guidelines of the Study Group for Roman Pottery (SGRP) using sherd count as a measure, and the same pottery coding system. This is the system used for the nearby large, and predominantly, late Roman site at West Heslerton, which was developed from the codes used by the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit. Thereby providing useful comparative data for the unique 'ritual' complex at West Heslerton.

As the assemblage is quite small, statistical evidence must be viewed with caution. There are few contexts with over ten sherds. However, a substantial proportion consists of large sherds suggesting that the material is comparatively fresh. The largest single context is ditch fill [6075] - 63 sherds; followed by [6242] - 58 sherds from a single smashed vessel, and the total droveway and road assemblage [6259] - [6177] accounts for a further 155 sherds.

The Roman pottery from the excavation is mainly 4th century in date with a substantial proportion dating from the mid to late 4th century, attested by the high presence of Huntcliff jars and late Roman coarse wares. Some of this very late material came from contexts containing post-Roman wares [6000], [6166], [6178], [6232], & [6261] two of which, [6166] & [6261], are early Anglo-Saxon in date. This suggests that the two cultures were occupying the same area within a short period of time.

The earliest pottery, very burnt fragments of a single white-slipped, oxidised flagon from [6165], is broadly dated to the 2nd century. There is no rim but the fabric is similar to Ebor

white-slipped ware, which is absent from York sites by the early 3rd century. As [6165] lies over [6166] which contains Roman pottery dated to 350-410 AD and an early Anglo-Saxon sherd, the flagon is likely to be residual. However, the presence of six sherds of Central Gaulish samian from several layers suggests that the site might have been occupied from the early to mid 2nd century, although fine wares of this type might have been curated. There is also a stamped handle from a Dressel 20 amphora reading ?DEF. The stamp is rather abraded but would benefit from specialist identification. Nevertheless, the fabric is certainly of 2nd century date.

Later 2nd to 3rd century pottery (180-250/300) appears to be well represented, but 58 sherds are from a single, smashed vessel from [6242] (Drawing 10). Other later 2nd to 3rd century wares occurred in the ploughsoil. 3rd century pottery is rare, and later 3rd to early 4th century pottery is, again, mainly represented by a single vessel.

There are several sequences, some of which contain pottery which may show a chronological development, for example ditch [6074] - [6098]; linear feature, a possible kiln, [6089] - [6090]; and gully [6278]/[6277]/[6243] - [6225]/[6251]/[6249]. The principal Roman structure from the site, droveway/road [6259] - [6264], produced wares dating from the mid to late 4th century, but there was also an early Anglo-Saxon sherd from [6261], which occurred within the sequence. A similar pattern occurred within ditch [6169] - [6162] which produced pottery of mixed date. The lowest layer, [6168], contained mid to late 4th century wares, but an early Anglo-Saxon sherd together with mid to late 4th century Roman pottery came from the layer above, [6166]. However, layers above [6166] produced pottery of 2nd ([6165]), and at least later 2nd century date ([6162]). It is worth emphasising that the West Lilling site has produced pottery of the latest recognisable types found in Yorkshire. Although these cannot be dated by conventional means later than c.410 AD there remains the possibility that identical pottery continued in use well into the 5th century and are therefore contemporary with the early Anglo-Saxon sherds found with them.

5.2.3.2 Post-Roman Pottery (see Appendix 2 for full assessment)

Alan Vince

A total of 12 sherds of Early Anglo-Saxon pottery was recovered from five or six contexts (depending on the date of the small thumb pot from context [6012]), these being contexts [6004], [6005], [6166], [6228], [6261] and possibly [6012].

The early Anglo-Saxon pottery consists of fresh, unabraded sherds, all of visually similar fabrics. Two forms occur, the jar and the bowl. Two of the jars are decorated with broad horizontal grooves and all were well finished with external burnishing. The bowl is plain and less well finished. A final coil around the inside of the rim has split off and there is evidence for sooting on the exterior. The jars are similar in form and decoration to those used in several Yorkshire cemeteries to contain cremations whereas the bowl is similar to those found accompanying inhumations, and thought to symbolise the provision of food or drink for the deceased. There is no reason to doubt that these sherds are also of the same date as the cemeteries where these pots occur, namely the 5th to the 7th centuries.

Medieval Pottery

Four sherds of medieval pottery were recovered from the excavation. All were small, abraded sherds consistent with having spent some time in the plough zone (or an active soil). The sherds span the late 13th/14th to 15th/16th centuries. Three of the four were produced in the Hambleton Hills area, to the north and east of West Lilling (North Yorkshire Whiteware and Hambleton ware) and the fourth (a Humber Ware) was probably produced in the upper reaches of the Humber estuary, where numerous late medieval and post-medieval potteries were located.

Post-Medieval Pottery

Two sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered from the excavation. The sherds are larger and less abraded than those of the medieval pottery. This might be due to the fact that they spent less time in the plough zone, or that they were harder-fired and more resistant to erosion and breakage or that they were introduced to the site during post-medieval robbing or investigation of the site. One of the sherds is an unidentified slipware and the other a Staffordshire(?) press-moulded dish of mid/late 18th or early 19th century date.

5.2.3.3 Ceramic Building Material (see Appendix 3 for full assessment)

Sandra Garside-Neville

The majority of the material is of Roman date, comprising roofing tile (tegula and imbrex), material often associated with hypocausts (flue tile and brick) and daub.

The tegulae range from in thickness from 15-35mm. The example of the 35mm tegula (context [6232]) shows clear signs of the flange having been deliberately removed as the flange scar is worn. It has been reused, and the size hints that it might have been scavenged from elsewhere, or is perhaps part of an earlier or later building phase than the majority of tiles in the sample. The flange heights fall between 33-55mm. In comparison to the military base of York, both thickness and flange heights are much smaller. The majority of the flange profiles are noticeably square in profile.

Imbrice thickness measurements range from 14-23mm. Again these are smaller than the military products of York.

The flue tile have a thickness of between 13-23mm. Particular characteristics are rounded corners, the occasional sanded outer surface, and combed keying. Elsewhere, the combed keying is associated with a 2nd century or later date. There are signs of rectangular vents. In one case there is possibly a circular vent, however the identification of this fragment is uncertain. Some examples having sooting on the inner surface confirming usage in a hypocaust.

Some of the brick fragments might be pila tile which was used in the hypocaust pillars, but also might have been used in wall courses as well. Some of pieces identified might be from tegula, but the fragments are too small for certain identification, and they may have been

reused in walling subsequently. One such fragment is a piece from context [6262]. Its thickness falls easily within that of tegula, but it has a 'pie-crusted' edge. Whether this was deliberate decoration, or the idle whim of the tile maker is uncertain. It only occurs on one fragment from this sample. There is a smudged dog paw print on a brick from context [6217].

Sooting on surfaces of the ceramic building material appears quite often. As with flue tile, sometimes the sooting appears on (inner) surfaces that might well be part of the tile's function. However, on several occasions the sooting occurs on broken edges in the Roman period. This implies that there was an unintentional fire at the building.

Some of the fabrics are probably from the York area, however there are others that are not so familiar. In particular, there is a fabric that fires to a pale colour

The ceramic building materials point heavily toward a substantial building with a tiled roof and a hypocaust. The building was possibly burnt down at some stage. A few of the Roman bricks are worn, and this may hint at reuse.

5.2.3.4 Registered Finds (see Appendix 4 for full assessment)

Alan Vince & Jenny Mann

Eighty six objects were recorded by context number during the excavation. The condition of the ironwork is very poor, with some artefacts being represented by a nodule of corrosion with a void where the iron object once was. By contrast, the glass is in good condition.

Glass

There are five pieces of glass. One is from a moulded bottle, and probably modern in date (it was found in the ploughsoil). Three are fragments of window glass, of which one is a piece of cast window glass, with one glossy and one matt surface. This feature is typical of 1st to 3rd century Roman window glass and indicates the presence of a Romanised building nearby. Two are thinner and have air bubbles within them. These are probably late Roman blown window glass. A final fragment has a slight lip to one edge and might be from a late Roman bottle.

Iron

There are sixty-eight pieces of iron or iron corrosion from the excavation. All are either nails, possible nails, slag or completely corroded lumps. There is a concentration in cobble layer [6142] but otherwise the finds appear to be evenly distributed within the Romano-British strata. Only 13 nails are complete. The presence of possible slag fragments indicates that some metalworking may have taken place on the site in the Roman period.

Stone

Nine stone objects were recorded in the excavation. One of these is an unworked fossil sponge, probably accidentally present on the site rather than being selected by man. A fragment of possible honestone is a white medium-grained sandstone pebble, of a type probably present in local boulder clay and fluvio-glacial deposits. A flake of 'greenstone' polished axe is of prehistoric date. It too may be a chance discovery although there is evidence that prehistoric axes were used as talismans in the Romano-British period. A chert core is probably of earlier prehistoric date (Mesolithic or Neolithic) and probably a chance discovery in a Romano-British context. The chert is fossiliferous and could probably be provenanced. It has some iron staining on the edges and may therefore have been (re)-used as a strike-a-light. Small fragments of Mayen lava quern were found in two deposits, [6114] and [6142]. They may all come from the same quernstone. Finally, two fragments of unworked jet were found in context [6194] and a third fragment in context [6001], and a jet bead was found in context [6236]. The bead is broken but was drilled with at least two narrow-diameter holes and is decorated with an incised cross.

Ceramic

Two counters were found. One of these was produced by hand moulding a lump of clay into an oval 'pancake' and the other produced from a sherd of Romano-British pottery (CALC). The survival of a marking-out point and the general shape of this counter shows that it was marked out with a pair of compasses.

5.2.3.5 Flint and Utilised Stone (see Appendix 5 for full assessment)

Antony Dickson

A total of six lithics were submitted for assessment. All the flakes were made on flint, which varied in colour from brown to brownish green, and bluish grey to greyish white. Of the six artefacts four were unmodified flakes, whilst one exhibited evidence for retouch and a further flake had been ground and polished. Due to the small size of the assemblage no relative date can be inferred from technological characteristics, suffice to say that they probably fall into a broad date range spanning the Neolithic.

Context [6162] contained an unmodified flake made on light greyish white flint and a broken, edge ground and polished knife made on mid greenish brown flint. The unmodified flake is probably made on chalk flint, although the texture of the crystalline make up of the body of the flake appears coarse and considerably opaque. With these considerations in mind it is possible that the flake may be made on chert. The flake was removed during the secondary phase of the reduction sequence, exhibiting a number of earlier flake removals on the dorsal face and a small amount of cortex. A narrow portion of the striking platform is present associated with a diffuse bulb of percussion.

The edge ground knife is made on till flint that is mid greenish brown in colour and in its raw state could have been derived from till deposits to the east of the Wolds. These artefacts are

often found as surface finds, but are also known from burials, pits and as elements within stone hoards. Furthermore the artefact could have been made on flakes from a specialised core inferring specialisation in tool manufacture (Edmonds 1995). Unfortunately, the artefact is broken, but nevertheless both the edges are ground and the distal face also has been ground and polished. The ventral face has the remains of a diffuse bulb of percussion, but an attempt to remove this has been undertaken through pressure flaking.

Context [6184] contained a broken unmodified blade made on mid greenish brown flint and a retouched flake: a form of blunted back knife made on dark greenish brown flint. The broken blade is made on till flint and could have been derived from tills to the east of the Wolds. The blade was removed during the tertiary phase of the reduction sequence exhibiting a number of earlier opposed flake removals on the dorsal face. A very small portion of the platform is present along with a flat bulb of percussion. There is slight evidence for the use of the blade in the form of a very fine edge gloss.

The blunted back knife is again made on till flint. The flake is roughly D shaped in outline and in section is wedge shaped with an acute angle of retouch on both faces of the flake forming the cutting edge. The ventral face of the flake exhibits well striated, conchoidal fracture scars and the bulb of percussion has been removed by pressure flaking. The left-hand edge of the ventral face has been retouched all the way around the edge. The dorsal face retained 70 % of a fine cortex covering and the distal end exhibits pressure flaking around the edge, which extends to a midpoint along the long edge of the flake. There is slight evidence of wearing on the edge on the ventral face, but other than this the artefact does not appear to have been used intensively.

Context [6274] contained a broken unmodified flake made on mid bluish grey flint. This is made on Chalk flint, presumably from the Wolds to the east. The flake was removed during the secondary phase of the reduction sequence, as a small amount of cortex remains on the dorsal face. The flake is broad and thick and displays a number of parallel flake scars on the dorsal face. Taken together this information indicates that the flake may have been removed to facilitate core rejuvenation, but could just as probably be an accident of debitage.

An unmodified flake made on mid brownish green flint was recovered, but was not from a stratified context. This is made on till flint and is mid brownish green in colour. The flake was removed during the tertiary phase of the reduction sequence, exhibiting two earlier flake removals on the dorsal face. A large portion of the platform is present along with a pronounced bulb of percussion.

5.2.4 The Environmental Record ~ soil samples & hand collected bone (see Appendix 6 for full assessment)

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Context 6091, Sample 31/BS

The residue consisted of sand, grit and ?iron pan; there was a small washover of about 25 cm³ of modern rootlets and ancient charcoal (to 5 mm) with traces of charred cereal grains and chaff, including a few ?spelt wheat, Triticum cf. spelta, glume-bases in reasonably good condition, and hulled barley (Hordeum) grains, but all at very low concentrations.

Context 615, Sample 43/BS

The moderately large residue of about 500 cm³ comprised clean quartz sand with some ?iron pan. The washover of about 100 cm³ was of charcoal (to 10 mm) with woody and herbaceous detritus. Amongst these fragments were abundant well preserved seeds of elder (Sambucus nigra L.) and stinging nettle (Urtica dioica L.) and modest numbers of seeds of the goosefoots in Chenopodium Section Pseudoblitum. Other identifiable plant remains included a rather large assemblage of taxa representing waterside vegetation and stands of weeds, the latter including communities of sandy fields and neglected waste places. There was also a small component perhaps from grazed or trampled turf. Some lumps (to 5 mm) of sandy humic silt observed might be from inwashed soil or more humus. Notable in the material were rather large numbers of fragments of vegetative material with characteristic darkened epidermis and strongly sinuous cell walls. One or two ?spelt glume-bases were also noted. A small group of insects was recovered, including aquatic and waterside forms, and some terrestrial species. There were also some cladoceran resting eggs. Preservation varied, but most insect remains appeared identifiable.

Context 6161, Sample 20/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 400 cm³ consisted of clean quartz sand and a little ?iron pan. The washover of about 120 cm³ was at least half by volume sand and ?iron pan, the rest charcoal (to 10 mm) with some reasonably well preserved ?spelt glume-bases and a few charred remains which might have originated in burnt turves or peat.

Context 6182, Sample 26/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 500 cm³ comprised clean quartz sand and a little ?iron pan. The 40 cm³ washover was of sand and extremely strongly silt-coated charcoal with modern remains (rootlets, earthworm egg capsules and perhaps most of the few weed seeds). There were traces of insect remains, but insufficient for further analysis.

Context 6183, Sample 27/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 500 cm³ was of clean quartz sand with a little ?iron pan and traces of very decayed bone. The small washover of about 40 cm³ contained more sand

with some charcoal (to 20 mm) and very decayed bone with a very few charred cereal grains (oats, Avena, and wheat, Triticum). Again there were traces of charred remains which might have originated in turves.

Context 6184, Sample 28/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 500 cm³ was of clean quartz sand with a single large (65 mm) cobble fragment and a trace of bone. The washover of about 40 cm³ was of sand and charcoal (to 10 mm) with a few charred wheat grains, charred weed seeds (Bromus) and some very decayed bone; the few uncharred grass fruits present included modern and ?fossil material. Insect remains were restricted to a few well-decayed weevil fragments (reddened, with eroded edges).

Context 6205, Sample 41/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 350 cm³ consisted of clean quartz sand with ?iron pan, pottery fragments (to 70 mm) and a little charcoal (to 10 mm). The washover comprised about 120 cm³ of charcoal with some sand-sized undisaggregated silt), and traces of reasonably well preserved charred cereals (one or two of each of oats (Avena), barley and wheat, as well as a little ?spelt chaff). There were also traces of charred plant remains which might have originated in turves.

Context 6237, Sample 39/BS

The small residue of about 200 cm³ was of clean quartz sand and ?iron pan. The large washover of 400 cm³ comprised about 100 cm³ clean quartz sand, the rest being angular charcoal (to 25 mm), probably mostly oak (Quercus). There were modest amounts of charred cereal remains, including ?spelt glume-bases and some other chaff which was probably also spelt wheat. The grains observed were often very puffed or eroded, and there was some iron salt deposition on both grains and charcoal. Other cereals noted were oats and ?rye (cf. Secale cereale L.).

Context 6289, Sample 49/T

The small to moderate-sized residue of about 500 cm³ yielded about 300 cm³ clean quartz sand, the rest being rather decayed wood debris (to 35 mm), including twigs, probably of elder, and at least one fragment which appeared to have been worked. The presence of some charred ?heather (Calluna vulgaris (L.) Hull) root/basal twig material and some ?pteridophyte roots perhaps indicates the presence of remains from turves or peat (some ?burnt peat fragments were also noted), as may some of the grassland taxa represented by uncharred seeds. Other seeds indicate disturbed habitats, though with more evidence for grassland than for arable land, for example.

The flot yielded quite large numbers of insect remains, together with some mites and abundant water flea resting eggs (ephippia of Cladocera). Aquatic beetles were numerous, too, a small Helophorus sp. being the most abundant taxon. Aquatic deposition is therefore

certain, but the abundant cladoceran resting eggs may indicate temporary water, probably much reduced in the summer. The water margins were sufficiently undisturbed to support a little aquatic-marginal vegetation on which plant-feeders lived, and to allow some muddwellers to survive.

The terrestrial component included a range of plant feeders and ground beetles able to live on or under fairly sparse vegetation, which included nettles, Urtica spp., on the basis of Brachypterus sp. and Cidnorhinus quadrimaculatus (Linnaeus). There were distinct hints of grassland. More significant among the terrestrial species was a distinct synanthropic component, collectively perhaps indicative of moist but open-textured rotting plant matter. The litter on a moist surface, perhaps in a stable or animal pen, might support a community of this kind. Dung beetles were present in moderate numbers. A few other taxa may also have exploited dung, such as three or more species of Cercyon, Cryptopleurum minutum (Fabricus), Platystethus arenarius (Fourcroy) and Oxyomus sylvestris (Scopoli).

Most of the invertebrates were excellently preserved, but a few of the terrestrial forms appeared more decayed, perhaps having entered indirectly as corpses via soil or other material: in view of the botanical evidence, turves might be a source.

Context 6310, Sample 53/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 500 cm³ consisted of clean quartz sand with some fragments of flaggy micaceous sandstone and rounded clasts of ?burnt soil and ?iron pan. The small washover of about 40 cm³ was of sand and charcoal (to 20 mm) with traces of charred cereals (oats, barley, ?wheat) and modern weeds.

Context 6311, Sample 54/BS

The moderate-sized residue of about 325 cm³ consisted of clean quartz sand with a little very decayed bone and ?iron pan. The washover of about 70 cm³ was of bone fragments and sand with some very decayed elder seeds and beetles (a few tough weevils of the kind often found in deposits where most insects have decayed completely) and a trace of charred ?heather root/twig perhaps from turves.

Forty-five fragments of bone, all >30 mm in size, were recovered. As with the hand-collected material from this deposit, preservation was poor and fragments were battered and eroded in appearance.

Context 6100, Sample 9/BS

The very small residue of about 100 cm³ comprised very clean quartz sand. There was a washover of about another 40 cm³, mainly of tiny pellets of undisaggregated silt, with traces of charcoal (to 5 mm) and a little more sand as well as a few seeds, most of which were probably modern.

Many very small and extremely poorly preserved fragments of unidentifiable bone were recovered from this sample.

Context 6134, Sample 52/BS

The small residue of about 75 cm³ consisted of burnt bone (to 15 mm), charcoal (to 20 mm), sand, and gravel; the washover of about 50 cm³ contained further sand with some charred organic debris amongst which there was more burnt bone, charcoal and perhaps debris from the burning of turves (charred herbaceous detritus and charred moss stems-though the remains were extremely sparse).

This sample yielded over 100 small, very brittle and fragmented bones, all of which were burnt. Although only a single fragment was identifiable to species, most of the material represented medium-sized mammals.

Hand-collected vertebrate remains

The hand-collected vertebrate remains were recovered from 14 contexts, ten of which dated to the Roman period. The remaining deposits were of ?modern origin or undated. Of the 141 fragments recovered, 100 were from the Roman deposits. Preservation was, on the whole, so poor that few fragments could be identified to species. Eroded bone surfaces, the result of the acidic nature of the deposits, were common. Half the assemblages from contexts [6075], [6090], [6092], [6095] and [6125] (of Roman date) contained burnt or heavily calcined fragments, which again were somewhat delicate. The few bones which were identified to species represented the remains of the major domestic species, cattle, caprovid and pig.

5.3 Assessment of Potential

Having detailed and quantified the material retrieved during data collection it is now possible to assess its potential, particularly with regard to the academic aims set out in the initial Project Design. Firstly, the potential of each defined material category will be assessed. This will be followed by a discussion regarding the potential value of the whole body of data once each category has been integrated.

5.3.1 The Stratigraphic Record

The stratigraphic and structural information from the site consists of cut features (such as post holes, pits and ditches) and layers (such as spreads of material and laid stone surfaces). Even at this early stage it is clear that this material has the potential to address a number of the research aims stated in the initial Project Design.

5.3.2 The Artefactual Record

5.3.2.1 Roman Pottery (see Appendix 1 for full assessment)

This is one of the few sites known where there is the possibility of occupation extending from the late Roman to the early Anglo-Saxon periods, which in itself is sufficient to justify full publication of the finds assemblages. In addition, it is a medium-sized collection of pottery spanning a short period of time and related closely to a probable Roman 'villa'. Study of the pottery will therefore throw light on the lifestyle of the villa's occupants and provide a contrast with material of similar date from military sites such as York and rural settlements such as West Heslerton.

Almost all of the Romano-British pottery from West Lilling was recovered from stratified contexts of late Roman date and internal analysis of the stratigraphic context of these sherds may help to refine the chronology of these wares.

Late Roman pottery from the fortress and colonia at York and rural settlements such as West Heslerton have been recorded using several methods of quantification, such as weight and EVEs. This level of recording for the West Lilling pottery is required not only to provide good comparative data, but also to emphasise the status of the material, and the taphonomic processes of the site.

Because of the stratigraphic importance of the pottery it is recommended that examples of typical wares are illustrated, together with illustrations of vessels of intrinsic interest. Twenty-four vessels have been selected for publication with a further 19 vessels which show typological variations on the standard types.

In late Roman Yorkshire some of the wares are known to be the products of single, extensive industries, such as that at Crambeck. Others, however, might be regional traditions and the product of isolated potters. In particular, the calcite tempered fabric, used at West Lilling in the 3rd and 4th centuries, might have been produced in a single industry at Knapton or at several sites. Thin-section analysis could be used to determine whether or not the Speeton Clay was used as a raw material, as it was for the CALC and BLSF vessels used at West Heslerton. Chemical analysis (ICPS) could be used to compare the chemical signatures of the West Lilling and West Heslerton wares. Similarly, analysis of the coarse quartz tempered wares is necessary to determine whether or not they were made from the same raw materials as the West Heslerton examples and whether or not they are distinguishable in fabric from the early Anglo-Saxon sherds from West Lilling.

The identification of the samian sherds and the amphora handle ought to be confirmed by specialists, given the fact that the samian ware is one of the few wares from the site which can be dated before c.180 AD, and that it might be possible to refine or confirm the 2nd century date ascribed to the stamped amphora handle.

The Roman pottery assemblage therefore presents an opportunity to not only elaborate on nature and duration of occupation/use of the West Lilling site, but also to refine the chronology of these pottery types.

5.3.2.2 Post-Roman Pottery (see Appendix 2 for full assessment)

The early Anglo-Saxon pottery is of considerable interest, partly in its own right, since there are so few domestic collections of Anglo-Saxon pottery known from Yorkshire (with the

notable exception of West Heslerton) and partly because this site offers the possibility of continuous occupation from the late 4th into the 5th centuries. The source of the pottery needs to be established. Comparative material has been analysed from West Heslerton and sites on the Wolds and a programme of scientific analysis could establish whether the West Lilling pottery was obtained from the same sources as the sandstone-tempered pottery found at those sites or not. The possibility of obtaining C¹⁴ dating from associated ecofacts might be able to establish the date of the Anglo-Saxon occupation.

5.3.2.3 Ceramic Building Material (see Appendix 3 for full assessment)

The combined assemblage from the evaluation and excavation of the site offers great potential in establishing the nature of occupation during the Roman period, and must be retained for further study.

The material should be fully recorded by a recognised ceramic building materials specialist. Most usefully the fabrics and forms should be compared with other CBM assemblages, including those from York, Heslerton and Malton. Since the site is between the two Roman towns of York and Malton, it will be useful to gauge if any of the material travelled from either of these places. The measurements of the roof tile do not fit in with the military material from York. This may be pointing to a specifically civilian tile industry, or a later date of manufacture when the tiles had become smaller. Full consideration of the stratigraphic data should be taken into consideration so that the role of CBM from the site can be more fully understood.

5.3.2.4 Registered Finds (see Appendix 4 for full assessment)

As a whole the registered finds assemblage provides valuable information regarding the nature of occupation/activity occurring at the West Lilling site. The possibility of industrial activity, particularly in the form of metalworking in the vicinity, should be explored. Metalworking is suggested by the presence of ?slag and iron artefacts. Given the late Roman/early Anglo-Saxon date of the site, it is important to clarify this and it is recommended that the entire iron assemblage is examined by a specialist in archaeological metalworking.

It might also be worth while examining the environmental samples, particularly those associated with feature [6089], which although currently unidentified is thought to be indicative of industrial activity such as smithing or pottery production, for metal working residues such as hammer scale.

5.3.2.5 Flint and Utilised Stone (see Appendix 4 (13.3.3) and 5 for full assessment)

The lithics assemblage appears to be of little direct relevance to the West Lilling site, as in all probability it is either residual or represents a discrete period of earlier occupation, for which little other evidence survives. However, despite this and the fact that the overall size of the assemblage and its distribution throughout a number of contexts implies that further detailed analytical work would reveal little information concerning the technological characteristics

employed during the manufacture of the lithic artefacts, the assemblage is of intrinsic interest. The fact that the assemblage contains two diagnostic tools, one of which was an edge ground knife, merits a standard procedure of recording and scale drawings to be undertaken for publication.

5.3.3 The Environmental Record ~ soil samples & bone (see Appendix 6 for full assessment)

Given the rarity of deposits with good preservation of charred and uncharred remains from rural sites of this date in the Vale of York, every effort should be made to study further at least some material from this site. Charred cereal remains should certainly be recorded in more detail from any contexts which are thought to contain more than small amounts of charred material. Plant and invertebrate remains from context [6289] should be studied in detail and those from context [6150] are also worthy of additional investigation. It would probably be worthwhile making a further selection of material on the basis of sieving 5 kg subsamples of as many well-dated deposits from primary contexts as possible and judging by eye from the volume of washover yielded.

The evidence from selected soil samples therefore presents the opportunity to greatly elucidate the nature of occupation/land use of the immediate site environs during the Romano-British period, and has the potential to increase our understanding of the York hinterlands during this period.

Given the poor preservation of the vertebrate material, little can be gained from its further analysis. No further work on this material is therefore proposed.

5.3.4 Synthesis

Taken as a whole, the various strands of evidence present a unique opportunity to study the York hinterlands during the Romano-British and the transition to the Anglo-Saxon period. Despite the limited structural evidence from the evaluation and excavation, important assemblages have been collected, which, in conjunction with the stratigraphic evidence, could and should be used to elucidate the nature of occupation and/or use of the area at this time.

While the evidence from the registered finds provides a general background to activity on the site, it also gives a clear indication of the nature and status of occupation through, for example, the iron/?slag artefacts and window glass; the slag and iron objects suggesting industrial activity and the window glass indicating fairly high status occupation in the immediate vicinity. In conjunction with the evidence from the ceramic building material, it should be possible to build a scenario of the nature and status of occupation.

The environmental evidence should provide an indication as to the nature of landscape exploitation of the vicinity, animal husbandry and land use.

The information to be gained from the Roman and post-Roman pottery, associated with further analysis and refinement of the stratigraphic sequence, is key to the chronology of the site, and will not only aid the dating of occupation phases, but also provide insights into the nature of activity/occupation, trade and communications links etc.

6.0 Research Design, Aims & Objectives

6.1 Research Design

A series of academic aims and objectives were outlined in the initial Project Design. These have largely remained pertinent, and are summarised below.

- 1. what was the character and extent of pre-Roman occupation of this area?
- 2. what was the character and extent of Romano-British occupation of this area?
- 3. what was the character and extent of post-Roman, pre-medieval activity?
- 4. what was the character and extent of the medieval exploitation of the site?
- 5. what is the nature, degree and value of environmental preservation on the site?

Therefore the overall aims of the excavation were to assess the *character*, *extent* and *chronology* of the archaeological deposits at the site, and to incorporate the evidence gathered into a broader research framework.

The following discussion lays the basis for the formulation of the research aims to be addressed during analysis. The revised set of research aims are also dependent upon the assessment of potential of the material recovered during data collection.

6.1.1 Introduction

The archaeological deposits so far described are at an early stage of investigation and only preliminary interpretations can be made at this time. Even at this stage, however, it is clear that the site is certainly of regional significance and is likely to contribute to the archaeological knowledge of the York hinterlands.

The excavation has revealed a complex sequence of activity at this site, which appears to date predominantly from the Romano-British period. Most of the diagnostic material present belongs to the Romano-British period, though there is also some indication of activity during the Anglian period, represented by a total assemblage of 12 pottery sherds from contexts [6004], [6005], ?[6012], [6166], [6228] and [6261]. There is also some evidence for potential earlier activity at the site in the form of a small number of flints being recovered from contexts [6162], [6184] and [6274], while a fragment of polished axe was recovered from context [6016] and a chert core from [6094].

Associated with the finds are a large number of ditches, as well as a sequence of deposits containing relatively large amounts of pottery and, from the earlier evaluation, apparent dumps of building materials such as tile, *opus signinum*, hypocaust fragments and window glass. There is also evidence that some features have been re-cut and modified over time.

The initial project design for the fieldwork recognised that the archaeological deposits had the potential to be of regional importance, given the paucity of evidence for Romano-British high

status domestic occupation sites in the Vale of York. Although no occupation structures were identified during the excavation of the site, the combined findings of the excavation and evaluation would suggest that this potential has been realised. The discovery of Early Anglo-Saxon pottery has increased this potential, partly in its own right, since there are so few domestic collections of Anglo-Saxon pottery known from Yorkshire and partly because this presents the possibility of continuous occupation from the late 4th into the 5th centuries.

6.1.2 The Romano-British Villa

The definition of a 'villa' is to some extent a moot point amongst archaeologists, at least in Britain where there is no direct link between textual and archaeological examples. The only textual example of a villa in Britain is the *Villa Faustini* in the *Notitia Dignitatum*, which as yet has not been located, though has been ascribed to the atypical site of Scole (see Millet, 1990). It has, however, been suggested that a villa can be defined from its ground plan by employing an Empire-wide perspective. In this respect it has been demonstrated that a restricted range of plan forms characterise those Romano-British sites considered to be villas on archaeological grounds and that a correlation in plan form is apparent with sites across the Empire classified as villas through associated textual sources (Dark & Dark, 1997). Such sites often share other attributes, such as baths, plastered walls, glazed windows, tessellated floors, and hypocausts. In addition, two frequently related landscape features are the romanised temple and 'metalled' roads.

The site at West Lilling has been interpreted as a villa by means of inference rather than direct evidence. The plan form of the settlement/habitation site has not been ascertained by the evaluation or excavation programmes, which by the nature of the project has only examined a thin transect through the site (though an indication of the settlement layout is provided by the extensive geophysical survey undertaken at the site). In the absence of such direct evidence, it is through the associated attributes mentioned above that that an interpretation has been reached, and without more extensive investigation of the site and/or the data recovered to date, such a loaded interpretation must remain tentative.

However, the recovery of material such as window glass, fragments of hypocaust and painted plaster during the evaluation phase of work would seem to indicate a settlement of some status, if not a 'villa'. The geophysical survey undertaken between the evaluation and excavation phases picked up '... a continuation of [the excavated] features and would appear to have mapped the core of the settlement', suggesting that the pipeline cut through a peripheral part of the site (Harvey, L, 1999). The structural evidence assimilated during the evaluation and excavation, e.g. wall foundation [4024], surface [4027], stone feature [4014], and the possible industrial feature [6089] may relate to ancillary structures to the core settlement/villa, while the ditches might relate to the associated field system.

6.1.3 Regional and National Importance

English Heritage use four key attributes as indicators of national and regional importance for an archaeological site, these being survival/condition, period, rarity and fragility/vulnerability (Exploring Our Past, 1991). These are addressed below with reference to the West Lilling site.

Survival/condition

Due to modern farming methods, in particular the practice of sub-soiling, the features which are closest to the modern ground surface have often been quite severely truncated. This was most apparent during the evaluation phase of work when, for example, it could be seen that stones had been dragged from wall foundations by the sub-soiler. Deeper features have suffered relatively little disturbance, though intensive drainage of the area has resulted in a lattice of land drains, at times penetrating to a considerable depth. While few of the environmental samples proved to contain assemblages of any great significance, those from some of the deeper cut ditches proved extremely rich in organic material.

Period

The material recovered from the majority of the site has been consistently of Romano-British date, suggesting that there has been little contamination or residual deposition of artefacts. Those artefacts recovered which are not of this period, namely prehistoric, Anglian and medieval finds, are for the most part from clearly defined discrete contexts.

Rarity

The evidence for high status Romano-British occupation sites is scarce at a regional level. This site therefore has the potential to add significantly to our knowledge of the York hinterlands during this period. From a bioarchaeological perspective, the recovery of organic remains of the nature found in some of the samples taken is very rare from a site of this type in the northern part of the Vale of York. In addition, evidence of continuity between the Romano-British and Anglian periods is extremely scarce at a regional level, and may be represented in this instance by the Anglo-Saxon sherds recovered from six contexts. Further analysis of the stratigraphy and phasing of the site in relation to the artefact dating would, however, be required to determine the significance of the Anglian material.

Fragility/vulnerability

As has been shown above, the site was directly threatened by groundworks associated with the pipe laying process. The subsequent condition of preservation by record agreed by the Heritage Unit, North Yorkshire County Council and BP Chemicals Ltd. led to the need to fully excavate these deposits within the limits of the pipe cut trench.

6.2 Post-excavation Aims and Objectives

The research objectives outlined below have been established in accordance with the regional and national research frameworks outlined by the English Heritage publication, *Exploring Our Past: strategies for the Archaeology of England* (1998).

6.2.1 Aims

- 1. To reconstruct the character of the site
- 2. To determine the nature of occupation at the site
- 3. To establish the date of the site and to understand the duration of the site's occupation
- 4. To determine the spatial extent of the site
- 5. To facilitate future research and re-evaluation of the site
- 6. To disseminate the information from the site to a wide audience

6.2.2 Objectives

- 1.1 To identify and quantify evidence for structural remains
- 1.2 To reconstruct the nature of these structures
- 1.3 To identify and investigate evidence for non structural features
- 2.1 To establish the function of any structures
- 2.2 To identify and analyse deposits associated with possible structures in order to establish the ways in which these structures may have been used
- 2.3 To identify the range and character of activities relating to production and material culture at the site
- 2.4 To establish the range and character of economic activities at the site
- 2.5 To assess how the cultural activities represented at the site compare with those from other Romano-British villa sites both in North Yorkshire and more widely across the country
- 2.6 To establish the permanency of occupation at the site
- 3.1 To establish the stratigraphic sequence of the site
- 3.2 To investigate indications of re-cutting of features and evidence for different phases of construction and/or use
- 3.3 To investigate means of dating deposits through artefactual or environmental association
- 4.1 To define the extent of the archaeological deposits and thus to assess the original scale of the site
- 4.2 To explore the spatial distributions of the artefactual, stratigraphic and environmental record and to use this to investigate the zoning of activities across the site

6.2.3 Site Questions

The material that has been assessed has the potential to address many of the aims and objectives set out in the initial Project Design. Some of these objectives involved the identification of evidence and this has in many cases been achieved; objective 1.1 for instance was to identify the evidence for structural remains. Likewise, objective 4.1 was to determine the physical extents of the site of the site. These are straightforward objectives easily achieved during fieldwork. Others are more difficult to achieve at this stage, being more theoretical and requiring the interpretation of the data generated during fieldwork.

Although it has been possible to identify evidence for structural remains and for occupation at the site it is not yet clear as to the nature and status of this occupation. It was outlined in the research design that a prime consideration for the site interpretation was to investigate the permanency of occupation. At this stage therefore we must try and define the nature of occupation at the site by identifying the range of activities that took place here and their duration without prematurely imposing interpretative assumptions upon the evidence.

It is expected that the nature of the finds assemblage and its spatial distribution will allow us to characterise some of the activities that took place here and to help to address the question of the status and kind of occupation that is represented.

7.0 Post-excavation Methodology

7.1 Stratigraphic Record

Aims: 1, 2, 3, 4

Task 1.1

The evaluation and excavation survey data and digitised drawings will be combined in a single overall drawing. This will aid the correlation of features identified in the separate phases of work, and will also locate features in relation to the Ordnance Survey National Grid.

24 hours

Task 1.2

The geophysical survey data will be correlated with the evaluation and excavation drawings. This will again aid the correlation of features identified in the separate phases of work, and enhance the interpretation of features which were only viewed over a 1.80 metre width during the fieldwork. GSB Prospection will provide a digital version of their interpretative drawing of the survey results.

40 hours

Task 1.3

A concordance between features excavated in the six different trenches will be created, in order to correlate features identified during the evaluation and excavation phases of the work. This is necessary before any further analysis can be undertaken on the stratigraphic record, and will be relevant to the further analysis of the artefacts and ecofacts recovered during the archaeological work.

40 hours

Task 1.4

The stratigraphic record will be analysed in order to understand the character of the site and its phasing. Using the existing Harris Matrix as a basis, the site chronology will be divided into a series of phases, incorporating the evidence from artefact dating. This will also draw the stratigraphic data from the evaluation and excavation into a single phased matrix.

128 hours

Task 1.5

Within these phases the spatial distribution of features such as post holes, ditches and pits will be analysed. This will enable those features which are not tied directly to the stratigraphic sequence to be better understood.

48 hours

Task 1.6

The depth, width and profile of the cut features and the nature of their fills will be collated and correlated. In this way it may be possible to identify associations between features. This

will be related to the phasing of the site. Particular attention will be paid to evidence for the re-cutting of features.

48 hours

Task 1.7

Interpretative plans will be produced to illustrate the spatial character of each recognised phase of activity. This will fulfil a number of objectives but in particular those relating to the identification of structural remains and the chronology and phasing of these structures.

64 hours

Task 1.8

A written account of the stratigraphic analysis will be produced. 56 hours

7.2 Artefact

7.2.1 Romano-British Pottery

Task 2.1

Quantification of excavation pottery by weight and EVEs

Task 2.2

Stratigraphic analysis of quantified data

Task 2.3

Illustration of 24 vessels and checking of illustrations

Task 2.4

Illustration of additional 19 vessels and checking of illustrations

Task 2.5

Thin-section and ICPS analysis of CALC, BLSF and GRQZ sherds

Task 2.6

Production of report for publication

7.2.2 Post Roman Pottery

Task 3.1

Illustration of 6 Anglo-Saxon pottery sherds

Task 3.2

Thin section & chemical analysis, 10 sherds Anglo-Saxon pottery

Task 3.3

Write Anglo-Saxon pottery report

Task 3.4

Write medieval pottery report

Task 3.5

Write Post -medieval pottery report

7.2.3 Ceramic Building Material

Task 4.1

The ceramic building materials will be fully recorded. This will involve weighing the material, identifying the fabric types, measuring the dimensions of the materials, drawing flanges, and finally entering the data into a database.

15 hours

Task 4.2

Research (including comparison of material from York and Malton).

15 hours

Task 4.3

A written account of the ceramic building materials analysis will be produced.

10 hours

7.2.4 Registered Finds

Task 5.1

Catalogue of glass artefacts

Task 5.2

Write Fe slag report

Task 5.4

Write jet report

Task 5.5

Illustrate selected registered finds

Task 5.6

Catalogue of ceramic counters

Task 5.7

Catalogue of pre modern artefacts from metal detecting

Task 5.8

Write oil lamp report

Task 5.9

Illustrate oil lamp

7.2.5 Lithics

Task 6.1

Record and analyse flint and chert artefacts

Task 6.2

Illustrate selected lithic artefacts

Task 6.3

Petrological analysis of polished axe fragment

Task 6.4

Write lithics report

7.3 Environmental

7.3.1 Samples for Biological Analysis

Task 7.1

Processing additional material from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)

Task 7.2

Allowance for processing of additional samples from those not investigated thus far

Task 7.3

Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)

Task 7.4

Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)

Task 7.5

Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples

Task 7.6

Plant remains from additional samples(if required) - based on 2 samples

Task 7.7

Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)

Task 7.8

Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)

Task 7.9

Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples

Task 7.10

Plant remains from additional samples(if required) - based on 2 samples

Task 7.11

Text collation and editing

7.3.2 Hand collected Bone

No further work is proposed on the hand collected bone.

7.4 Integration

Aims: 1, 2, 3, 4

Task 8.1

All specialist reports will be integrated and their findings fed into the results of the stratigraphic analysis. This will have particular importance for the phasing of the site. The spatial distribution of finds will also be integrated with evidence for structures and their phasing in order to identify associated deposits and the identification of activity areas. 88 hours

7.5 Research and Comparison

Aims: 1, 2, 3

Task 8.2

The findings from the site will be finally interpreted with reference to published results from other Romano-British sites on a local and national basis. This will require the researching of relevant publications and site archives and the comparison of the interpretation of those sites with the results of the West Lilling data.

88 hours

7.6 Written Text

Aims: 2, 5, 6

Tasks 1.8, 8.1, 8.3, 8.4

Following the analysis and interpretation of the site a final excavation report will be produced according to the provisional guidelines listed above. The writing of the report will be divided into four stages:

- The Background Text
- The Stratigraphic Text
- Editing and Integration of Specialists Reports

The Discussion

The report will then be collated and printed.

7.7 Publication and Presentation

Aims: 5, 6

It is intended to fully publish and disseminate the information resulting from the fieldwork. In the first instance a report will be produced for the developer, BP Chemicals Limited, and for deposition in the SMR. A synopsis of the findings will be submitted for publication in the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*.

The final format of the publication report will be decided by BP Chemicals and AC Archaeology, the appointed consultants for the TSEP Project. The following, therefore, is a proposal for the content of such a report. Given that the results will probably be presented in conjunction with the results of other archaeological work associated with the pipeline construction, this proposal may be subject to considerable revision.

The results of the excavation will be presented in a publication report to appear either as a BP in-house publication or as a monograph. The publication report should amalgamate the evidence gathered from both the evaluation and excavation of the site, and from the geophysical surveys.

This report should be broken down as follows:

- Introduction to Romano-British archaeology in the local and regional vicinity
 Text: 1000 words. Drawings: 1 line drawn plan site location
- Circumstances of Discovery and Excavation Strategies Text: 500 words.
- Findings of the Excavation

Structural/stratigraphic (Descriptive text: 1000 words)

Pottery (Descriptive text: 1500 words)

Lithics (Descriptive text: 200 words.)

Ceramic Building Material (Descriptive text: 750)

Registered finds (Descriptive text: 500 words)

Environmental (Descriptive text: 750 words)

- Site discussion, the nature and sequence of occupation (Text: 1000 words)
- Wider discussion

Romano-British occupation sites (Discursive text: 1000 words)

The surrounding Romano-British landscape (Discursive text: 1000 words)

The text of the intended report should be supplemented by a comprehensive series of illustrations and photographs. It is anticipated that the artefact catalogues and descriptive accounts will be too long to include fully in the published report. It is therefore suggested that these are included as an appendix, either in the form of a microfiche or CD-ROM supplement. In the latter case, data would be presented in the form of tab delimited text files, which could easily be imported into a variety of spreadsheet or database software thereby facilitating future research.

Publication has not been costed as the amount of work will be dependent on the format of the final report.

7.8 Future Research & Archive Deposition

Aims: 5, 6

Tasks 8.8 and 8.11

It is acknowledged that academic research priorities and agendas are extremely fluid. Future generations of archaeologists will be concerned with different research issues and approaches to our own. Therefore it is important that the archives from the site are fully available for future research and analysis. This will be a prime motive in the compilation of an accessible and fully collated research archive.

The archive will eventually be collated and indexed in readiness for its deposition with the recipient museum. The archive will be fully catalogued so that the information it contains is accessible for future study.

The archive will include all site records and databases of site information, all artefacts from the site with associated databases, all photographs and drawings from the site with associated database catalogues, and copies of all text reports associated with the site including initial Method Statement, Evaluation Report, Project Design, Assessment Report and Updated Project Design, and Excavation Report.

Archive deposition has not been costed as it will be dependent on the final archive volume, and the agreement of the landowner to donate the artefacts.

7.9 Digital Archive

Aims: 5, 6

Tasks 8.9 and 8.12

It is intended to deposit the archive in digital form with Archaeology Data Services at the University of York. To this end all site information and records will have been digitised during the Assessment or Analysis phase of work. Prior to deposition the digital archive will be collated. This will ensure that all constituent files are properly presented, accessible and compatible to the ADS standards and guidelines.

A summary of the site findings will be produced along with summaries of each of the specialist reports. These will incorporate a key to each material or record database and will act as an introduction to the digital archive.

All preparation for the digital archive will be carried out with reference to the guidelines set out in *Digital Archives from Excavation and Fieldwork: A guide to good practice*, Archaeology Data Services/Oxbow.

Digital archive deposition has not been costed, as it will be dependant on the number and size of files to be deposited, which cannot currently be established.

8.0 Resources & Programming

8.1 Task List

Task	Description	Initials	Hours
1.1	Combine site plans and surveys	GH	24
1.2	Correlate geophysical data	GH	40
1.3	Produce context concordance	GH	40
1.4	Phasing	GH	128
1.5	Spatial analysis	GH	48
1.6	Cut feature comparison	GH	48
1.7	Interpretative phase plan production	GH	64
1.8	Write stratigraphic account	GH	56
8.1	Integrate specialist reports	GH	88
8.2	Research & comparative studies	GH	88
8.3	Write background	GH	28
8.4	Write discussion	GH	48
8.5	Collate and print report	GH	32
8.6	Project management	NFP	40
8.7	Transportation of materials	- "	28
8.8	Collate research archive	GH	40
8.9	Collate digital archive	GH	40
8.10	consumables	*	Cost
2.1	Quantification of evaluation pottery by weight and EVEs	BP	Cost
2.2	Stratigraphic analysis of quantified data (evaluation)	BP	Cost
2.3	Illustration of 14 evaluation vessels and checking of illustrations	DH	Cost
2.4	Thin-section and ICPS analysis of 6 evaluation sherds	AV	Cost
2.5	Production of report for publication (evaluation)	BP	Cost
2.6	Quantification of excavation pottery by weight and EVEs	BP	Cost
2.7	Stratigraphic analysis of quantified data (excavation)	BP	Cost
2.8	Illustration of 24 excavation vessels and checking of illustrations	DH	Cost
2.9	Illustration of additional 19 excavation vessels and checking of illustrations	DH	Cost
2.10	Thin-section and ICPS analysis of CALC, BLSF and GRQZ excavation sherds	AV	Cost
2.11	Production of report for publication (excavation)	BP	Cost
3.1	Illustration of 6 Anglo-Saxon pottery sherds	DW	Cost
3.2	Thin section & chemical analysis, 10 sherds Anglo-Saxon pottery	AV	Cost
3.3	Write Anglo-Saxon pottery report	AV	Cost
3.4	Write medieval pottery report	AV	Cost
3.5	Write Post -medieval pottery report	AV	Cost
4.1	Recording of ceramic building materials	SGN	Cost
4.2	Research & comparison of ceramic building materials	SGN	Cost
4.3	Write ceramic building materials report	SGN	Cost
4.4	Illustrate 10 flange profiles	DW	Cost
5.1	Catalogue of glass artefacts	JM	Cost
5.2	Write Fe slag report	JC	Cost
5.4	Write jet report	JM	Cost
5.5	Illustrate selected registered finds	DW	Cost
5.6	Catalogue of ceramic counters	JM	Cost
5.7	Catalogue of pre modern artefacts from metal detecting	JM	Cost
5.8	Write oil lamp report	BP	Cost
5.9	Illustration of oil lamp	DH	Cost
6.1	Record and analyse flint and chert artefacts	AD	8

Task	Description	Initials	Hours
6.2	Illustrate selected lithic artefacts	DW	Cost
6.3	Petrological analysis of polished axe fragment	RI	Cost
6.4	Write lithics report	AD	8
7.1	Processing additional material from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)	RA	Cost
7.2	Allowance for processing of additional samples from those not investigated thus far	RA	Cost
7.3	Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)	RFi	Cost
7.4	Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)	RFp	Cost
7.5	Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples	RFi	Cost
7.6	Plant remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples	RFp	Cost
7.7	Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)	RFi	Cost
7.8	Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)	RFp	Cost
7.9	Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples	RFi	Cost
7.10	Plant remains from additional samples(if required) - based on 2 samples	RFp	Cost
7.11	Text collation and editing	RFi	Cost
7.11	Text collation and editing	RFp	Cost
7.11	Text collation and editing	RA	Cost
7.12	Consumables	-	Cost
8.11	Deposit archive	GH	Cost
8.12	Deposit digital archive	GH	Cost
8.13	Produce publication report	GH	tbc

8.2 Management Structure

Overall project management will be carried out by Nick Pearson, who shall be responsible for liaison with specialists and the monitoring of progress and budget.

8.3 Project members and associated organisations.

Name/Organisation	Initials	Role
In house staff		
Antony Dickson	AD	Lithics analysis
Guy Hopkinson	GH	Project officer/CAD
Nick Pearson	NFP	Project management
External specialists		
Barbara Precious	BP	Artefact analysis (Roman pottery)
Alan Vince	AV	Artefact analysis/finds co-ordinator (post-Roman pottery)
Jenny Mann	JM	Artefact analysis (glass & jet)
Environmental Archaeology Unit	EAU RA RFi RFp	Environmental analysis Research Assistant Research Fellow, insects Research Fellow, plants
Dave Watt	DW	Artefact illustration (registered finds)
David Hopkins	DH	Artefact illustration (Roman pottery)
Sandra Garside-Neville	SGN	Artefact analysis (ceramic building material)
Rob lxer	RI	Artefact analysis (petrology)
Jane Cowgill	JC	Artefact analysis (iron objects/slag)

8.4 Accommodation and Facilities

All unit staff will be provided with access to computing facilities either at the OSA office, 25A Milton Street, York, or through the provision of laptop computers when work is to be undertaken elsewhere. Software available will include word processing, database, spreadsheet and drawing facilities. Access to a photocopier and slide and flatbed scanners will be provided at the OSA office.

No special items are required.

8.5 Unit Staff Rates4

Position	Name	Initials	Per day
Unit Staff			
Project Manager	Nick Pearson	NFP	
Project Officer	Guy Hopkinson	GH	
Lithics analysis	Antony Dickson	AD	

Rates are provided as a separate submission. Valid until 5th April 2001, exclusive of VAT.

8.6 Costs⁵

Task	Description	Rate	Cost
1.1	Combine site plans and surveys		
1.2	Correlate geophysical data		
1.3	Produce context concordance		
1.4	Phasing		
1.5	Spatial analysis		
1.6	Cut feature comparison		
1.7	Interpretative phase plan production		
1.8	Write stratigraphic account		
8.1	Integrate specialist reports		
8.2	Research & comparative studies		
8.3	Write background		
8.4	Write discussion		
8.5	Collate and print report		
8.6	Project management		
8.7	Transportation of materials		
8.8	Collate research archive		
8.9	Collate digital archive		
8.10	consumables		
	OSA staff costs		
	Overheads at 25%		
2.1	Quantification of evaluation pottery by weight and EVEs		
2.2	Stratigraphic analysis of quantified data (evaluation)		
2.3	Illustration of 14 evaluation vessels and checking of illustrations		
2.4	Thin-section and ICPS analysis of 6 evaluation sherds		
2.5	Production of report for publication (evaluation)		
2.6	Quantification of excavation pottery by weight and EVEs		
2.7	Stratigraphic analysis of quantified data (excavation)		
2.8	Illustration of 24 excavation vessels and checking of illustrations		
2.9	Illustration of additional 19 excavation vessels and checking of illustrations		
2.10	Thin-section and ICPS analysis of CALC, BLSF and GRQZ excavation sherds		
2.11	Production of report for publication (excavation)	ı	
	Roman pottery costs		
3.1	Illustration of 6 Anglo-Saxon pottery sherds		
3.2	Thin section & chemical analysis, 10 sherds Anglo-Saxon pottery		
3.3	Write Anglo-Saxon pottery report		
3.4	Write medieval pottery report		
3.5	Write Post -medieval pottery report	ı	
4.1	Post Roman pottery costs Recording of ceramic building materials		
4.2			
4.2	Research & comparison of ceramic building materials Write ceramic building materials report		
4.4	Write ceramic building materials report Illustrate 10 flange profiles		
7.4			
5.1	Ceramic Building Material costs	P	
5.2	Catalogue of glass artefacts Write Fe star report		
	Write Fe slag report		
5.4	Write jet report		

Costs are provided as a separate submission. Valid until 5th April 2001, exclusive of VAT.

Task	Description	Rate	Cost
5.5	Illustrate selected registered finds		
5.6	Catalogue of ceramic counters		
5.7	Catalogue of pre modern artefacts from metal detecting		
5.8	Write oil lamp report		
5.9	Illustration of oil lamp		
	Registered finds costs		
6.1	Record and analyse flint and chert artefacts		
6.2	Illustrate selected lithic artefacts		
6.3	Petrological analysis of polished axe fragment		
6.4	Write lithics report		
	Lithics costs		
7.1	Processing additional material from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)		
7.2	Allowance for processing of additional samples from those not investigated thus far		
7.3	Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)		
7.4	Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)		
7.5	Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples		
7.6	Plant remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples		
7.7	Insect remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)		
7.8	Plant remains from Contexts 6150, 6237, 6289 and Contexts 5005 and 2025 (from evaluation)		
7.9	Insect remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples		
7.10	Plant remains from additional samples (if required) - based on 2 samples		
7.11	Text collation and editing		
7.11	Text collation and editing		
7.11	Text collation and editing		
7.12	Consumables		
	Environmental sample costs		
	Total specialist fees		
	Overheads at 10%		
	TOTAL COSTS		
	Additional tasks, not yet costed.		
8.11	Deposit archive, dependant on archive volume		
8.12	Deposit digital archive, dependant on archive volume		
8.13	Produce publication report, dependant on report format, length etc		

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10.0 Appendix 1 ~ Roman Pottery Assessment

Barbara Precious

10.1 Evaluation

10.1.1 Introduction

Three hundred and twenty sherds of pottery from the West Lilling evaluation (site BPTSEP 169) were submitted for assessment. Almost all are of late Roman date. The pottery includes a range of finewares and imports which are consistent with the identification of the site as a villa.

A handful of vessels are of very late or sub-Roman type, comparable with the latest types found in Roman York where they are dated to the late 4th or early 5th centuries. This pottery forms a moderate-sized assemblage which, if it can be treated as a single assemblage, is sufficiently large for detailed analysis and comparison with other late Roman assemblages in the north.

10.1.2 Aims and Objectives

The aims of the assessment were

- to identify and record all the material
- to provide a date-range for the finds
- to use these to infer previous land use
- · to recommend and justify any further necessary work on the finds
- to identify any aspects of the site's archaeology recognisable from the ceramic finds which require further study or preservation

10.1.3 Description

All items were recorded to common name and form level and any significant details of manufacture, decoration or use were recorded as comments. Quantification was by sherd/fragment count alone and the data was entered into a MS Access 7 database. The ware, fabric and decoration codes used are based on those being used currently to catalogue the West Heslerton Roman pottery, a large and contemporary collection.

10.1.4 Wares

The Roman pottery could be classified into eighteen groups (Table 1). Most of the pottery could have been obtained within 30 miles of the site. The Crambeck area, for example supplied 95 sherds (29% of the total) and 149 sherds of calcite-tempered wares, all likely to have been made on the fringes of the Yorkshire Wolds in the Vale of Pickering, were present (45% of the total). Most of the remaining sherds were unsourced oxidized and reduced

wares. The only non-local wares were from the Nene Valley (5 sherds), the Eastern Gaulish samian factories (2 sherds) and a sherd of *mortaria* from an unknown source in northern Gaul.

A small number of sherds were tempered with a coarse quartzose sand, including fragments of medium-grained sandstone and sparse shell fragments. These are similar in appearance to both Iron Age and Anglian wares from Yorkshire and were probably tempered with sand derived from the glacial sands of the Vale of York. Their forms (handmade jars with flat bases) are typical of late Roman cooking vessels and it is likely that they are of late Roman date. Nevertheless, the opportunity to compare the fabric with that of earlier and later material would determine whether or not there were any differences in fabric at microscopic level and perhaps elucidate the relationship between this ware and earlier and later types.

Table 1. Roman fabric codes

cname	full name	Sherds	Vessels
CALC	Calcite-tempered	143	55
CALC?	Calcite-tempered?	1	1
CALM	Shell - calcite tempered with minimal calcite	2	2
CALOX	Oxidized calcite-tempered	2	2
CALOX?	Oxidized calcite-tempered?	1	1
COAR	Reduced misc. Roman coarsewares	1	1
CRGR	Crambeck greyware	78	62
CRGR?	Crambeck greyware?	7	6
CRGRV?	Crambeck greyware variant?	1	1
CRPA	Crambeck parchment ware	4	4
GREY	Romano-British greywares	42	22
GRFF	Fine greyware	2	1
GRQZ	Quartz-tempered greyware	8	7
GRQZ?	Quartz-tempered greyware?	1	1
GRSA	Reduced version of OXSA	7	5
GRSÁN	Reduced sandwich fabric Middleton	3	1
MOCR	Crambeck mortaria	4	1
MOCR?	Crambeck mortaria?	1	1
MONG	North Gaulish mortaria	1	1
NVCC	Nene Valley Colour Coated	5	2
ОХ	Oxidized ware	10	7
OXQZ	Quartz-tempered oxidized ware	3	2
OXSA	Early Roman oxidized sandy ware	1	1
SAMEG	East Gaulish Samian ware	1	1
SAMEG?	East Gaulish Samian ware?	1	1

Forms

Three hundred sherds could be assigned to a form type (Table 2).

Table 2. Roman pottery forms

Code	Full name	Sherds	
	Unidentifiable		30
31	Drag 31	*	1
37	Drag 37		1

Code	Full name	Sherds
В	Bowl	2
BD	Bowl/dish	1
BFB	Flanged bowl	9
BFB?	Flanged bowl?	4
BFBL	Flanged bowl	3
BFL	Flat-rimmed bowl	1
BGR	Grooved-rim bowl	1
ВК	Beaker	3
BKFN	Funnel-necked beaker	5
BTR	Triangular-rimmed bowl	1
BUCKET?	Bucket-shaped jar	8
BWM	Wide-mouthed bowl	2
BWM?	Wide-mouthed bowl?	1
CLAD	Trice modeled born.	1
CLSD	Closed vessel	70
CLSD?	Closed vessel?	1
CP CP	Cooking pot	3
CP?	Cooking pot?	3
DPR	Plain-rimmed dish	3
DPRS	Plain-rimmed straight-sided dish	1
F?	Flagon?	2
FS?	Flask?	1
J	Jar	43
JBK	Jar or beaker	6
JCUR	Jar or bowl with curved rim	4
JCURS	Sai of bowi with curved fills	12
JEV	Everted rimmed jar	5
JEV?	Everted rimmed jar?	3
JFL	Everted filmfied jair?	4
JHUN	Huntcliffe jar	30
JHUN?	Huntcliffe jar?	15
JKNAP		2
JL	Knapton jar	1
JLH	Large jar	
	Large lug-handled jar	10
JLH?	Large lug-handled jar? Jar with lid-seated rim	4
JLS		2
JNN	Narrow-necked jar	6
JS	Storage jar	1
JUP	Mid	4
JWM	Wide-mouthed jar	12
MBF	Mortarium with bead and flanged rim	5
MWAL?	On on form	1
OPEN	Open form	3
OPEN? PWAL	Open form?	6
PVVAL		1

Trench 2

Five contexts in Trench 2 produced pottery (Table 3). All could be dated to the 4th century.

Table 3

cname	Form	2000	2001	2002	2012	2018
CALC				2		
CALC	CLSD					1
CALC	J			1	3	
CALC	JHUN	1	2	11		
CALOX	JS			1		
CRGR	BD				1	
CRGR	BFB?		1			
CRGR	BFBL			1	ł.	
CRGR	BWM				1	
CRGR	BWM?					1
CRGR	CLSD			4		
CRGR	JBK			1		
CRGR?	BFB				2	
CRGR?	CLSD			1		
CRGRV?	BFB			1		
CRPA	BFL			1		
CRPA	BGR				1	
GREY				2		
GRSA	DPR					1
GRSA	JCUR			3		
ОХ			1			
ОХ	F?				2	

Trench 3

Nine contexts in Trench 3 produced pottery (Table 4). All contexts could be dated to the 4th century. A sherd of early 3rd century East Gaulish samian ware came from context [3018]. Very late or sub-Roman coarseware was present in context [3003] and unstratified.

Table 4

cname	Form	3000	3001	3002	3003	3009	3011	3014	3016	3018	u/s
CALC	CLSD						1				
CALC	J								3		
COAR	CLSD	1									
CRGR	BFB		3								
CRGR	BFB?	1				1			1		
CRGR	BWM								1		
CRGR	CLSD						1				
CRGR	JBK	1							1		
CRGR	JEV									3	
CRGR	JLH		8								
CRGR	JNN								1		
CRGR	OPEN							1			1
GREY	BTR	1									
GREY	CLAD					1					
GREY	CLSD								1		
GREY	CLSD?					1					
GREY	CP?				1						
GREY	JBK					1					
GRQZ	BUCKET?										1
GRQZ	CLSD				2						

cname	Form	3000	3001	3002	3003	3009	3011	3014	3016	3018	u/s
GRSA	CLSD					1			1		
GRSA	DPR								1		
MOCR	MBF			4				0			
OX	J			1	1						
OXQZ	CLSD			1							
OXSA		1									T
SAMEG?	31									1	

Trench 4

Roman pottery was present in eight contexts in Trench 4 (Table 5). Two contexts produced pottery which may date to the late 3rd century ([4007] and [4010]). All other assemblages were 4th century whilst contexts [4002] and [4003] produced late/sub-Roman coarseware. Context [4001] produced a residual sherd of North Gaulish *mortarium*.

Table 5

Cname	Form	4001	4002	4003	4007	4008	4009	4010	4014	u/s
CALC					2					
CALC	CLSD	5				2	7	4		1
CALC	J					1				
CALC	JHUN?			1						
CALM	CLSD							1		
CALOX			1							
CRGR	BFB						2			
CRGR	BFBL						1			
CRGR	BK						1			
CRGR	CLSD	1				2	2		1	
CRGR	CP?				-		1	1		
CRGR	FS?			1						
CRGR	J					2	-		1	
CRGR	JBK						1			
CRGR	JEV					1				
CRGR	JEV?					2				
CRGR	JL						1			
CRGR	JLH					2				
CRGR	JLH?						1			
CRGR	JNN							1	5	
CRGR	OPEN					1				
CRGR	OPEN?	1					3			
CRGR?	BFBL						1			
CRGR?	CLSD					1				
CRPA	BK						1	1		
GREY							1			
GREY	BK							1		
GREY	CLSD				2	1		4		
GREY	CP?						1			
GREY	DPRS		0					1		1
GREY	JEV							1		
GREY	JFL		4					1	1	1
GREY	JHUN?	-		1			1			

Cname	Form	4001	4002	4003	4007	4008	4009	4010	4014	u/s
GREY	JWM							12		
GRQZ	CLSD		2							
GRQZ?	CLSD			1						
GRSAN	CP							3		
MONG	MBF	1								
ОХ	CLSD		1					3		
OX	JEV?		1							

Trench 5

Eleven contexts in Trench 5 produced Roman pottery (Table 6). Context [5016] produced only a sherd of East Gaulish samian ware and could date as early as the early 3rd century. Two contexts might be of 3rd or 4th century date ([5005] and [5006]). The remainder date to the 4th century, except for context [5000] which produced sherds of very late/sub-Roman coarseware.

Table 6.

cname	Form	5000	5001	5003	5005	5006	5007	5013	5014	5015	5016	5023
CALC					1			14				
CALC	CLSD	5						1				
CALC	J							30				
CALC	JCUR							1				
CALC	JCURS		12									
CALC	JHUN	9						6				
CALC	JHUN?							13				
CALC	JKNAP	2										
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CALM	DPR		1									
CALOX?						1						
CRGR	В							1				
CRGR	BFB		1									
CRGR	CLSD		1					1		1		
CRGR	JBK						1					
CRGR	JLH?		2	1								
CRGR	OPEN?								1			1
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CRGR?	JLS		and the disease of the soft for contraction described				1					
CRPA	PWAL								1			
GREY							3					
GREY	CLSD					1						
GREY	JLS	1					ners her suck of the Section					
GRFF	CLSD		2									
GRQZ	JUP	4										
MOCR?	MWAL?		1									
NVCC	BKFN				1	4		1				
OXQZ	CLSD											2
SAMEG	37			-							1	1

10.1.5 Recommendations

It seems from this assessment that the pottery from West Lilling is mainly of 4th century date and that each trench has a similar date range. It may, therefore, be possible to treat the entire assemblage as being representative of the pottery used at the site in the late Roman period and to compare this with other late Roman pottery assemblages in the north. To compare with data published by Dr J Evans the assemblage should be quantified by weight. Time would have to be spent working on the stratigraphic associations of the pottery to test the integrity of the assemblage.

The good condition of much of the pottery enables substantial parts of vessel profiles to be reconstructed and fourteen vessels have been identified for illustration.

A sample of six late/sub-Roman sherds should be scientifically characterised using thinsection analysis and ICPS (inductively-coupled plasma spectroscopy).

Finally a report should be written for publication in an archaeological journal.

10.1.6 Acknowledgements

The Roman pottery was identified and catalogued by Barbara Precious. The data was transferred to Access 7 and the assessment report written by Alan Vince.

10.2 Excavation

10.2.1 Introduction

OSA99EX03 is the continuation of the initial West Lilling site, BPTSEP 169, OSA99EV02, i.e. the excavation following the evaluation (see Appendix A: The Roman Pottery Database for West Lilling - OSA99EX03 [osa99.xls]). The Roman pottery from the excavation is very similar to that from the evaluation in terms of date, but there is a larger quantity - 630 sherds from the excavation, in comparison to 337 sherds from the evaluation. Both sites have been recorded in accordance with the guidelines of the Study Group for Roman Pottery (SGRP) using sherd count as a measure, and the same pottery coding system. This is the system used for the nearby large, and predominantly, late Roman site at West Heslerton, which was developed from the codes used by the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit. Thereby providing useful comparative data for the unique 'ritual' complex at West Heslerton.

10.2.2 Dating

As the assemblage is quite small, statistical evidence must be viewed with caution. There are few contexts with over ten sherds. However, a substantial proportion consists of large sherds suggesting that the material is comparatively fresh. The largest single context is ditch fill [6075] - 63 sherds; followed by [6242] - 58 sherds from a single smashed vessel, and the total droveway and road assemblage [6259] - [6177] accounts for a further 155 sherds.

Table 1, below, shows that the Roman pottery from the excavation is mainly 4th century in date with a substantial proportion dating from the mid to late 4th century, attested by the high presence of Huntcliff jars and late Roman coarse wares (the excavation Roman pottery date ranges as a percentage of sherd count [osatab1.xls]). Some of this very late material came from contexts containing post-Roman wares [6000], [6166], [6178], [6232], & [6261] two of which, [6166] & [6261], are early Anglo-Saxon in date. This suggests that the two cultures were occupying the same area within a short period of time (see Appendix B: Date ranges of the individual contexts from OSA99EX03 [osatab2.xls]).

The earliest pottery, very burnt fragments of a single white-slipped, oxidised flagon from [6165], is broadly dated to the 2nd century. There is no rim but the fabric is similar to Ebor white-slipped ware, which is absent from York sites by the early 3rd century. As [6165] lies over [6166] which contains Roman pottery dated to 350-410 AD and an early Anglo-Saxon sherd, the flagon is likely to be residual. However, the presence of six sherds of Central Gaulish samian from several layers suggests that the site might have been occupied from the early to mid 2nd century, although fine wares of this type might have been curated. There is also a stamped handle from a Dressel 20 amphora reading ?DEF ([6260] - Drawing 22). The stamp is rather abraded but would benefit from specialist identification. Nevertheless, the fabric is certainly of 2nd century date.

Later 2nd to 3rd century pottery (180-250/300) appears to be well-represented, but 58 sherds are from a single, smashed vessel from [6242] (Drawing 10). Other later 2nd to 3rd century wares occurred in the ploughsoil. 3rd century pottery is rare, and later 3rd to early 4th century pottery is, again, mainly represented by a single vessel ([6196] - 15 sherds).

Table 1 - OSA99EX03 Roman pottery date ranges as a percentage of sherd count

Sherds	%	Date range
7	1.11%	100-200
1	0.16%	150-200
1	0.16%	150-400
3	0.48%	180+
64	10.16%	180-250
2	0.32%	180-300
1	0.16%	200+
4	0.63%	200-300+
4	0.63%	200-320
7	1.11%	200-350
11	1.75%	200-400
1	0.16%	200-400/POSTRO
29	4.60%	280-400
212	33.65%	300-400
120	19.04%	350-410
83	13.17%	350-410/POSTRO
80	12.70%	360-410
630	100.00%	TOTAL

There are several sequences, some of which contain pottery which may show a chronological development, for example ditch [6074] - [6098]; linear feature, a possible kiln, [6089] -

[6090]; and gully [6278]/[6277]/[6243] - [6225]/[6251]/[6249]. The principal Roman structure from the site, droveway and road [6259] - [6264], produced wares dating from the mid to late 4th century, but there was also an early Anglo-Saxon sherd from [6261], which occurred within the sequence. A similar pattern occurred within ditch [6169] - [6162] which produced pottery of mixed date. The lowest layer, [6168], contained mid to late 4th century wares, but an early Anglo-Saxon sherd together with mid to late 4th century Roman pottery came from the layer above, [6166]. However, layers above [6166] produced pottery of 2nd ([6165]), and at least later 2nd century date ([6162]). It is worth emphasising that the West Lilling site has produced pottery of the latest recognisable types found in Yorkshire. Although these cannot be dated by conventional means later than c.410 AD there remains the possibility that identical pottery continued in use well into the 5th century and are therefore contemporary with the early Anglo-Saxon sherds found with them.

10.2.3 Condition

Table 2, below, demonstrates that almost a quarter of the entire assemblage shows some degree of abrasion (OSA99EX03 Roman pottery alteration as a percentage of sherd count [osacon.xls]). This is particularly noticeable on the Crambeck grey wares, which are in a soft fabric. Burnt or very burnt sherds account for almost 7% of the total but this is increased when similarly altered sherds from the abraded and leached categories are taken into consideration. Most of this can be attributed to cooking use, including those that are sooted and burnt on the exterior. However, some have obviously been burnt over the fractured edge suggesting burning after breakage. It is worth noting that at least 10 sherds have been burnt on the interior, a feature noted within the West Heslerton assemblage. This factor is unusual on Roman pottery but a frequent observation on Iron Age and Saxon wares where it is taken to imply cooking of food in the vessels.

Although the calcite-tempered wares are generally in good condition almost all have voids in the surfaces where the calcite has leached out, either during the original firing or through cooking use.

A further feature of the Roman assemblage is the number of incidences where the pot has been stained, in some cases heavily, as a result of contact with probable iron deposits (FE), indicating that there may have been iron working in the area (as suggested by the finds of 'slag').

As noted above, much of the later Roman pottery consists of large sherds suggesting that there was little disturbance of this material. Despite the number of structural sequences from the site there are only two definite sherd joins. These occur within the droveway sequence between [6260] and [6262].

Table 2 - OSA99EX03 Roman pottery alteration as a percentage of sherd count

ALTERATION	SHERDS	%
Abraded	67	17.54
Abraded interior	2	0.52
Abraded; leached	3	0.79
Abraded; very burnt	1	0.26
Abraded; burnt	3	0.79
Abraded; burnt rim	1	0.26
Abraded; burnt; leached	2	0.52
Abraded; burnt; worn interior	2	0.52
Abraded; FE stain	10	2.62
Abraded; leached	8	2.09
Abraded; leached; worn	1	0.26
Abraded; soot	1	0.26
Abraded; very burnt	2	0.52
Abraded; very burnt; FE stain	2	0.52
Very abraded	33	8.64
Very abraded; burnt	13	3.4
Very abraded; burnt interior	2	0.52
Very abraded; burnt; worn	1	0.26
Very abraded; leached	2	0.52
	156	40.81
Burnt	13	3.4
Burnt edge	9	2.36
Burnt exterior	1	0.26
Burnt interior	2	0.52
Burnt under	1	0.26
Burnt; FE stain	2	0.52
Burnt; soot	1	0.26
Very burnt	8	2.09
Very burnt; deposit interior	4	1.05
Very burnt; encrusted	1	0.26
	42	10.98
		9
FE stain	14	3.66
FE stain; soot exterior	1	0.26
	15	3.92
Leached	113	29.58
Leached; burnt	21	5.5
Leached; burnt interior	6	1.57
Leached; FE stain	22	5.76
Leached; FE stain; soot	1	0.26
Leached; scale	1	0.26
Leached; soot	4	1.05
Leached; stain	1	0.26
	169	44.24

10.2.4 The Wares

Fabrics - see Table 36

The most obvious aspect of the assemblage is the relatively low proportion of calcite-gritted ware in comparison to the high amount of Crambeck grey ware and the coarser variant (CRGRV). This factor is unusual on rural sites in North Yorkshire where calcite-tempered ware generally accounts for a much higher proportion of the assemblages. This may be due to the close proximity of the Crambeck kilns, and thus the availability of these wares. It could also be an indication of the function of the site, suggesting that cooking was not a prime function but that serving and consumption was. There is also a relatively high proportion of mortaria from the site, again mainly Crambeck products, which were used for the preparation of food. As the site is very close to a villa this assemblage may reflect the status or lifestyle of the occupants, and provides a good contrast to nearby rural sites. However, the sample size is small and the percentages must be viewed with caution. This is apparent in the grey ware category where 58 sherds are accounted for by a single vessel. Even so the proportion of grey ware is quite high.

Fine wares account for over 5% of the assemblage and includes most of the imported wares. These were transported from Central Gaul, and the Oxfordshire and Nene Valley kilns. Other imported goods include amphorae from Southern Spain, Black-burnished ware from a probable Dorset source, mortaria from Mancetter-Hartshill, the Nene Valley, and a possible Rhineland source.

In terms of individual fabrics the calcite-gritted wares are interesting because they appear to be quite high fired and generally darker grey in colour than those from West Heslerton, for example. These are mainly Huntcliff jars which tend to be higher fired, and were manufactured using hand and slow-wheel techniques. Thin section and/or chemical analysis of these fabrics would help to determine their source, in particular in relation to the sources suggested for the calcite-tempered wares from West Heslerton (Knapton to Filey area - Vince, 2000).

Two other fabrics worthy of further analyses are Black surfaced ware (BLSF), and coarse quartz-tempered ware (GRQZ). These were first isolated as distinct types in the latest groups at West Heslerton, but are present amongst the late/sub-Roman wares identified by Monaghan on York sites (B18, G18 & G19, Monaghan 1997, 911-13). The BLSF appears to come from a similar source to the calcite-gritted wares, but GRQZ is definitely from a different source.

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Table 3 - OSA99EX03 Roman pottery fabrics as a percentage of sherd count

Amphora 1 0.1 Dressel 20 3 0.4	16
Dressel 20 3 0.4	
	18
Amphora Total 4 0.6	64
Black surfaced ware 13 2.0	06
Calcite gritted ware 180 28	.57
Oxidised calcite gritted ware 9 1.4	12
Coarse tempered ware 2 0.3	32
Coarse quartz tempered grey ware 19 3.0	02
Coarse Total 223 35	.39
9	
Black burnished 1 1 0.1	16
	.02
Crambeck grey ware - coarse 15 2.3	
Dales ware? 1 0.1	
	.52
Grey 'sandwich' ware 7 1.1	. 50
Fairly fine grey ware 18 2.8	
Grog tempered ware 3 0.4	
Reduced Total 313 49	.69
Crambeck oxidised ware 4 0.6	
Oxidised ware 13 2.0	
Light coloured oxidised ware 5 0.7	
White-slipped oxidised ware 7 1.1	
Oxidised Total 29 4.5	99
Central Gaulish samian 6 0.9).E
Crambeck parchment ware 6 0.9	-
Fine grey ware 1 0.1	
Nene Valley colour-coated ware 18 2.8	
Oxfordshire red colour-coated ware 3 0.4	
Fine Total 34 5.4	
Crambeck mortaria 22 3.4	19
Mancetter Hartshill mortaria 1 0.1	
Nene Valley mortaria 1 0.1	
North Yorks. mortaria 2 0.3	
Rhineland mortaria? 1 0.1	
Mortaria Total 27 4,2	
TOTAL 630 10	0

Forms - see Table 47

The form groups from West Lilling conforms with other late Roman rural assemblages from North Yorkshire in that jars form the bulk of the assemblage. Huntcliff jars are the most

⁷ osafm.xls

common type, reflecting the late Roman date for the majority of the contexts. Third century Knapton jars are present in small quantities as are the later 3rd to 4th century 'S' profile types (JCUR). Cooking pots appear to be most common but this is mainly due to a single broken vessel. Other types are rare but include folded, lug-handled and everted-rimmed types.

Bowls are well-represented with bead and flanged types being the most common. Specific Crambeck types can be distinguished as well as those imitating samian forms. Huntcliff, 'S' profile, and wide-mouthed bowls are present in small quantities. Other bowls include triangular and rounded-rimmed types. Finer vessels consist of samian bowls from Central Gaul, both decorated and undecorated, and a finely rouletted castor box, in Nene Valley colour-coated ware. Dishes are rarer than the bowls and are mainly plain-rimmed types. Two Crambeck types are present together with a calcite-tempered form similar to Malton type 452.

The most distinctive element is the relatively high amount of mortaria, including a possible Rhineland vessel. Drinking vessels are also quite well-represented, mainly Nene Valley colour-coated and Crambeck grey ware beakers. There is also a Central Gaulish samian cup and a handled beaker in grey ware similar to BB1 types.

There are very few storage vessels, but there are four sherds of Dressel 20 amphorae, probably from four different vessels. These amphorae were often reused as storage vessels. The amphorae include a comparatively rare 2nd century example with a stamped handle.

Table 4 - OSA99EX03 Roman pottery forms as a percentage of sherd count

FORM	SHERI	os %
Unidentified	42	6.67
Amphorae	4	0.63
Flagons	7	1.11
Unidentified beakers	14	2.22
Bag-shaped beaker?	1	0.16
Everted-rimmed beaker	3	0.48
Funnel necked bead-rimmed beaker	1	0.16
Handled beaker	1	0.16
Pentice moulded beaker?	1	0.16
Samian cup Dr33	2	0.32
Jar or beaker	7	1.11
Beakers & Cups Total	30	4.77
Closed forms	95	15.08
Cooking pots	61	9.68
Unidentified jars	150	23.81
Jar or bowl	9	1.43
Collared-rimmed jars	1	0.16
Curve-rimmed jars	9	1.43
Dales ware type jar	1	0.16
Everted-rimmed jar	14	2.22
Folded jar	1	0.16
Huntcliff jar	27	4.28
Huntcliff jar with 2 grooves	2	0.32

FORM	SHERDS	0/
	3	0.48
Huntcliff jar with hooked rim	-	
Knapton type jar	6	0.95
Lug-handled jar	1	0.16
Handled jar	1	0.16
Narrow-necked jar	7	1.08
Square-rimmed jar	1	0.16
Wide-mouthed jar	1	0.16
Jars Total	390	61.88
	•	0.00
Large jar	1	0.32
Storage jar	•	200 2000
Large & Storage jars	3	0.48
Unidentified open forms	21	3.34
Unidentified bowl	2	0.32
Samian bowl Dr31	1	0.32
Samian bowl Dr 37	1	0.16
Bowl imitating samian Dr31	1	0.16
Bowl imitating samian Dr38	10	1.59
Crambeck bowl 151	1	0.16
Crambeck bowl 30	1	0.16
Crambeck bowl 31	1	0.16
Curve-rimmed bowl	1	0.16
Bead and flanged bowl	24	3.81
	3	0.48
Flanged bowl	1	0.16
Bowl as Gillam type 225 Huntcliff bowl	2	0.10
Huntcliff bowl with hooked rim	1	0.16
	1	0.16
Huntcliff bowl lacking groove	•	
Knapton type bowl	2	0.32
Segmental bowl	1	0.16
Triangular-rimmed bowl	2	0.32
Wide-mouthed bowl	5	0.79
Castor box	4	0.63
Bowl or dish	11	1.75
Bowls Total	97	15.59
Unidentified dishes	1	0.16
Crambeck dish 70	1	0.16
Groove-rimmed dish	5	0.79
Malton dish 452	1	0.16
Plain-rimmed dish	14	2.22
Straight-sided plain-rimmed dish	1	0.16
Triangular-rimmed dish	1	0.16
Plate?	1	0.16
Crambeck plate type 10	4	0.63
Dishes & Plates Total	29	4.6
Mortaria		
Unsourced mortaria	6	0.95
Bead & flanged type	1	0.16
Crambeck mortaria type 6	8	1.27

FORM	SHERDS %					
Crambeck mortaria type 7	4	0.63				
Crambeck mortaria type 8	8	1.27				
	27	4.28				
TOTAL	630	100				

10.2.5 Potential and Further Work

The West Lilling pottery is an example of a late Roman villa assemblage from Yorkshire. It is one of the few sites known where there is the possibility of occupation extending from the late Roman to the early Anglo-Saxon periods. This in itself is enough to justify full publication of the finds assemblages. In addition, it is a medium-sized collection of pottery spanning a short period of time and related closely to a known Roman villa. Study of the pottery will therefore throw light on the lifestyle of the villa's occupants and provide a contrast with material of similar date from military sites such as York and rural settlements such as West Heslerton.

Almost all of the Romano-British pottery from West Lilling was recovered from stratified contexts of late Roman date and internal analysis of the stratigraphic context of these sherds may help to refine the chronology of these wares.

Other published collections, such as Beadlam and Rudston, are difficult to compare statistically because of the diverse terminology and quantification methods used. Late Roman pottery from the fortress and colonia at York and rural settlements such as West Heslerton have been recorded using several methods of quantification, such as weight and EVEs. This level of recording for the West Lilling pottery is required not only to provide good comparative data, but also to emphasise the status of the material, and the taphonomic processes of the site.

Because of the stratigraphic importance of the pottery it is recommended that examples of typical wares are illustrated, together with illustrations of vessels of intrinsic interest (Table 5). Twenty-four vessels have been selected for publication with a further 19 vessels which show typological variations on the standard types (Table 6). It is recommended that illustration be undertaken under the supervision of the Romano-British pottery specialist to ensure accuracy and efficient use of time and costs. David Hopkins, freelance illustrator, has considerable experience of illustrating Roman pottery from Yorkshire (e.g. the Minster Library at York) and it is recommended that he be approached to draw this pottery. If illustrations are undertaken elsewhere the additional costs of transportation and problems in communicating details of corrections must be taken into consideration.

In late Roman Yorkshire some of the wares are known to be the products of single, extensive industries, such as that at Crambeck. Others, however, might be regional traditions and the product of isolated potters. In particular, the calcite tempered fabric, used at West Lilling in the 3rd and 4th centuries, might have been produced in a single industry at Knapton or at several sites. Thin-section analysis could be used to determine whether or not the Speeton Clay was used as a raw material, as it was for the CALC and BLSF vessels used at West

Heslerton. Chemical analysis (ICPS) could be used to compare the chemical signatures of the West Lilling and West Heslerton wares. Similarly, analysis of the coarse quartz tempered wares is necessary to determine whether or not they were made from the same raw materials as the West Heslerton examples and whether or not they are distinguishable in fabric from the early Anglo-Saxon sherds from West Lilling.

The identification of the samian sherds and the amphora handle ought to be confirmed by specialists, given the fact that the samian ware is one of the few wares from the site which can be dated before c.180 AD, and that it might be possible to refine or confirm the 2nd century date ascribed to the stamped amphora handle.

All of this recommended work is in addition to that identified for the pottery from the trial excavation (BPTSEP). However, a single report, combining the two groups, should be prepared.

Table 5 List of vessels selected for illustration

DRW.NO	CONTEXT	FABRIC	FORM	SHERDS	
D1	6294	MONY	MBF	1	
D2	6262	CALC	DM452	1	
D3	6262	CALC	BCUR	1	
D4	6262	CALC	JCUR	1	
D5	6262	CALC	JHUN2	1	
D6	6074	OX	B31	1	
D7	6092	CRGR	JH	1	
D8	6226	GREY	BK	1	
D9	6112	ОХ	BSEG	1	
D10	6242	GREY	CP	58	
D11	6000	BLSF	BHUNHV	1	
D12	6167	GRSAN	JNN	5	
D13	6291	CALC	JHUNH	1	
D14	6291	CALC	JHUN2	1	
D15	6291	CALC	BHUN	1	
D16	6291	CRGR	DPRS	1	
D17	6291	CRGR	BC31	1	
D18	6291	CRGR	PC10	1	
D19	6291	CRPA	PC10	1	
D20	6292	CALC	BHUN	1	
D21	6292	GRQZ	JEV	10	
D22	6260	DR20	Α	1	
D23	6260	CALC	DPR	1	
D24	6075	BLSF	DPR	4	

Table 6 List of additional vessels selected for illustration

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6075	CRGR	BWM	1
6075	CRGR	DGR	2
6075	CRGR	JEV	1
6075	CROX	B38	3
6075	NVCC	BX	4
6166	GREY	BFL	2
6217	CALOX	DPR	1
6260	CALC	JHUN	1
6260	CALC	JHUNH	1
6260	CRPA	B38	1
6260	CRPA	PC10	1
6260	MOCR	MC7	1
6260	MOCR	MC8	6
6261	CRGR	B38	1
6261	CRGR	BFB	4
6261	MOCR	MC7	2
6262	MOCR	MC7	1
6262	MOCR	MC8	1
6291	BLSF	JHUN	1
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10.3 Appendix A: Database of Romano-British pottery

CONTEXT	FABRIC	FORM	DEC	NO.VES S	DRW.N O	COND	COMMENTS	JOIN	SHERD S
6000	BLSF	BHUNH V			D11		RIM NO GROOVE CHAMFER		1
6000	BLSF	CLSD					BS		1
6000	BLSF	CLSD				ABR	BS		1
6000	BLSF	JNN?					RIM		1
6000	CALC	BHUNV				LEACH	RIM NO GROOVE; CHAMFER INT		1
6000	CALC	J				LEACH	BASE 100%;BURNT UNDER		1
6000	CALC	J				LEACH	BSS		5
6000	CALC	JHUN				LEACH	RIM		1
6000	CRGR	CLSD					BS		1
6000	CRGR	CLSD					BS POOR FAB		1
6000	CRGR	DPR					RIM FRAG		1
6000	CRGR	JWM					RIM		1
6000	CRGR	OPEN					BS		1
6000	CRGR	OPEN					BASE		1
6000	CRGR	OPEN					BS BASAL		1
6000	CRGR	OPEN					BASE; BURNT		1
6000	CRGR	OPEN?				ABR	BASE		1
6000	CRGR	PC10				ABR	RIM GIRTH		1
6000	GREY	DPR	В				RIM BASE		1
6000	GREY					ABR	BSS		5
6000	GREY		HM?				BSS		2
6000	GRQZ		НМ	1			BSS		2
6000	GRSAN	OPEN	В	1			BSS		2
6000	ZDATE		_				350-410/POSTRO		_
6000	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6004	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6004	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6005	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6005	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6012	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6012	222						PRO SHS		
6058	CALC	J		1		LEACH	BASES J:SOOT EXT		2
6058	CRGR			1?		VABR	BSS FLAKES BASE		5
6058	CRGR			7.7			BASE 100%;TALL FLARING		1
6058	ZDATE						300-400		
6060		JHUN?	LO				BS PANEL OF LO IN 2 GROOVES		1
6060		BK				ABR	BASE ORANGE FAB		1
6060	OXL	BK					BASE		1
6060	ZDATE						300-400		
6060	ZZZ						FRAG CBM		
6064	CALC	JHUN?				LEACH	BS SHLDR CF JHUN; SOOT		1
6064	ZDATE						350-410?		-
6064	ZZZ						CALC JHUN? ONLY		
6068	CALC	J				ABR	BS LEACH		1
6068	CALOX?			1			BSS; BURNT INT		3
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6068	ZDATE						200-400		

6074 OX B31 D6 RIM GIRTH;ORANGE COARSE SAND FAB 6074 CALC J LEACH BS 6074 CRGR BD BASE 6074 CRGR BFB RIM GIRTH 6074 CRGR BWM RIM GIRTH; AS BC4 6074 CRGR JEV ABR BS;PINK 6074 CRGR JLH BS 6074 NVCC BK VABR SCRAP 6074 OX BS CBM?; ORANGE 6074 ZDATE 300-400 6075 CRGR BWM D? RIM GIRTH 6075 CRGR DGR B 1 D? RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR JEV D? RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH 6075 CRGR BWM D? RIM GIRTH 6075 CRGR BW D? RIM GIRTH 6075 DR B 1 D? ABR RIM GIRTH	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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6074 CRGR BFB RIM GIRTH 6074 CRGR BWM RIM GIRTH; AS BC4 6074 CRGR CLSD ABR BS;PINK 6074 CRGR JEV RIM FRAG 6074 CRGR JLH BS 6074 NVCC BK VABR SCRAP 6074 OX BS CBM?; ORANGE 300-400 6075 CRGR BWM D? RIM GIRTH 6075 CRGR DGR B 1 D? RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR JEV D? RIM GIRTH RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR BVM D? RIM GIRTH RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR JEV D? RIM GIRTH RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR JEV D? RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH 6075 BLSF DPR B IN D? ABR RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH RIM GIRTH RI	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2
6074 CRGR BWM RIM GIRTH; AS BC4 6074 CRGR CLSD ABR BS;PINK 6074 CRGR JEV RIM FRAG 6074 CRGR JLH BS 6074 NVCC BK VABR SCRAP 6074 OX BS CBM?; ORANGE 300-400 6075 CRGR BWM D? RIM GIRTH 6075 CRGR DGR B 1 D? RIMS GIRTH 6075 CRGR JEV D? RIM GIRTH BSS;FE STAIN 6075 CROX B38 1 D? ABR RIM GIRTH BSS;FE STAIN 6075 NVCC BX ROUZ 1 D? ABR RIM BSS BASE PROF;CR FAB 6075 BLSF DPR B;HM 1 D24 RIMS BS BASE PROF 6075 BLSF OPEN ABR BASE BASE ABR BASE	1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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6075 CALC J 2? LEACH BSS;SOME BURNT	10
6075 CALC J LEACH BASE 100%	1
6075 CALC J LEACH BS	1
6075 CALC JCUR LEACH RIM NECK SBEND	1
6075 CALC JHUN 1? LEACH RIMS 1 ABR	2
6075 CRGR BFB FLANGE FRAG	1
6075 CRGR CLSD 2 BSS	4
6075 CRGR JBK BVL 1 BSS	3
6075 CRGR JBK BIWL BS	1
6075 CRGR JBK LA BS	1
6075 CRGR OPEN BASE	1
6075 CRGRV BKEV 1 RIMS BS SHLDR;COARSER FAB	3
6075 CRPA BK BS	1
6075 CRPA CLSD BS	1
6075 GREY CLSD 1 BSS BEIGE CORE	3
6075 GREY J B BASE	1
6075 GREY BSS	2
6075 GRFF CLSD BHL 1 ABR BSS	2
6075 GRFF JB 1 BSS HIGH SHLDR	5
6075 NVCC BK ROUZ BS LFAB	1
6075 NVCC OPEN ABR BASE CR FAB	1
6075 OX ABR BS ?CBM	1
6075 ZDATE 350-410	
6088 CALOX? SCRAP	1
6088 ZDATE 200-400/POSTRO	
6088 ZZZ PRO SH	
6090 CALC J 2 LEACH BSS	6
6090 CALC J 2 LEACH BSS THIN	4
	2
6090 CALOX CLSD LEACH BSS	
6090 CRGR CLSD BWL BS	1
6090 CRGR JCUR RIM;POSS JLH	1
6090 ZDATE 300-400	
6090 ZZZ FRAG BR CBM	

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6092	CRGR	JH		7	D7		RIM NECK		1
6092	CALC	CLSD				LEACH	BSS		2
6092	CALOX	CLSD	BHL				BS		1
6092	CRGR	J	LO				BS		1
6092	CRGR	OPEN					BASE		1
6092	CRGRV ?					ABR	BS V BURNT; COARSE VAR		1
6092	NVCC	BK	ROUZ				BS WHT FAB		1
6092	NVCC	BKFBR				ABR	RIM FRAG LFAB		1
6092	ZDATE				240		300-400		
6094	CALOX	JHUN?				VABR	RIM BKN;BURNT INT		1
6094	CRGR					ABR	BS PINK		1
6094	OXL	BFL?					RIM FRAG ;CF PINK CRGR		1
6094	ZDATE						350-410?		
6094	ZZZ						FRAG BONE		
6095	CALC						FRAG		1
6095	CRGR	В					BS BASAL		1
6095	CRGR	J					BS		1
6095	CRGR	J					BS LGE		1
6095	CROX	OPEN					BS PINK;BURNT		1
6095	GREY	J				FE STAIN	BS		1
6095	ZDATE						300-400		
6108	ОХ	J					BASE;ORANGE CF EBOR FAB		1
6108	ZDATE						200+		
6108	ZZZ						OX ONLY		
6112	ОХ	BSEG			D9		RIM GIRTH		1
6112	MONY	M				ABR	BS;Q TRITS		1
6112	ZDATE						L2-3		
6114	CALC					ABR	BS; LEACH; BURNT		1
6114	CALC						BS VBURNT		1
6114	CRGR	JCR					RIM		1
6114	GREY	BG225					RIM UPPER WALL		1
6114	GREY	CP	LA				BS BASAL		1
6114	GREY	J				ABR	BS LTGRY		1
6114	GREY	JEV					RIM FRAG		1
6114	GRFF	CP	LA				BS;BUFF EXT GREY INT		1
6114	OXL		-				BS;CF COARSEE CRAMBECK		1
6114	ZDATE						300-400		-
6114	ZZZ						MIX SOME 3C		
6132	CRGR	CLSD				ABR	BS;DK PINK		1
6132	CRGR						BS		1
6132	CRGRV						BS;COARSER VAR		1
6132	GREY						BASE		1
6132	ZDATE	-					300-400		
6138	COAR	CLSD	НМ			ABR	BS;SOME CALC		1
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6138	LUNIE								
6138 6138							COAP ONLY		
6138	ZZZ	11.11.11.1				LEAGU	COAR ONLY		
						LEACH	COAR ONLY BS SHLDR BSS BURNT		1 2

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6142	GREY	BFB	В				RIM LWR WALL B INT		1
6142	GREY	J				ABR	BS		1
6142	NVCC	BK					BS;BUFF FAB		1
6142	ZDATE						300-400		
6143	CALC	JKNAP?		1		LEACH	BS NECK BS		2
6143	GREY	JNN					RIM FRAG		1
6143	GREY					VABR	BS		1
6143	MONV	M					BS FE TRITS;BURNT INT		1
6143	MORH?	M					BS Q TRITS; V WORN INT;GROOVES EXT		1
6143	NVCC	BKBAG ?					BASE 100%;LTBN FAB		1
6143	ZDATE						200-350		
6147	CRGR	BWM				VABR	RIM FRAG		1
6147	GRFF	J					BS 2 GROOVES		1
6147	NVCC?	B38				VABR	RIM FRAG FLANGE;CC LOST		1
6147	ZDATE						300-400		
6150	CALC	J				LEACH	BS SHLDR; PROB JCUR		1
6150	GREY	CLSD	HM				BS		1
6150	OXL	JS				VABR	RIM BKN V FLAT;?DOLIUM;?PRO;INT EVE		1
6150	ZDATE						280-400		
6151	CRGR	J	BHL	1			BSS		4
6151	ZDATE						300-400		
6151	ZZZ						CRGR SINGLE VESS ONLY		
6161	CALC	J		1			BASE 75%		10
6161	CRGR	BD		1			BASES FLAKE; VBURNT; DEPOSIT INT		4
6161	CRGR	CLSD		2		ABR	BSS		2
6161	CRGR	JBK				ABR	BASE TALL NARROW		1
6161	ZDATE						300-400		
6161	ZZZ						2 SMASH VESS		
6162	OX	JFO				ENCRU ST	BS V HIGH FIRED		1
6162	ZDATE						L2+		
6162	ZZZ						OX ONLY		
6165	oxws	F		1			BSS HANDLE SCAR; VBURNT		7
6165	ZDATE						100-200		
6165	ZZZ						OXWS SMASH ONLY		
6166	GREY		LA/LO	1	D?		RIM BS J -LWR WALL;BB1 TYPE	V	2
6166	CALC	J					BS BURNT OX EXT		1
6166	GREY						BS HANDLE BURNT;CF BB1 BEAKER		1
6166	GREY						BASE		1
6166	GREY						BS		1
6166	GREY						BS LGE FRAG		1
6166		OPEN	LA				BS BASAL ANGLE;BBT		1
6166	GRQZ	J					BASE V COARSE;BURNT EXT;TS		1
6166	ZDATE						350-410/POSTRO		
6166	ZZZ						MIX SOME ML2/E3 BB TYPES;PRO SHS		
6167	GRSAN	JNN	BHL;BW L	1	D12		RIMS BSS GIRTH;CF3819;FAIRLY FINE		5
6167	GREY						BS;CF CRGRV		1

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6167	ZDATE		***************************************				L2-E3		
6168	GRQZ	J	HM				BS		1
6168	ZDATE						350-410		
6168	ZZZ						GRQZ ONLY		
6170	CALC	CLSD				LEACH	BSS		8
6170	CALC	J					BS;GOOD		1
6170	CALC	JCUR		1		LEACH	RIMS NECK;SBEND		3
6170	CRGR					ABR	RIM UPPER WALL		1
6170	CRGR	BFB					RIM UPPER WALL		1
6170	CRGR						BBS THIN		2
6170	CRGR						RIM NECK		1
6170	CRGR	BWM				VABR	BS SHLDR		1
6170	CRGR	CLSD				ABR	BSS		2
6170	CRGR	DGR				ABR	RIM LWR WALL;FE STAIN		1
6170	CRGR	J		2			BSS 1 ABR		3
6170	CRGR		BHL	1			BSS		3
6170	CRGR		BL			FE STAIN	BS THICK;HEAVY STAIN		1
6170	CRGR	OPEN	В				BASE WORN INT		1
6170	CRGR					VABR	BS		1
6170	CRGRV	CLSD					BSS COARSE VAR		3
6170	CRGRV			1			BSS SMOOTH INT		2
6170	DR20						BS LFAB		1
6170	GFIN	JBK					BS		1
6170	ZDATE	ODIC					300-400		•
6174	CALC	J				LEACH	BSS 1 BASAL		5
6174	CRGR	BD				LEACH	BASE		1
6174		J							1
		J					BS 200 400		1
6174	ZDATE						300-400 DOCTRO		
6175	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6175	ZZZ						1 SH PRO		
6177	BLSF	DPR					RIM BASE; MIN CALC LEACHED		1
6177	CALC	J				LEACH			1
6177	CRGR						BS BASAL		1
6177	CRGRV						RIM GIRTH; COARSE VAR; SMALL		1
6177	CRGRV					ABR	RIM UPPER WALL; COARSE VAR		1
6177	GREY	BWM					RIM GIRTH;FE? STAIN		1
6177	GREY	CLSD					BS		1
6177	ZDATE						300-400		
6178	CALC	JHUN?	HL	1		LEACH	BSS;FE? STAIN		2
6178	CRGR	DC70				ABR	RIM LWR WALL		1
6178	GREY	OPEN?				ABR	BASE		1
6178	ZDATE						350-410/POSTRO		
6178	ZZZ						1 SH POSTRO		
6182	CALC	CLSD				LEACH	BS		1
6182	CRGR?	JCUR				VBURN T	RIM		1
6182	CRGRV	BD		1			BASES J;COARSE VAR		2
6182	DWSH?	JDW				LEACH	RIM; FE? STAIN; OR CALC;SOOT		1
6182	GREY	J					BASE		1
6182	GREY						FRAG		1

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6182	MOCR	MC8			ABR	FLANGE FRAG	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	1
6182	ZDATE					360-410		
6183	CALC	J			STAIN	BS;LEACH HIGH FIRED		1
6183	CRGR	CLSD		1	ABR	BSS		2
6183	SAMCG	BD				BS		1
6183	ZDATE					300-400		
6183	ZZZ					MIX 2C SAM		
6194	CALC	J		1		BSS HIGH FIRED; RED FE INC		2
6194	CALC	JKNAP			FE STAIN	RIM SHLDR;SOOT EXT; HIGH FIRE;TS?		1
6194	CRGR	CLSD		2	ABR	BSS		2
6194	GREY	J				BS		1
6194	GREY	JL?			ABR	BS HANDLE?		1
6194	GROG	JB		1		BSS HIGH FIRED; UNUS FAB		2
6194	GRQZ?		НМ		ABR	BS BURNT:THICK		1
6194	ОХ	ВК				BS V THIN; ORANGE CF EBOR; SANDY		1
6194	OXL	CLSD			ABR	BS		1
6194	SAMCG	37			ABR	BS OVOLO		1
6194	ZDATE					300-400		
6194	ZZZ					MIX 2C SAM		
6196	CALC	BCUR		1	LEACH	RIMS BEAD + CURVE; BSS		15
6196	ZDATE					280-350		
6196	ZZZ					SMASH SINGLE VESS ONLY; + DAUB		
6205	CRGR	CLSD				BS LGE SH		1
6205	GRFF	J		2		BASE 100% BS; FINE SILTY CF CRGR		2
6205	MOCR	MC6		1		RIMS BSS BASE PROF;BURNT EDGE		7
6205	ZDATE					280-400		
6211	CALC	J				BS THINNISH		1
6211	CALC	J	BL?			BS THIN;SOOT EXT		1
6211	CRGR				ABR	RIM UPPER WALL		1
6211	CRGR		BVL		7.61	BS		1
6211	OX	BK	ROUZ			BS BURNT EDGE		1
6211	ZDATE	DIX	11002			300-400		
6213	AMPH	۸				BS FLAT;QZITE;GRANITE?		1
					LEACH			1
6213	CALC				LEACH			-
6213	GROG?					BS LEACHED		1
6213	MOMH	M				BASE		1
6213	ZDATE					200-300+		
6217	CALOX	DPR		D?		RIM BASE PROF		1
6217	CALC				ABR	BSS LEACH		3
6217	CRGR	OPEN				BASE		1
6217	CRGR				ABR	BS		1
6217	GREY					BS FRAG		1
6217	OX					BS FRAG ORANGE		1
6217	ZDATE					300-400		
6218	CALC	CLSD			LEACH	BS		1
6218	MOCR	M				BS;NOT EXTR		1
6218	ZDATE					300-400		
6221	CRGR	J				BS		1

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6221	ZDATE						300-400		
6221	ZZZ						CRGR ON;Y		
6224	CRGR	BFB		w			RIM LWR WALL;FLANGE BKN;INT EVE		1
6224	ZDATE						300-400		
6224	ZZZ						CRGR BFB ONLY;GOOD SLIP		
6225	COAR		НМ				BS THICK; JL?;BURNT		1
6225	SAMCG	31				ABR	RIM GIRTH		1
6225	ZDATE						180-400		
6225	ZZZ						2C SAM; COAR POSS 4C		
6226	GREY	BK	B;BHL		D8		RIM SHLDR;CF CRGR COARSE		1
6226	CALC	BNAPG		1		LEACH	RIMS J		2
6226	CRGR					ABR	BS		1
6226	GREY	CLSD					BS		1
6226	GREY	OPEN					BASE;BURNT UNDER		1
6226	GRFF	CLSD					BS BURNT		1
6226	ZDATE						300-400		1
6227	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6227	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6228	ZDATE						POSTRO		
6228	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6232	CALC	JHUN				VABR	RIM LEACH		1
6232	CRGR	CLSD				ABR	BS		1
6232	CRGR	CLSD				ABR	BASE		1
6232	GREY	CLSD				VABR	BSS		4
6232	GREY	JSQ					RIM NECK		1
6232	ZDATE						350-410/POSTRO		
6232	ZZZ						PRO SHS		
6236	CRGR	DPR					RIM BASE		1
6236	CRGR	JCUR					RIM NRCK		1
6236	CRGR					VABR	BS		1
6236	CRGRV						BS BASAL; COARSE VAR		1
6236	GRFF	J					BS		1
6236	OX					VABR	BS		1
6236	ZDATE						300-400		
6237	MOCR	MC6				ABR	RIM GIRTH SMALL;BURNT RIM		1
6237	ZDATE						280-400		
6237	ZZZ						VAR FAB PINK BN;HARTLEY;M ONLY		
6242	GREY	CP	LA	1	D10		RIMS BSS BASE PROF;SOOT EXT;BBT		58
6242	ZDATE						180-250		
6242	ZZZ						SINGLE SMASH VESS		
6250	ZZZ						CBM ONLY		
6252	CALC	JKNAP?		1			BSS V SOOT EXT		3
6252	SAMCG	33				ABR	RIM		1
6252	ZDATE						200-320		
6252	ZZZ						MIX 2C SAM		
6253	GREY	CLSD				•	BS BURNT		1
6253	ZDATE						200-400		
6253	ZZZ						FIRED CLAY COUNTER?; GREY ONLY		
6258	CALC	JHUN	HL	1			RIMS GIRTH		8

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6258	CRGR	J		dientitijanis (tapis diedeck		FE STAIN	BASE UPPER WALL HEAVY STAIN		1
6258	ZDATE						350-410		
6260	CALC	JHUN			D?	LEACH	RIM NECK FE STAIN		1
6260	CALC	JHUNH			D?	LEACH	RIM NECK		1
6260	CRPA	B38			D?	VABR	RIM GIRTH		1
6260	CRPA	PC10			D?		RIM GIRTH		1
6260	MOCR	MC7			D?		RIM GIRTH BURNT SOOT	6262?	1
6260	MOCR	MC8		1	D?	VABR		6262	6
6260	DR20	A	NAME		D22	ABR	HANDLE STAMP DEF?; 2C FAB		1
6260	CALC	DPR			D23		RIM BASE PROF;SOOT EXT		1
6260	CALC	CLSD					BSS BASES		9
6260	CALC	JCUR					RIM S BEND		1
6260	CALC	00011					BS TRIMMED COUNTER <*>		1
6260	CRGR	B38	В			ABR	RIM GIRTH;FE STAIN;VBURNT		1
6260	CRGR	BD	_			VABR	BASE		1
6260	CRGR	BD?				VABR	RIM FRAG		1
6260	CRGR	BFB				FE	RIM GIRTH		1
						STAIN			
6260	CRGR	BFB				FE STAIN	RIM FRAG		1
6260	CRGR	BFB				ABR	FLANGE GIRTH		1
6260	CRGR	CLSD					BS		1
6260	CRGR	DGR					RIM LWR WALL		1
6260	CRGR	DGR				ABR	RIM GIRTH		1
6260	CRGR	J				ABR	BASE NR COMP		1
6260	CRGR	J	BVL				BS		1
6260	CRGR	J					BS		1
6260	CRGR					VABR	BS		1
6260	GREY	DTR					RIM LWR WALL		1
6260	GREY	J		1			BSS; FAB CF CRGR		2
6260	GREY					VABR	BSS		2
6260	GRFF	CLSD					BSS; FAB CF CRGR		3
6260	NVCC	CLSD					BS LEACH WHT FAB		1
6260	OX			2		VABR	BSS ORANGE FAB		2
6260	SAMCG	33				ABR	FTRG UPPER WALL		1
6260	ZDATE						360-410		
6260	ZZZ						MIX SOME 2C POT SAM;FRAG CBM		
6261	CRGR	B38			D?	ABR	RIM LWR WALL; BURNT; WORN INT		1
6261	CRGR	BFB		1	D?		RIMS BASE PROF		4
6261	MOCR			1	D?		RIM BS LWR WALL		2
6261	BLSF	CLSD					BS MIN CALC		1
6261	BLSF	JHUN					BS SHLDR;FE STAIN;MIN CALC		1
6261	CALC	CLSD				LEACH	ALLOWS VARIOUS DELICATIONS OF SELECTION OF STREET OF STREET STREET		8
6261	CALC	CLSD		2			BSS MULT GROOVES		2
6261	CALC	JHUN		1			RIMS NECK; FE STAIN		2
6261	CALC	JHUN					RIM NECK		1
6261	CALC	JHUN					RIM;FE STAIN		1
6261	CALC	JHUN	BWL			LEACH	W. C.		1
6261			DAAF				BS SHLDR		1
1	CALC	JHUN							
6261	CALC	JHUNH					RIM NECK;FE STAIN		1
6261	CRGR	J				ABR	BASE 50%;SOOT UNDER		1

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6261	NVCC	DPR					RIM GIRTH;CR FAB		1
6261	ZDATE						350-410/POSTRO		
6261	ZZZ						1 SH SAX POT		
6262	MOCR	MC7			D?	VABR	RIM GIRTH;BURNT;WORN NO TRIT	6260?	1
6262	MOCR	MC8			D?		RIM GIRTH;SOOT RIM;HEAVY WEAR	6260	1
6262	CALC	DM452			D2	LEACH	RIM BASE PROF;GOOD FAB FOR TS		1
6262	CALC	BCUR			D3	ABR	RIM GIRTH; CHAMFER INT		1
6262	CALC	JCUR			D4	FE	RIM SHLDR;SOOT EXT		1
6262	CALC	JHUN2			D5	STAIN FE	RIM SHLDR; UNUS NO PARA WHES		1
						STAIN			
6262	CALC	BFB					RIM FRAG UPPER WALL		1
6262	CALC	J		1		LEACH	BSS BASE		3
6262	CALC	J		2			BSS		2
6262	CALC	J					BS THIN SMALL VESS		1
6262	CALC	JB				FE STAIN	BS;STAIN HEAVY		1
6262	CRGR	BC151				ABR	RIM GIRTH;PINK		1
6262	CRGR	DPR	BDL				RIM GIRTH		1
6262	CRGR	J				ABR	BS FE? STAIN		1
6262	CRGR	J					BS		1
6262	CRGR	J				VABR	BS BURNT		1
6262	NVCC	BK	ROUL				BS; CR FAB		1
6262	OXRC	B38		1		VABR	RIMS GIRTH VABR		3
6262	ZDATE						360-410		
6262	ZZZ						GOOD GROUP CF 6260		
6272	CRGR	CLSD					BS		1
6272	CRGR	J					BS CARIN		1
6272	DR20	Α				VABR	BS LFAB		1
6272	GREY	BFB	BHL	1		STAIN	RIM FRAG BS;FE		2
6272	GREY	CLSD					BS		1
6272	ZDATE						300-400		
6274	CALC	J				LEACH	BASE 50%; SCALE		1
6274	GREY	BTR	LA	1		ABR	RIM-LWR WALL;WELL SOR ABUN Q 0.2-3		2
6274	ZDATE						200-400		
6289	CRGR	CLSD				BURNT	BS CARIN		1
6289	ZDATE						300-400		
6289	ZZZ						CRGR ONLY		
6291	BLSF	JHUN			D?	FE STAIN	RIM		1
6291	CALC	JHUNH			D13	LEACH	RIM SHLDR; FE STAIN		1
6291	CALC	JHUN2			D14		RIM NECK		1
6291	CALC	BHUN			D15	LEACH	RIM SHLDR		1
6291	CRGR	DPRS	В		D16		RIM BASE PROF;BURNT		1
6291	CRGR				D17		RIM GIRTH		1
6291	CRGR				D18		RIM GIRTH BUIRNT EDGE		1
6291	CRPA	PC10	PA?		D19		RIM UPPER WALL;BURNT EDGE		1
6291	CALC	J				LEACH	CONTRIBUTE VENEZA SE ESSENSION SE ESSENSE PROSESSOR PROPERTO PROCESSOR SE ESPECIAL SE ESPECIAL SE ESSENSION SE ESSENSION SE ESPECIAL SE ES		5
						ABR	BASE; 100%; STRING		1
6291	CRGR	CLSD				APK	DASE, 100%, STRING		
6291 6291	CRGR CRGR			1		ABR	BSS FLAKE		2

CONTEXT	FABRIC	FORM	DEC	NO.VES S	DRW.N O	COND	COMMENTS	JOIN	SHERD S
6291	CRGR	J	BHL				BS BURNT		1
6291	CRPA	P?					BS BURNT		1
6291	MOCR	M				FE STAIN	BASE; 100%		1
6291	NVCC	DPR					BASE CR FAB		1
6291	OX					VABR	BS FIRED CLAY?/CBM?		1
6291	ZDATE						350-410		
6291	ZZZ						GOOD GROUP		
6292	CALC	BHUN			D20	LEACH	RIM LWR WALL;GROOVED LWR WALL		1
6292	GRQZ	JEV	HM	1	D21		RIM LWR WALL BASE;SOOT EXT		10
6292	CALC	CLSD				LEACH	BASE 65%		1
6292	CRGR	J				ABR	BS		1
6292	CRGR	OPEN	В				BASE BURNISH INT		1
6292	GRFF	CLSD					BS		1
6292	ZDATE						350-410		
6293	CRGR	CLSD					BS		1
6293	ZDATE						300-400		
6293	ZZZ						CRGR ONLY		
6294	MONY	MBF	RIV X2		D 1		RIM GIRTH;MIX TG INC FLINT;K HARTLEY		1
6294	BB1	В	LA			SOOT	BS		1
6294	CALC	J	B;HM			LEACH	BS		1
6294	CRGR	BC30					RIM		1
6294	CRGR	CLSD					BS		1
6294	ZDATE						300-400		
6297	SAMCG	31 ETC				ABR	RIM GIRTH		1
6297	ZDATE						150-200		
6297	ZZZ						SAM ONLY		
6301	CALC	CLSD	НМ	1		LEACH	BSS		2
6301	ZDATE						200-400		
6301	777						CALC ONLY		
6310	GREY	DPR				SOOT EXT	RIM LWR WALL		1
6310	GRQZ	JEV	НМ			STAIN	RIM NECK;BURNT EXT;FE?		1
6310	ZDATE						350-410		
6311	GREY	J					BS		1
6311	GRQZ	J	HM	1		SOOT	BSS + SCRAP		3
6311	ZDATE						350-410		
6313	GRFF	CP					RIM		1
6313	ZDATE						150-400		
6313	ZZZ						GRFF ONLY		
TRENCH2		J		1		FE STAIN	BSS; LEACH		3
TRENCH2	GREY	JB				ABR	RIM FRAG		1
TRENCH2		OPEN					BS BASAL		1
TRENCH2		D					RIM UPPER WALL;CR FAB;CF RPNV88		1
TRENCH2	ZDATE						300-400		
TRENCH2							CLEANING FINDS		

10.4 Appendix B: Date ranges of the individual contexts from OSA99EX03

Context	Sherds	Date Range
Trench 2	6	300-400
6000	34	350-410/Postro
6004	0	Postro
6005	0	Postro
6012	0	Postro
6058	8	300-400
6060	3	300-400
6064	1	350-410?
6068	4	200-400
6074	10	300-400
6075	63	350-410
6088	1	200-400/Postro
6090	14	300-400
6092	9	300-400
6094	3	350-410?
6095	6	300-400
6108	1	200+
6112	2	180-300
6114	9	300-400
6132	4	300-400
6138	1	200-400
6142	8	300-400
6143	7	200-350
6147	3	300-400
6150	3	280-400
6151	4	300-400
6161	17	300-400
6162	1	180+
6165	7	100-200
6166	9	350-410/Postro
6167	6	180-250
6168	1	350-410
6170	37	300-400
6174	7	300-400
6175	0	Postro
6177	7	300-400
6178	4	350-410/Postro
6182	8	360-410
6183	4	300-400
6194	13	300-400
6196	15	200-350
6205	10	280-400
6211	5	300-400
6213	4	200-300+
6217	8	300-400
6218	2	300-400
6221	1	300-400
6224	1	300-400
6225	2	180+

Context	Sherds	Date Range
6226	7	300-400
6227	0	Postro
6228	0	Postro
6232	8	350-410/Postro
6236	6	300-400
6237	1	280-400
6242	58	180-250
6252	4	200-320
6253	1	200-400
6258	9	350-410
6260	49	360-410
6261	28	350-410/Postro
6262	23	360-410
6272	6	300-400
6274	3	200-400
6289	1	300-400
6291	22	350-410
6292	15	350-410
6293	1	300-400
6294	5	300-400
6297	1	150-200
6301	2	200-400
6310	2	350-410
6311	4	350-410
6313	1	150-400
	630	TOTAL

11.0 Appendix 2 ~ Post-Roman Pottery Assessment

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11.1 Anglo-Saxon Pottery

11.1.1 Introduction

Early Anglo-Saxon pottery was recovered from five or six contexts (depending on the date of the small thumb pot from context [6013]). Context [6004] is a fill of pit [6003], context [6005] is the fill of pit [6006], context [6166] is a fill of fairly large ditch [6169] and context [6261] is a fill of droveway [6259]. A single sherd comes from context [6228], which also produced a medieval sherd. Finally, context [6012] is the fill of pit or natural hollow [6013].

11.1.2 Description

The early Anglo-Saxon pottery consists of fresh, unabraded sherds, all of visually similar fabrics. Two forms occur, the jar and the bowl. Two of the jars are decorated with broad horizontal grooves and all were well-finished with external burnishing. The bowl is plain and less well finished. A final coil around the inside of the rim has split off and there is evidence for sooting on the exterior. The jars are similar in form and decoration to those used in several Yorkshire cemeteries to contain cremations whereas the bowl is similar to those found accompanying inhumations, and thought to symbolise the provision of food or drink for the deceased. There is no reason to doubt that these sherds are also of the same date as the cemeteries where these pots occur, namely the 5th to the 7th centuries. Whereabouts within this bracket the West Lilling finds is difficult to say. Conventionally, following Myres, horizontally grooved jars are thought to belong to the earlier part of the period, being replaced by stamped vessels and ultimately plain, poorly-made baggy jars. Considerable doubts have been expressed over this typology and therefore if it were possible to provide other evidence, such as C14 dating, this opportunity should be taken, especially since the relationship of the Anglo-Saxon to the earlier Romano-British occupation is of obvious academic interest.

Context	Cname	Form	Part	Action
6004	SST	JAR	2BS	PTS;ICPS
6004	SST	JAR	RIM	*DR;PTS;ICPS
6004	SST	JAR	BASE	*DR;PTS;ICPS
6004	SST	JAR	BS	PTS;ICPS
6004	SST	JAR	BS	PTS;ICPS
6005	SST	JAR	RIM	*DR;PTS;ICPS
6005	SST	JAR	BS	PTS;ICPS
6005	SST	JAR	3BS	PTS;ICPS
6012	MISC	THUMB POT	COMPLETE	PHOTO;DR
6166	SST	BOWL	RIM	*DR;PTS;ICPS
6228	SST	JAR	BS	-
6261	SST	JAR	RIM	*DR;PTS;ICPS

11.2 Medieval Pottery

Four sherds of medieval pottery were recovered from the excavation. All were small, abraded sherds consistent with having spent some time in the plough zone (or an active soil). The sherds span the late 13th/14th to 15th/16th centuries. Three of the four were produced in the Hambleton Hills area, to the north and east of West Lilling (North Yorkshire Whiteware - NYWW and Hambleton ware - HAMBLETON) and the fourth, a Humber Ware (HUM) was probably produced in the upper reaches of the Humber estuary, where numerous late medieval and post-medieval potteries were located.

Context:	Cname:	Form:	Nosh:	NoV:	PART:	Description:
6232	HAMBLETON	-	1	1	BS	INT CUGL;ABRADED;SPALLED GLAZE
6008	HUM	JUG	1	1	BS	ABRADED
6175	NYWW	JAR	1	1	R	EVERTED RIM ABRADED;TRACES OF CLEAR GLAZE
6228	NYWW	JAR	1	1	BS	SOOTED EXT; CLEAR GLAZE RUNNELS INT AND SPOTS EXT

11.3 Post-Medieval Pottery

Two sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered from the excavation. The sherds are larger and less abraded than those of the medieval pottery. This might be due to the fact that they have spent less time in the plough zone, that they were harder-fired and more resistant to erosion and breakage, or that they were introduced to the site during post-medieval robbing or investigation of the site. One of the sherds is an unidentified slipware (SL) and the other a Staffordshire(?) press-moulded dish of mid/late 18th or early 19th century date.

Context	Cname:	Form:	Nosh:	NoV:	PART:	Description:
6178	SL	BOWL	1	1	В	HARD FIRED, OXIDIZED WITH INT OVERALL WHITE SLIP;GLAZE FLAKED OFF;KT EXT
6227	STCO	DISH	1	1	R	TRAILED WHITE AND LIGHT BROWN SLIPS;PICE CRUST RIM

11.4 Assessment

The early Anglo-Saxon pottery is of considerable interest, partly in its own right, since there are so few domestic collections of Anglo-Saxon pottery known from Yorkshire (with the notable exception of West Heslerton) and partly because this site offers the possibility of continuous occupation from the late 4th into the 5th centuries. The source of the pottery needs to be established. Comparative material has been analysed from West Heslerton and sites on the Wolds and a programme of scientific analysis could establish whether the West Lilling pottery was obtained from the same sources as the sandstone-tempered pottery found at those sites or not. The possibility of obtaining C¹⁴ dating from associated ecofacts might be able to establish the date of the Anglo-Saxon occupation.

The medieval and post-medieval pottery from the excavation requires no further analysis although if the site were published then a fully-referenced report will be required for both.

11.5 Appendix ~ List of Post-medieval Pottery finds

Context	cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Action	xdescription	Part
us	NYWW	-	1	1		plain glaze	BS
us	RYEDALE	BOWL	1	1		cugl	В
6000	LONS	SJ	2	1		large flat base;form cf frec bot	В
6175	NYWW	JAR	1	1		everted rim abraded;traces of clear glaze	R
6008	HUM	JUG	1	1		abraded	BS
6227	NOTS	JAR	1	1		rsd dec on shoulder	R
6227	STCO	DISH	1	1		trailed white and light brown slips;pice crust rim	R
6178	SL	BOWL	1	1		hard fired, oxidized with int overall white slip;glaze flaked off;kt ext	В
6232	HAMBLETON	-	1	1		int cugl;abraded;spalled glaze	BS
6228	NYWWF	JAR	1	1		sooted ext;clear glaze runnels int and spots ext	BS
6228	SST	JAR	1	1		abraded	BS
6261	SST	JAR	1	1	DR;PTS;ICPS		RIM
6166	SST	BOWL	1	1	DR;PTS;ICPS		RIM
6012	MISC	THUMB POT	1	1	PH;DR		COMPLETE
6005	SST	JAR	3	1	PTS;ICPS		BS
6005	SST	JAR	1	1	PTS;ICPS		BS
6005	SST	JAR	1	1	DR;PTS;ICPS		RIM
6004	SST	JAR	1	1	PTS;ICPS		BS
6004	SST	JAR	1	1	PTS;ICPS		BS
6004	SST	JAR	1	1	DR;PTS;ICPS		BASE
6004	SST	JAR	1	1	DR;PTS;ICPS		RIM
6004	SST	JAR	2	1	PTS;ICPS		BS

12.0 Appendix 3 ~ Ceramic Building Material Assessment

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12.1 Evaluation

12.1.1 Roman Material

The bulk of the material is Roman. The ceramic forms present include brick (used in wall bonds and in hypocausts), roof tile (tegula and imbrex) and box flue tile. The material is often abraded, and some fragments show signs of reuse, probably during the Roman period. The bulk of the CBM fabrics are familiar to the York area, though there are one or two unusual fabrics, including a light coloured flue tile, which may point to a variety of sources used for CBM building materials.

The presence of flue tile means that there was probably a hypocaust (Roman under-floor heating) in the area. Hypocausts are associated with bath houses, though not exclusively. A good amount of material shows signs of burning. This may not point to the deliberate burning of a building (hypocaust systems would be prone to catching fire anyway), but rather that the pieces were close to the stoking flue of the hypocaust, or in a section where smoke was likely to accumulate.

Painted plaster on mortar was found in context [4001]. It was very fragmentary, but shows signs of red, brown, pink and grey colours. A pattern can't be discerned, though one piece may have been part of a stripe or border, a typical decorative scheme. One plain white fragment has a curved surface which may have been the facing for a pillar. There is one fragment of material which is opus signinum, and has been painted red.

There are a few fragments of daub which will have been associated with less substantial buildings. Some fragments of limestone and sandstone were present, and may have been used as building materials.

12.1.2 Post medieval Material

The post medieval material consists of a few fragments of drain pipe.

12.1.3 Conclusion

The Roman material is a good assemblage that must be associated with a substantial building. The presence of combed box flue tile suggests a second century or later date. There is evidence for the reuse of material, so that the occupation continued over some time, with alterations to the building taking place.

This sample should be retained for further study. Most usefully, it could be compared to other Roman assemblages from the area, including the Heslerton and Malton material. Evidently, it is also drawing some of its tile supply from York. Should further work take