

Roman pottery by Edward Biddulph

Two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. Context 35 contained a body sherd (3g) of Oxford sandy white ware (OA fabric W22). No form could be identified, but the fabric was manufactured from the 2nd to 4th century AD (Young 1977, 97). Context 2078 contained an abraded sherd (5g) in an oxidised fine-sandy fabric with traces of a dark brown colour-coat (OA fabric F60). The piece may be from the Oxford industry, but the fabric is a little sandier than the industry's standard red/brown colour-coated ware (OA fabric F51) allows, and so another source is possible. However, a late Roman date for the piece, which was found as a residual occurrence with Saxon pottery, is likely.

Reference:

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