

MNL88 ARCHIVE NOTES

DB 23.2.94

Vertical B/W Photos of burials;

film	skele	group/subgroup

7445	23	5.5
7447	58(chalk)	5.7
7446	37	5.6
7450	113	5.9
7453	140	5.8

Photographs catalogued on ILAU/DGLA(N) numbering system.

Groups

archive report	index	description

A	1	natural
B	2	?prehistoric
C	3	Roman road
D	4	Roman road repair?
E	5	Roman burials
F	6	Roman ditches
G	7	Medieval or later quarry pits
H	8	Post medieval refuse pits

Dating notes

2.2 pit

[53] check if prehistoric?

[79] prehistoric pot

5.6 inhumation

pot [36] 180-400

5.7 inhumation

coin [56] 276-82

pot [56] 180-300

6.39 ditch

pot [311] 120-180

6.43 ditch

pot [322] 180-300

6.44 ditch

pot [307] 200-400 3/4thC

6.45 ditch

pot [305] 180-300?

[176] M/L 4thC

[237] 250-400 3/4thC

[306] 250-400

[49] 3/4thC

considered date is 350-400

6.46 ditch

pot [213] 40-160

[212] 3/4thC

considered date is 200-400

Tie in MNL88 and Test pits MNL87

Test pits 1b,7,9,12 and 13 located Roman deposits. The other test pits recorded post medieval pits truncating any Roman levels.

Test pit 1b

An E/W inhumation burial found in the test pit was subsequently excavated as (5.6)

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36 = 2 backfill

37 = 7 skeleton

38 = 4 cut

nat = 1?

Test pit 7

The Roman road (2.3)[231] was recorded in section as being 0.10m thick and sloping from NW to SE by 0.19m, thought to be the road camber.

Test pit 9

A ditch was recorded in this test pit subsequently excavated (6.45)

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237-49 = 11 fill(s)

236 = 10 cut

Test pit 12

Ditch observed in test pit subsequently excavated as ditches (6.45)[48] and (6.44)[265]

Test pit 13

Not located?

Things to complete;

[313] <26> redeposited cremation pottery vessel

Check bulk sheets to date quarry pit activity i.e. is it really all post-med and was no post-med pot kept?

Check 2.2 prehistoric pot and date

MNL88 phasing

Phase 1: natural

(1.1) natural brickearth underlying road. Apparently contained leached B Horizon and suggested that been de-turfed.

Phase 2: prehistoric

Circular isolated pit contained prehistoric pot.

Phase 3: 1st century

The road (3.3) produced no dating evidence. On the assumption that this is a continuation of the road at SCS83 it would have been deposited c. 50-100. The road appears to have been repaired by (4.4) with soil and building material. This contained no dating evidence. There is no evidence for the road going out of use.

Ditch (6.41-2)

Roman undated isolated burials B603,B606,B607 appear in every phase.

Phase 4: 2nd and 3rd century

B604 dates from 180-400

B605 dates from coin 276-282

Ditch (6.43) backfilled 180-300

Ditch (6.44) backfilled 200-300

Phase 5: 350+

Ditches (6.45),(6.46), (6.39), (6.40)

The ditch sequence

(6.41) and (6.42) are the earliest ditch(es) and may be part of the same ditch however (6.41) is very truncated and may be an earlier pit. If (6.42) is projected it north it would cut the projected line of the road. This may mean that these ditches (with no dating evidence) pre-date the road i.e first century or earlier.

(6.43-5) a series of cuts on the same ditch line, N/S alignment curving to the west at the N end presumably because of the road i.e they are all post-road construction. (6.43) is the earliest ditch and is filled after 180, the next ditch is (6.44) dug into the east side of the earlier ditch and fills up from 200+. Finally ditch (6.45) is dug and fills up from some time after 350.

(6.46) consists of two ditch phases. The first [165] appears to have a terminal end at the point where ditches (6.43-5) swing to the west. A later ditch [364] extends the ditch east. The ditch continues east as (6.39-40) and is possibly the southern ditch of the road.

The terminal end of ditch [165] perhaps represents an entrance way into this block of land from the road.

These subgroups represent the latest incarnation of this ditch and as it cuts (6.45) must have been dug some time after 350, i.e the road ditch was still being maintained/cleaned out/alterd in the second half of the fourth century.