

MANCETTER

Area 16

M95/(i) 1970

N.B. No coins or brooches found in area.

Contexts

1. Topsoil. No mortaria?

Other finds:

Samian Flavian.

Small objects Archive 4; no date offered.

2. Compacted ground beneath modern plough-soil: fine, brown soil, sandy texture, with pebbles. This layer covers the kiln except where cut through by the modern pipe-trench.

Other finds:

Glass

Colour-coated ware i.
ii.

3. Earthy filling in the top of the kiln: kiln debris: 1 mortarium of Victor and 1 stamp of Septimius.

4. Below 3 and as 3 but more and larger pieces of debris and pottery.

Colour-coated ware i.

5. Filling of the modern pipe-trench which cuts through the stokehole area. Very hard filling, includes slightly fired clay, pebbles and some charcoal fragments as well as pottery. Second mortarium of Victor (other fragments of it in 10, 15 and 28).

Other finds:

Samian i. Claudio-Neronian.
ii. A.D.45-60

6. Below 2 but probably part of it. cleaning at the level at which Roman features appear.

Other finds:

Glass

7. Filling of Flue: earthy filling with lumps of clay.

8. Topmost filling of stokehole, near flue; fine, packed brown earth; includes some kiln debris. No mortaria.

9. Hard-packed, dark brown earth with much iron-panning and fragments of fired clay. Surface spread of stokehole and kiln material, lying above the stokehole and adjacent to it.

Other finds:

Glass

10. Below 8. Stokehole filling, near flue. Fine, dark brown soil above lumps of clay and stones.

11. Below 9. Stokehole filling east of pipe trench. Black layer. No mortaria.

Other finds:

Glass

12. Equals 11; east of pipe trench. Stokehole.

13. Beneath 12. Dirty grey brown silt with few stones, kiln debris present. The uppermost filling of the military ditch where it acts as the bottom of the stokehole. No mortaria.

14. Lowest filling of Flue; clay, debris etc. No mortaria.

15. Equals 6. Near stokehole.

Other finds:

Colour-coated ware i.

16. Equals 6. No mortaria.

17. Pipe trench, south of stokehole area. No mortaria.

18. Equals 6.

Other finds:

Samian Fragments from 4 vessels+ - all Flavian.

19 Above 20. Probably equals 6.

Other finds:

Samian Probably Flavian-Trajanic.

20 Above 22 and perhaps part of it. No mortaria.

Other finds:

Samian i. Flavian

ii. First century.

21. Equals 6.

Other finds:

Samian i. 1st century.

ii. Hadrianic or early Antonine.

Glass

22. At the west end of the area a layer of dark brown earth with pebbles and stones, lying on natural; dipping from 2'4" below ground surface at the east end to 3'1" below it in the west corner. Top of filling.

Other finds:

Samian Neronian or early Flavian.

23. Equals 22. Dark brown earth, some stones and pebbles. No mortaria.

24. Raw clay lump in stokehole, below level of flue. No mortaria.

25. Raking layer at bottom of flue; stained black. Fragment of kiln debris, thrown away. No mortaria.

26. In and behind the flue. No mortaria.

27. Below 23 in west end of area. No mortaria.

28. Equals 9.

Other finds:

Samian Flavian.

29. Equals 12. No mortaria.

30. Filling of the military ditch, below stokehole of kiln. Turfy and sandy filling. To north side of pipe trench. No mortaria.

31. Thin charcoal layer between 30 and 32. No pottery.

32 Turfy filling. No mortaria.

33. Equals 30 but away from stokehole and at higher level. Top 10" of filling. Fine, sandy silt. A body sherd in Fabric 7, perhaps from a mortarium; one edge burnt after fracture; inside surface appears somewhat worn. Likely to be pre-Flavian.

Other finds:

Glass

34. Small area immediately south of stokehole on the east side, lying in the very top of the filling of the military ditch; some 10" thick where it was cut through by the pipe trench; 3" thick at stokehole edge. Black, with much pot. Possibly filling of sinkage in military ditch.

Other finds:

Samian Neronian or early Flavian.

35. Equals 34.

Other finds:

Samian Probably Neronian.

36. Beneath 35. Fine, silty, brown earth; filling of military ditch but might have pockets belonging to 35. No mortaria.

37. Equals 34..

Other finds:

Samian i. Pre-Flavian.
ii. A.D.50-65.

38. Equals 33. Top layer of filling of M. ditch away from stokehole. No mortaria.

39. Lump of raw clay, charcoal, pottery and fired clay = 24; no mortaria.

40. Fine, light brown sand. Uncertain - probably military ditch. No mortaria.

41. Filling of plough furrow west of military ditch. No mortaria.

42. Equals 41.

43. ?Plough furrow, almost parallel to 41/42 but further south. No mortaria.

Other finds:

Samian A.D.120-130.

44. Cleaning layer south of military ditch. Equals 6.

45. Equals 43. Dark brown earth. No mortaria.

46. Narrow, linear, east-west feature, south of the military ditch and cut by the modern pipe trench. Purpose unknown. No mortaria.

47. Beneath 46. Lower filling. No mortaria.

48. Filling of post- or beam-trench south of 46/47, and cut into either natural or feature filled with barely disturbed natural (56). Dark brown earth with pebbles.

Other finds:

Colour-coated ware i.

49. Modern pipe trench.

50. Below 48 in post- or beam-trench.

51. Cleaning layer, above natural, probably between 46/47 and 48/50.

Other finds:

Samian i. Flavian-Trajanic.

ii. Hadrianic-Antonine.

52. Probably equals 43; plough furrow.

53. Equals 52.

54. Post-hole 2; Pebbles packed around the hole. 5" deep; 7"x9+" diameter. No mortaria.

55. Post-hole 1; Pebbles around and at bottom of hole. 7+" deep; 7"x9+" diameter. Post-hole cuts 48/50 and is therefore later. No mortaria.

56. Ground into which post- or beam-trench 48/50 was cut. Looks too dark to be natural; quite like 48. No mortaria.

57. Equals 20. No mortaria.

Other finds:

Samian Probably Neronian.

58. Equals 22. No mortaria.

59. Light brown silt in very bottom of military ditch. No mortaria.

60. Filling above 59 in military ditch; probably equivalent to 33. No mortaria.