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This fragment of a beautifully painted fresco was recently discovered by MOLA at 21 Lime Street. Contemporary with the first Forum Basilica (constructed c. AD 70–75), and perhaps situated within a building that belonged to a public official, the decorated border depicts two deer nibbling at foliage and exotic birds (possibly parakeets) with a central candelabrum. The building was demolished to make way for the second Forum Basilica in the first quarter of the 2nd century AD. Further details of the remarkable painted plaster from Lime Street can be found on p 203. ©MOLA