

## A note on the post-medieval leather from XSM10

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There is a sizeable group of Tudor shoe parts and waste leather from the XSM10 site. The shoes are early to mid- 16th-century with wide rounded toes and latchet (strap) fastenings over the instep. Three vamps/soles are 'cow-mouth' or 'eared' with small sole-protrusions widening and fashionably exaggerating the toe area (<\*> [1066], <\*>, [1034], <\*> [1017]). All the vamps (the front part of the shoe) are decorated with a raised horizontal seam and in one case with a V- slit at the instep. One has a surviving toe puff lining. Some quarters (backs) also survive, and two latchet-fastenings, one (from a child's shoe) with a small buckle.

There are also some wide straps with large buckles, possibly from a bag or harness (<333>, <334>, <336>) and some waste leather from cobbling. One or two of the shoes have been cut, and may be cobbling waste.

Shoes of this date are comparatively rare and the group should be recorded and catalogued. When conserved it will require further examination with a short report and catalogue records on the MOLA Oracle database.