

A Note on additional amphorae from the Slindon Park excavations 1999-2004

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Summary

During an assessment of the ceramic building material found during excavations at Slindon Park by Worthing Archaeological Society (WAS), four additional amphorae sherds were discovered which were not included in the original pottery report undertaken by the writer (Hayden 2011). All the sherds were examined using a pocket microscope (at X60 magnification incorporating a built-in artificial illumination source). This revealed all four to be in the same fabric. The WAS pottery code was assigned to the fabric and also the pre-existing Roman-period fabric code has been cited which can be found in *The National Roman Fabric Reference Collection* (Tomber & Dore 1998).

Fabric

Fabric A1B: Baetican (Late) Amphorae 2

A wheel-finished hard, coarse fabric with a smooth fracture and rough feel, the colour of which varies from light brown (Munsell 2000: 7.5YR 6/3) to brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) throughout. Inclusions consist of common, poorly-sorted, sub-angular quartz particles of 0.2-1.0mm in size, sparse angular feldspar and mica particles, and rare sub-angular limestone particles, all ranging from 0.1-0.5mm (Tomber & Dore 1998: 85; fabric code: BAT AM 2). Again most likely to have carried olive oil, the major period of export to Britain is from the 1st century AD to c. AD 260 (Tyers 1996: 87).

The Amphorae Catalogue

SNP01, Context 43

Quantity: 1; Weight: 115 grams

SNP01, Context 44

Quantity: 1; Weight: 333 grams

SNP03, Context 147

Quantity: 2; Weight: 106 grams

Amended Contexts (Table 1)

43	Date - c.AD100-220 [C6A Intrusive]			
	A1B - Baetican (Late) Amphorae 2	1	115	Dressel 20 body
	C1A - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 1	12	76	Fishbourne 323
	C1B - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 2	52	467	Fishbourne 161, 187, 213, 313, 324, 391
	C2A - Arun Valley Reduced Coarseware 1	5	47	Fishbourne 248
	C5 - South-East Dorset Black-Burnished Ware (BB1)	11	57	Fishbourne 200, 328
	C6A - Late Roman Grog-Tempered Ware 1	1	4	
	C8 - Miscellaneous Reduced Coarsewares	8	65	
	F7 - North Gaulish White Ware	1	18	Fig. 3 [no. 3]
	F12C - Arun Valley (Hardham/Wiggonholt) Oxidised Fine	1	22	
	TOTAL	92	871	
44	Date - c.AD120-250 [Fish 88 Residual]			
	A1B - Baetican (Late) Amphorae 2	2	417	Dressel 20 body
	A3 - Italian (Feldspathic) Amphorae 2	2	27	
	C1A - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 1	4	18	
	C1B - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 2	129	1333	Fish. 88, 170, 187, 205, 313, 391 (or 165)
	C2A - Arun Valley Reduced Coarseware 1	10	178	Fishbourne 224, 247
	C5 - South-East Dorset Black-Burnished Ware (BB1)	23	259	Fishbourne 200, 330
	C6A - Late Roman Grog-Tempered Ware 1	1	4	
	C8 - Miscellaneous Reduced Coarsewares	4	8	
	C9 - Miscellaneous Oxidised Coarsewares	1	3	Flagon handle
	F2A - Central Gaulish (Lezoux) Samian	2	5	
	F3 - East Gaulish Samian	1	21	Drag. 31
	F10A - Oxfordshire Red/Brown-Slipped Ware	3	15	
	F12B - Arun Valley (Hardham) Reduced Fineware	1	4	
	F12C - Arun Valley (Hardham/Wiggonholt) Oxidised Fine	1	1	
	F14A - Miscellaneous Oxidised Finewares 1	5	25	
	F14B - Miscellaneous Oxidised Finewares 2	3	23	
	TOTAL	192	2341	
147	Date - c.AD270-380 [mixture residual and intrusive material]			
	A1B - Baetican (Late) Amphorae 2	2	106	Dressel 20 body
	C1A - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 1	14	40	Fishbourne 316, 324
	C1B - Rowland's Castle Coarseware 2	89	721	Fishbourne 204, 313, 316, 324, 391
	C2B - Arun Valley Reduced Coarseware 2	3	9	
	C3A - Alice Holt/Farnham Reduced Coarseware 1	2	10	
	C5 - South-East Dorset Black-Burnished Ware (BB1)	9	47	
	C6B - Late Roman Grog-Tempered Ware 2	1	6	
	C8 - Miscellaneous Reduced Coarsewares	13	110	
	C9 - Miscellaneous Oxidised Coarsewares	13	31	
	F10A - Oxfordshire Red/Brown-Slipped Ware	2	3	
	F10B - Oxfordshire White Ware	1	8	
	F11A - New Forest Metallic-Slipped Ware	5	24	Fulford 27
	F13 - Miscellaneous Colour-Coated Wares	4	12	
	F14B - Miscellaneous Oxidised Finewares 2	2	2	
	PM2 - Post-Medieval Reduced Ware	1	2	
	TOTAL	161	1131	

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