

Note on clay tobacco pipes from XSP10

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Introduction

The clay tobacco pipes from XSP10 were recorded in accordance with current MOL Archaeology practice and entered onto the Oracle database. The pipe bowls have been classified and dated according to the Chronology of London Bowl Types (Atkinson and Oswald 1969), using the prefix AO. Quantification and recording follow guidelines set out by Higgins and Davey (1994; Davey 1997).

The clay pipes

A total of 9 clay tobacco pipe bowls were recovered from one context ([25]). No stem fragments or mouthpieces were collected, and no pipes have been accessioned with makers' marks or decoration. All pipe bowls identified are typical of London manufacture and all have been smoked.

Context [25] is dated to c 1660–80 and includes a mix of pipes current at this date (types AO13 and 15) and slightly earlier types current c 1640–60 (AO9 and 10). They were most likely discarded in the early 1660s. Almost all the pipe bowls are fully milled although only one is burnished (of poor quality).

Potential and significance

The pipe assemblage has no real potential for further chronological refinement and is mostly relevant in the local context only.

Recommendations

No further work is recommended.

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