Note on clay tobacco pipes from XSM10

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Introduction

The clay tobacco pipes from XSM10 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, with the dating of 18th-century pipes refined by reference to Oswald's Simplified General Typology, distinguished by the prefix OS (Oswald 1975). Quantification and recording follow guidelines set out by Higgins and Davey (1994; Davey 1997).

The clay pipes

A total of 17 clay pipe bowls and five stem fragments were recovered from three contexts [1133], [1156] and [1169]. There were no decorated or marked pipes and hence no accessioned items. All identifiable pipe bowls are typical of London manufacture and all show signs of having been smoked.

The pipe bowls range in date from c 1610–40 for the earliest examples, to c 1680–1710 for the latest. The only type recorded within the earlier range is the AO4, with the remainder of the pipe bowls in the c 1660–1710 date range. Context [1156] yielded the largest quantity of pipe bowls (16) and has been dated to c 1680–1710. One each of type AO4 (1610–40), AO13 (1660–80), and AO18 (1660–80), two types AO15 (1660–80) pipe bowls, together with 11 type AO22 (1680–1710), were found in this deposit with the last giving this landuse its later date. In the absence of makers' marks there is no possibility of refining the clay pipe chronology further. Context [1169] contained pipe stems only and consequently can only be broadly dated 1580–1910.

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