

HARTSHILL

Kiln 15.

H60 (15) 1 Topsoil.

H60 (15) 2 Top 6 inches of kiln-filling.

H60 (15) 3 Kiln-filling below 2; thick pink clay layer.

H60 (15) 4 Kiln-filling below 3.

H60 (15) 5 Top filling of stokehole.

H60 (15) 6 Stokehole.

H60 (15) 7 Top filling of stokehole on south (grid S) side, near flue. Large stamped fragment of Vitalis IV mortarium in top at side.

H60 (15) 8 Black layer at bottom of flue.

H60 (15) 9 Upper filling of flue; clayey earth mixture.

H60 (15) 10 Stoking pit below general level of stokehole; caused by scraping about outside flue?

Kiln (15) is unusual in having a layered filling; all other kilns on both sites had junky fillings: old fired clay, earth and pottery sometimes patchy but never with any appearance of layers except that some appeared to have been deliberately sealed with clay.

Kiln 15 is close to 5, 5A, 5B, 25 complex; and to 16 but it is about 35 feet from 18. There are Vitalis IV stamps and types in the topsoil and in the top of stokehole - these could be from the 5-25 complex. There were such obvious links in types with 18 that Yvonne checked across and she found joins from H60 15 3-5 and H60 18 2 & 4. Incidentally, in the C column of Record sheets we have given the 1 to kiln 18 except when the sherd from 18 was only in the topsoil, (I think this does not work? Actually, it might as I believe Paul thought that Kiln 15 was probably a coarse ware kiln). There may also be links

with 16 & 16A but we won't check that till we get to them. The only mortaria in 15 which are almost certainly native to it alone were in the topsoil and layer 2. So while we may date the kiln or the kiln-filling to within the period A.D.180-220 which is the date for both Kiln 18 and 31 and it covers all the mortaria in kiln 15, we cannot say which mortaria were being made there. Perhaps it was just for coarse ware??? Perhaps it indicates that 18 and 15 were in use at much the same time. It is the kiln with the half-floor in it.

The joining sherds are: 24 in H60 (15) 5 joins 6 in H60 (18) 1
 15 in H60 (15) 3 joins 8 in H60 (18) 2 860 *paucos.*
 11 in H60 (15) 3 joins 1 in H60 (18) 1 & 853 — — —
 123 in H60 (18) 2
 14 in H60 (15) 5 joins 3 in H60 (18) 4 148 — — —
 2 & 7 in H60 (15) 4 joins 7 in H60 (18) 4 1552 — — —
 and 10 in H60 (15) 3