

Roman pottery from 11-12 Blomfield Street, London (XSL10)

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Introduction

The pottery from XSL10 was spot-dated and recorded in accordance with current MOL Archaeology procedure, using standard fabric, form and decoration codes. The data was entered onto the Oracle database, including quantification by sherd count, estimated number of vessels and weight in grams. A total of three sherds of Roman pottery (weight 45 g) were recovered from a single context (context [8]).

Roman Pottery

There are three sherds of Roman pottery from context [8]. The latest dated sherd is a black-burnished ware 2 round-rimmed bowl with acute lattice decoration (BB2 4H AL). These occur in London assemblages from c AD 120 to AD 250. There is a sherd from a jar or beaker in unsourced fine reduced ware (FINE 2/3) which dates to the late 1st to mid 2nd centuries AD. The third sherd has been tentatively identified as an early Roman micaceous sandy ware round-bodied jar with thickened or out-turned rim (ERMS? 2B?). If this identification is correct then this is likely to be 1st century in date.