

Silchester Roman Glass

Early Roman c AD50-150

Phase 1 North-east buildings

Object 50030

TOTAL 28 vessels: 2 probable flask/jugs; 7 bottles (of which 3 are certainly cylindrical).

1. Context 5305 3513
Two joining rim fragments of a flask or jug, blue-green glass. Rim outflared and folded outward, upward and inward, diam c 40 mm, pinched trail still adhering to top of rim.
(NB it is just possible that two more frags cat no 34 come from the same vessel – or, if not, then a very similar one).

Phase 1 Central range of buildings

Object 50017

TOTAL 39 vessels: 5 beakers/cups; 1 (or 2) jars; 2 (or 3) jugs; 3 bottles (of which 1 is certainly a square).

2. Context 4111
Two rim fragments from a cup of pale green glass. Rim inturned slightly and polished smooth, diam c 80 mm, with horizontal wheel-cut groove beneath, and another horizontal wheel-cut line further down side.
3. Context 5496
Tiny fragment probably of a ribbed bowl ('zarte rippenschalen') of brown glass with opaque white trails.
4. Context 4111
Tiny fragment of colourless glass with facet-cut outer surface; part of four diamond-shaped facets extant, arranged in quincunx.
5. Context 5423
Base fragment of a beaker of colourless glass; folded solid base-ring, diam c 40 mm
6. Context 4561
Rim fragment of a bowl of blue-green glass; vertical rim, cracked off flat, diam c 140 mm.
7. Context 6467
Body and base fragments, probably of a jug, of dark blue glass with opaque white marvered blobs. Open base-ring, diam c 80 mm.
8. Context 5401

Body and handle fragments, probably from a conical jug of blue-green glass.

9. Context 4112

Body fragment of amber glass, optic-blown ribs, probably a long-necked jug or a jar.

10. Context 4111

Rim fragment of a jar of pale green glass; rim folded outward and downward forming tubular collar, diam c 90 mm. Also 2 ribbed body fragments possibly from the same vessel.

Object 50034

TOTAL 2 vessels: 1 indeterminate dark blue frag; 1 indeterminate colourless frag

South-west Building

Object 50010

TOTAL 4 vessels: 1 probable unguent bottle, 1 probable bottle, 2 indeterminate blue-green frags.

Plus 1 matt-glossy window glass frag, blue-green.

Phase 2 Flavian – Antonine

Object 50018

TOTAL 30 vessels: 1 yellow-green cast-and-ground bowl; 1 colourless fact-cut beaker; 1 unguent bottle; 3 bottles (2 cylindrical, 1 prismatic), 1 amber ribbed jug or jar; 1 yellow-green jug or jar; 21 indeterminate blue-green; 1 indeterminate amber. Also 1 bead.

Cast and Ground

11. Context 3701

Small rim fragment of a bowl of yellow-green glass: outflared, and rotary-polished on both surfaces, with horizontal wheel-cut line on exterior below rim. Diam of rim c 140 mm.

Blown

12. Context 3646 SF3963

Body fragment, almost certainly from a beaker, of colourless glass. Outer surface very well-cut with diamond-shaped facets arranged in quincunx. Diam of vessel c 70 mm

13. Context 3646 SF4017

Rim fragment of an unguent bottle of blue-green glass. Rim outflared and fire-rounded, cylindrical neck. Diam of rim c 35 mm (slightly irregular).

14. Context 1961

10 fragments from the base of a vessel of yellow-green glass – open base-ring, concave base, probably a jug or a jar, diam of base-ring c 90 mm.

15. Context 3989

3 body fragments of amber glass with optic-blown ribs – probably from a globular jug or jar.

Bead

16. Context 3646 SF 4023

Two fragments of a bead of blue-green glass – annular and irregular.

(Timber Phase 1)

Object 50029

TOTAL 29 vessels: 3 probable jugs; 4 bottles (including 1 certainly cylindrical, 2 prismatic, 1 indeterminate); 20 indeterminate blue-green frags.

17. Context 5321

6 body fragments of yellow-green glass with vertical optic-blown ribs, probably a long-necked conical jug.

18. Context 5339

2 blue-green fragments with optic-blown ribs, probably a jug as above.

19. Context 5869

1 yellow-green fragment with swirling optic-blown ribs, probably a long-necked jug, as above.

Object 50029

TOTAL 34 vessels: 1 bowl, 1 cup, 1 (or 4 or 5?) jug(s), 7 bottles (5 prismatic, 1 cylindrical, 1 indeterminate); 1 jar or jug, 17 indeterminate blue-green, 3 indeterminate amber

Cast and Ground

20. Context 4152

Rim fragment of a pillar-moulded bowl of blue-green glass. Part of one rib extant, with several tool marks above it at rim; exterior fire-polished, rim and interior rotary-polished. Diam of rim c 190 mm.

Blown

21. Context 4152

Rim fragment of a cup of colourless glass; vertical rim, rotary-polished smooth, with wide horizontal wheel-cut line beneath. Diam of rim c 70 mm

22. Context 4152

Rim fragment, probably of a jug, of blue-green glass. Rim fire-rounded, and elongated into a spout (not extant).

23. Context 4152

Shoulder attachment of a handle of blue-green glass. Handle apparently flat, c 14 mm wide.

Two further handle fragments, also blue-green, both folded attachments from near rim.

Object 50019

TOTAL 17 vessels: 1 bowl, 1 flask/jug. 1 jug, 1 prismatic bottle, 1 unguent bottle, 5 indeterminate blue-green, 2 indeterminate blue, 1 indeterminate amber, 2 indeterminate v dark blue appearing black.

24. Context 3619

Fragment from the rim of a jar or bowl – part of a tubular folded rim extant, diam indeterminable, yellow-green glass.

25. Context 4725

Rim of a flask, jug or unguent bottle of blue-green glass. Rim folded outward, upward and inward, diam c 30 mm

26. Context 6103

Fragment of a jug handle of dark blue glass, flat-sectioned with raised central rib, width 21 mm.

27. Context 3601

Rounded-conical body fragment of a unguent bottle of blue-green glass, diam of body c 40 mm.

Object 50037

TOTAL 276 vessels: 7 bowls/plates; 1 unguent bottle; 3 jugs; 57 bottles, (of which 7 are certainly square, 4 cylindrical, 12 prismatic and 22 indeterminate); also 22 indeterminate blue-green frags; 2 indeterminate colourless frags; 3 indeterminate blue frags; 42 indeterminate yellow-green frags.

Plus 1 probable fragment of matt/glossy blue-green window glass (context 3521).

Cast and ground

28. Context 4150

1 chip of polychrome cast glass – emerald green with one yellow spiral extant.

Blown

29. Context 4170

1 fragment of a bowl or plate of colourless glass, outer surface rotary-ground to produce a relief-cut ridge. Diam indeterminable.

30. Context 3533
Three rim fragments of a plate of blue-green glass; rim folded upward and inward, then outward again, diam c 260 mm
31. Context 3595
Three joining fragments of the base of a bowl of blue-green glass; true base-ring, with diagonal tool marks visible, diam c 80 mm.
32. Context 4170
Rim fragment of a bowl of amber glass; tubular rim, folded inward and downward, then outward and downward, diam c 110 mm.
33. Context 4170
Folded rim fragment of a bowl, as above, blue-green glass, diam c 140 mm.
34. Context 4170
Two very small rim fragments of a flask or jug of blue-green glass; rim folded inward and downward, with part of a pinched trail still adhering. (NB just possible that these are the same vessel as catalogue no 1 – or if not, then a very similar vessel).
35. Context 4170
Base fragment of an unguent bottle with rounded conical body, flattened base, diam c 30 mm.
36. Context 4170
Two joining rim fragments of a jug of blue-green glass. Rim folded inward and downward, and stretched into a spout, diam indeterminate.
37. Context 4170
Neck and body fragments of a jug of blue-green glass; vertical optic-blown ribs.
38. Context 4170
Neck and body fragments of a jug of yellow-green glass; spiral optic-blown ribs.
39. Context 2170
Body and base fragments of a square bottle of blue-green glass. Width of sides c 180 mm.
40. Context 2170
Body and base fragments of a large square bottle of blue-green glass; part of two circles extant on the base.

Mid Roman c AD150-250

Object 50046

TOTAL 119 vessels: 5 bowls/plates; 1 beaker; 8 jugs or flasks; 18 bottles (of which 1 certainly square, 4 cylindrical, 6 prismatic and 7 indeterminate); also 60 indeterminate blue-green frags; 8 indeterminate colourless frags; 2 indeterminate blue frags; 12 indeterminate yellow-green frags; 5 indeterminate amber frags; Plus 9 matt-glossy window glass fragments; 1 twisted glass stirring rod or pin.

Cast and Ground

41. Context 3049
Small fragment of a marbled pillar-moulded bowl: yellow-green ground, with horizontal marbling of opaque white, opaque blue, wine and opaque yellow.
42. Context 3231
Fragment of a blue-green pillar-moulded-bowl.

Blown

43. Context 2232
Fragment from the side of a bowl of yellow-green glass, with folded-out ridge around side, diam of vessel
Another fragment almost certainly from the same vessel came from Context 3259.
44. Context 3396
Rim fragment of a plate of colourless glass – tubular rim, folded outward and downward, diam c 180 mm.
45. Context 1461
Rim fragment of a bowl, as above, blue-green glass, folded outward and downward, diam c 150 mm.
46. Context 3674
Many tiny fragments of a beaker of colourless glass (Price and Cottam fig 27, 29 or 30). Folded tubular base-ring, diam c 50 mm.
47. Context 3313
Fragment of a pinched trail from beneath the handle of a vessel, probably a jug, blue-green glass.
48. Context 3674
Handle fragment, blue-green glass – curved, flat-sectioned handle, max width 20 mm.
49. Context 1397
Fragment from beneath the handle, probably of a jug, blue-green glass.
50. Context 1358
6 body fragments probably from a conical jug, blue-green glass, vertical optic-blown ribs.
51. Context 3669 4108
Handle of a jug or flask of blue-green glass. Rim still adhering – outflared and folded upwards and inwards, diam c 40 mm. Narrow, elegant, round-sectioned handle, diam c 40 mm.

52. Context 3049
Base fragment of a conical flask or jug of blue-green glass; concave base, diam c 100 mm.
53. Context 3374
17 small, thin-walled body fragments of a globular vessel, probably a jug or flask, pale blue-green glass.
54. Context 4454
Many small, thin-walled body fragments of a globular vessel, probably a jug or flask, blue-green glass.

Object

55. Context 1499 830
Fragment of a twisted rod of blue-green glass, diam c 80 mm.