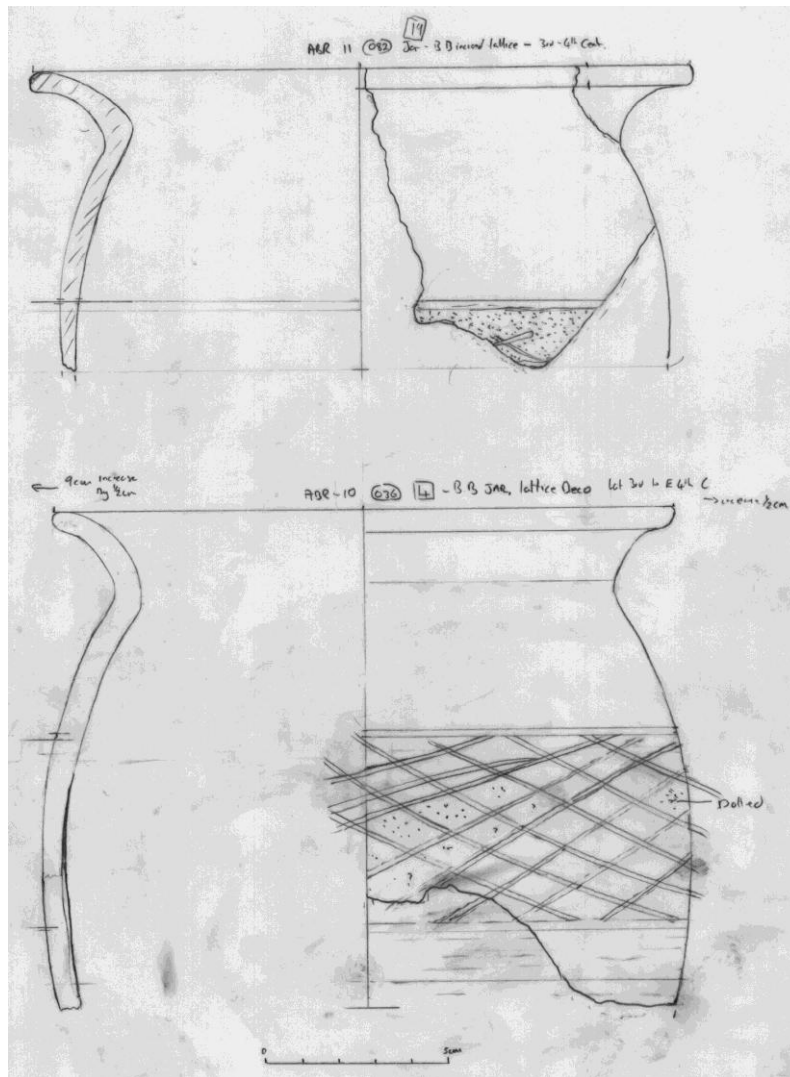


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Introduction

Aerial photography during the prolonged drought of July 2006, followed by geophysical survey in 2009, revealed a stone-built, winged corridor villa-style building set within a double-ditched rectangular enclosure at Abermagwr, 1.5 kilometres north-east of Trawscoed Roman fort in Ceredigion in west Wales. Excavation of the site in 2010–11 and 2015 confirmed the site as Ceredigion's first recorded Romano-British villa comprising at least six rooms, an unfinished heated room being added to the eastern wing, occupied between circa AD 230–330/40 and enclosed by a broadly contemporary double-ditched enclosure. The central and south-western parts of the house were destroyed by fire sometime before the mid fourth century and a series of postholes and later features suggest reuse of the villa ruin at a subsequent date. A special study was undertaken of the roofing material, composed of pentagonal and hexagonal slates made of local shale, notable for retaining an array of original slaters' marks. The project has also included a community-based element, along with survey and assessment of a number of other sites in the hinterland of the villa.

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2. Context list

Abermagwr Context list				
CONTEXT RECORD No.	SSD	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTARY	PALEO WORK REQUIRED? Sample taken
001 – ABR10	General	Topsoil including test pit to south of verandah		
002	A	Upper demolition/rubble layer		
003	A	Infill below topsoil		
004	A	Burnt deposit in north of trench, eastern edge of Room 6		
005	A	Layer of coarse stone and tile, across Room 2		
006	B	Topsoil, Trench B		
[007]	A	Robber trench cut, North villa wall		
008	A	Fill of robber trench [007]		
009	A	Lower 'brickearth' Trench A & C		Sample taken -small
010	A	Robber debris layer, Room 2, containing discrete stone dump (046)		
011	A	Layer inside verandah – same as (078)?	.. with horizontal 'paving' uncovered in 2011	
012	A	Dark debris layer below (010)		Sample taken -small
013	A	Gravel courtyard surface to south of villa		
014	A	North trench, slate layer below (009)		

[015]	A	Robber trench cut, south veranda/front, filled by 136		
016	A	Mid brown, soft soil, fill of robber trench [015]		
017	A	Colluvium below (009) in trench A		
018	B	Same as (031)		
019	A	Fill of pit [020] at N end of trench		
020	A	Cut of pit		
021	A	Clay floor, Room 2. MAIN RECORD. Same as (023) and (102).		
022	A	Discrete slate layer over N of Room 2	Sequence to resolve - probable flooring	
023	A	Clay floor, Room 2. SAME AS (021)		Sample taken
[024]	A	Linear feature cutting veranda		
025	A	Fill of linear feature [024]		
026	A	Veranda floor?		
[027]	A	South villa wall – cut of robber trench		
028	A	Fill of [027]		
029	B	Gravel courtyard surface to north of villa		
[030]	B	Cut of inner (south) ditch, north of villa		
031	B	Fill of ditch [030]		
[032]	A	Cut for foundations of Room 6		
033	A	Fill of [032]		
034	A	Main hearth, Room 2, stone edged	615g sample	Yes. Contemporary with villa
035	A	North hearth, Room 2, sampled		Sample taken -small
036	A	Charcoal rich deposit containing broken	Link oven deposits. Produced	Yes, and

		BB pot in-situ (pottery deposit (088?) adjacent to oven (098); potentially a separate hearth or charcoal-rich raking-out of oven (098)	sherds of pot in 2010 & 2011	samples from pottery
037	A	Pile of roof slates in north trench A		
038 – ABR11	A	Lower top soil trench A		
039	C	Lower top soil trench C		Sample taken -small
040	D	Lower top soil trench D		
041	E	Lower top soil trench E		
042	D	Upper fill, inner (west) ditch [090], above (048)		Sample taken
043	D	Upper fill, outer (east) ditch [091]		
044	E	Dark stony soil at north end of trench within [052]		Sample taken - lots
045	E	Discrete stone dump at north end		
046	A	Discrete stone dump within (010); possible in-situ tumbled walling stone overlying brown soil (049)		
047	C	Linear stone feature above Room 6. Post Roman partition or fence footing? Or – spoil line left between robbing episodes on Room 6 north wall and north wall of villa? This would explain a line of rubble parallel to both walls, but flanked by robbing voids.		
048	D	Lower fill, west ditch [090] beneath (042) and above (072). Should be charcoal-rich judging by photos of ditch section – check context sheet		
049	A	Lower soil layer Room 2, beneath (046) and (005), but over (010)	Possible soil accumulation post-abandonment	Sample taken -small
050	E	Dark charcoal layer overlying (082)		

051	C	Slate and rubble above (004) but also above (056), Room 6		
[052]	E	CUT for (044)		
053	E	Gravel layer in [052] below (044)		
054	C	Room partition, stony at upper level but later revealed to be upper backfill of robber trench of room division between Rooms 1 and 2		
055	D	Lower fill of eastern ditch [091] below (043)		
056	C	Hard packed floor surface in Room 6, below (051) and (004), above (077)		
057	E	Hard yellow clay, with cobbles		
058	C	West robber trench, Room 6 (fill of)		
059	C	Rubble west of (054) stone partition, Room 1		
060	D	Ditch fill, eastern ditch [091] – below 055. PART OF 55 AND 074? NOT INDICATED SEPARATELY ON SECTION		
061	C	Fill of robber trench (?) Room 1		
062	C	Late hearth, northern edge of Room 1, Constructed of former roof slates.	Post abandonment late hearth. Dating crucial.	Yes, dating vital
063	C	Small rubble/slate and soil layer, Room 1		
064	C	Hearth, north-east part of Room 6,		Sample, charcoal rich
065	C	CUT, posthole Room 6. This posthole is cut by [085]		
066	C	Fill of [065], Room 6		
067	A	East hearth, northern end of Room 2	SEE BELOW	Yes.
068	A	Mid hearth, northern end of Room 2	Hearths? Revealed at lower level to be probable scorching	Sample taken

			from fitted furniture	-small
069	E	Compact clay, alongside deposit (097)		
070	E	Stone collapse		
071	E	Cobble wall foundation		
072	D	Lower crumbly clay soil, inner (west) ditch [090] - below (048) and above (073)		
073	D	Inner (west) ditch [090], lowest charcoal rich soil – below (072)		Yes, dating vital
074	D	Lower fill of outer (east) ditch [091] – below (060) PART OF 55 AND 060? NOT INDICATED SEPARATELY ON SECTION		Yes, dating useful
[075]	A	Cut of posthole, south part of Room 2	Late posthole. Central southern part of Room 2.	
076	A	Fill of posthole [075]		
077	C	Room 6, lower floor level, below (056?) above 101, below hearth 064.		
078	C	Deposit over veranda. Same as (011)?		
079	C	General soil deposit in central portion of C, including remains of shale rubble in central portion		
080	C	Earth-filled depression in E portion of Room 6		Sample taken -small
081	C	Layer of patchy burning and charcoal immediately S of north wall		
082	E	Dark charcoal layer underlying (050)		Sample taken
083	C	Clay deposit E of Room 6; external surface		
084	C	Fill of later posthole [085], Room 6		
[085]	C	Cut of posthole, cutting earlier posthole [065] in Room 6		

086	C	Wall division cutting between Rooms and 1, filled by crumbly soil.		Charcoal small
087	C	Burnt deposit underlying slates (087)	Context for slates??	
088	C	Pottery deposit, remnant of Debbie's pot?? Associated with hearth (036)?	Link oven contexts	
089	C	Slates overlying (087)		
[090]	D	Cut for western (inner) ditch		
[091]	D	Cut for eastern (inner) ditch		
092		Not used		
093	C	SW corner of Room 6, fill of posthole [094]		
[094]	C	Cut of posthole (or post-med robbing activity?), SW corner of Room 6. Very irregular for a posthole. Cutting/disturbing [085]?		
[095]	A	Cut of posthole, east side of Room 2	Late posthole, upper NE side of Room 2. Sample important	Yes
096	A	Fill of posthole [095]	Sample	
097	E	Brown deposit, fill of robber trench [099] in NW of trench E, adjacent to (069)		Sample taken - small
098	A	Oven adjacent to hearth (036), south part of Room 2, cut by posthole packing [134]	Link oven contexts	Yes
[099]	E	Cut of robber trench, filled by (097)		
100	C	Lower floor surface Room 2, south-west corner near wall division		
101	C	Lowest floor Room 6, compacted yellow clay		
102	A/C	SEE CONTEXT 021 – ORIGINAL RECORD. Yellow clay floor Room 2, with patches of burnt clay. Much charcoal and		

		horizontally-laid slates		
103	C	Foundation trench of Room division between Rooms 1 & 2		
104	C	Fill of robber trench of E wall of western 'ala'. CUT 135		
105	C	Floor – clay and burnt deposits in Room 1		Sample taken
106	C	Cut and fill of foundation trench of N wall in Room 1		
107	E	Re-deposited yellow clay and stoke material up to wall at S edge of cut		
108	E	Wall at south margin of trench		
109	E	Putative <i>pila</i> in Trench E		
110	E	Basal charcoal deposit in E, above gravelly material – query surface		Sample taken -small
111	D	TO DELETE. DITCH [090], NO RE-CUT, OVER-DUG IN ERROR RECUT INNER DITCH ABOVE [111]. No context sheet; identified following excavation		
ABR15				
112	F	Topsoil, Trench F	SF 51	
113	F	Fill of possible posthole [114]	SF 52 – Fragment of Cu wire	
[114]	F	Cut of possible posthole		
115	F	Subsoil layer below (112) and above (125)	SF 54. Flint flake	
116	G	Topsoil, Trench G		
117	G	Lower topsoil/subsoil below (116)	SF 53. Fe nail SF 55. Fe Roman nail	
[118]	G	Cut – Inner (east) ditch		
119	G	Upper fill of inner east ditch [118]	Single complete Roman slate	

			lying prone in upper fill.	
120	F	?Post setting/stakehole cut into (125)		
121	F	?Post setting/stakehole cut into (125)		
122	F	?Post setting/stakehole cut into (125)		
123	F	?Post setting/stakehole cut into (125)		
124	G	Upper fill of outer west ditch [126]		
125	F	Layer below lower topsoil/subsoil (115) cut by post settings.		
[126]	G	Cut of outer (west) ditch		
127	G	Upper fill of [126]	SF 56. Flint flake	
128	G	Lower fill of [126] above (132)		
129	G	Lower fill of inner east ditch [118]		
130	F	Layer/courtyard. Mix of dark brown, very stony soil immediately above brown (?natural) gravel subsoil. Layer contains much fire-cracked stone towards S margin of cutting. Below (125), above (131)	SF 57, flint flake	
131	F	Layer below (130). Possible natural. Orange/yellow gritty 'subsoil' layer but with frequent charcoal flecks and lumps.	SF 58. Meso flint flake SF 59. Flint flake.	
132	G	Lowest fill of outer west ditch [126], below (128). Light loamy clay, with charcoal	SUERC 65621. AD 145-382 @ 95.4% prob. AD 211-382 @ 92.4% prob.	
133	G	Lowest fill of inner east ditch [118] below (129)	SF 69. Pebble maul.	
134	C	Later posthole cutting oven [098], comprised of stone packing for a square posthole void		
135	C	Cut of robber trench of E wall of western ala, filled by 104		

136	C	Fill of robber trench [015] south veranda		
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3. Small finds list

Abermagwr 2010/2011/2015. Complete list of small finds

Small Find	Context	Trench	Material	Description & comments	Height	On display Ceredigion Museum?
01	004	A	Glass	Shard of window glass	61.941	
02	004	A	Cu alloy	Coin Constantine I, Lyons Mint, AD 314-15		On display, Ceredigion Museum
03	008	A	Stone	Spindle whorl	62.002	
04	011	A	Cu alloy	Strap end (fragment)	61.972	
05	022	A	Cu alloy	Coin Constantine, London AD 310-313	62.052	On display, Ceredigion Museum
06	036	A	Pb	Burnt lead lump	61.982 (adjacent level)	
07	036	A	Pb	Burnt lead fragment	61.982 (adjacent level)	
08	036	A	Pb	Burnt lead fragment	61.982 (adjacent level)	
09	022	A	Cu alloy	Coin Constantine I, Trier, AD 325-6	61.972 (floor, Room 2 N end, 61.91)	On display, Ceredigion Museum
10	008	C	Cu alloy	Curvilinear scrap, 12mm	62.22	
11	042	D	Stone	Shale spindle whorl, 30mm, off-centre rectangular/oval hole	61.67	

12	056	E	Glass	Shard of moulded & cut glass, with circular concave decoration, 42mm. Part of SF 21?	62.36	Part of glass vessel 9 Uncertain context through original error – assumed to be 056 NOW GLUED TO SF 024 - CONJOINING
13	056	C	Glass	Spherical Glass bead, black, with central perforation, 7mm	62.14	
14	056	C	Cu alloy	Folded Cu alloy sheet/strap end, 23mm long, with fragments	62.11	
15	050	E	Fe	Corroded iron object, possible blade, 79mm x 30mm	61.76	
16				To locate		
17	056	C	Glass	Small spherical glass bead with central perforation and gold leaf, 4mm	62.17 (floor level)	
18	056	C	Glass	Shard of blue glass, flat, 33 x 10mm		
19	056	C	Cu alloy	Coin, Denarius, Severus Alexander (degraded; fragmentary)		
20	013	A	Glass	Shard of glass, small, 25mm		
21	066	C	Glass	Shard of moulded & cut glass, 24mm x 17mm, part of SF 12?		Part of glass vessel 9

22	056	C	Cu alloy	Coin, illegible, possibly 3 rd century radiate		
23	077	C	Glass	Hexagonal, cylindrical green glass bead, 7mm x 4mm		
24	093	C	Glass	Small shard of cut glass, 34mm		Part of glass vessel 9 NOW GLUED TO SF 012 - CONJOINING
25	093	C	Glass	Shard of highly decorated cut glass, slightly curving, 45mm		Part of glass vessel 9
26	077	C	Cu alloy	Furniture fitting 44mm, circular head with pointed stud	62.17 (floor level)	
27	077	C	Glass	Shard of light green glass, long and thin, 50mm		
28	093	?	Glass	Small shard of glass		
29	093	?	Glass	Small shard of cut glass, 13mm		Part of glass vessel 9
30	093	?	Glass	Shard of light green glass, 13mm		
31	073	D	Glass	Shard of blue glass, square base of bottle/vessel		BOTTLE 4, Two joining fragments. With Jenny Price 12/16
32	073	D	Glass	Shard of light green glass vessel/bottle, 60mm		BOTTLE 4, Two joining fragments. With Jenny Price 12/16
33	077	C	Fe	Large iron object, NW corner Room 6		

34	093	C	Glass	Curving shard of highly decorated cut glass, 64mm	61.91	Part of glass vessel 9
35	087	A	Shale?	Section of bracelet, 28mm	61.87	
36	093	C	Pb	Rectangular lead sheet, 57 x 46mm, one small perforation. SMALL SECTION REMOVED FOR ISOTOPIC ANALYSIS BY KEITH HAYLOCK 8/12/11	61.83	
37	023	A	Glass	Shard of glass, 28mm		
38	093	C	Cu alloy	Coin, base silver issue, Denarius, Severus Alexander c. AD 224, Mint of Rome		On display, Ceredigion Museum
39	039	C	Cu alloy	?Bronze pinhead and smaller fragments		
40	011	A	Glass	Shard of clear glass, curved, 23mm		
41	100	C	Fe	Knife blade		
42	105	C	Pebble	Three smooth pebbles, two white and one black, 34mm max diameter		
43	056	C	Pb	Lead lump, 15mm max diameter		
44	056	C	Pb	Two lead lumps, 28mm & strip; small section removed for isotopic analysis, 8 th December 2011 Keith Haylock		
45	110	E	Glass	Shard of blue glass, 27mm, base of charcoal deposit		

46	039	C	Glass	Shard of green glass, 30mm		
47	009	Lower top soil	Glass	Two small shards of clear glass		
48	080	C	Glass	Small shard of clear glass, 20mm		
49	080	C	Pb	Lead lump, not on original register. Located during subsequent finds sorting		
50	087	C	Stone	Whetstone, fragment (possible). 70mm x 13mm. Snapped along length. Flat underside. Rounded topside with linear scratches.		
				ABR15		
51	112		Cu alloy	Circular weight? Topsoil find		ABR15
52	113		Cu alloy	Bronze wire (fragment)		ABR15
53	117		Fe	Nail, fragment		ABR15
54	115		Flint	Split flint pebble, fire-reddened		ABR15
55	117		Fe	Nail, corroded		ABR15
56	127		Flint	Secondary cortical flake		ABR15
57	130		Flint	Blade, fragment. Patinated flint (white)		ABR15
58	131		Flint	Mesolithic flint blade, black flint	62.11	ABR15
59	131		Flint	Flake, brown patination	62.15	ABR15

60	Topsoil		Brass	Modern cartridge cap, villa area		
61	ABR10 – 025		Pb	Burnt lead fragments		
62	009		Fe	Square nut with central bolt hole		
63	056		Fe	Circular ring, found with various nails etc.		
64	056		Fe	Curving strap, found with various nails etc.		
65	088		Fe	Large curving strap, fragmented		
66	088		Fe	Fe flat object, in two parts, with stone corroded		
67	082		Fe	Circular perforated object and Fe fragment		
68 ABR15	115		Stone	?whetstone		ABR15
69 ABR 15	CONTEXT 133		Stone	Pebble maul	Lowest fill 133 of inner ditch [118]	ABR15

4. Pottery by context (2010 & 2011). Jeffrey L. Davies

ABERMAGWR 2010-2011: POTTERY

BY CONTEX: PRELIMINARY SORT

Context A 001 (Veranda)(Topsoil)

Fragt. of screw-neck flagon in orange fabric. Late 1C-early 2C

Clay pipe fragt.

Possible fragt. of ?mortarium in buff fabric

Fragt. of modern pipe

Base of vessel in pink fabric ?R/B among a collection of small sherds

Base of ?flagon in pink fabric

4 sherds of vessel (s) in pink fabric. Heavily abraded

Post-med sherds

Abraded sherd of flanged bowl in BB fabric (From initial test pit over cobbling to S of veranda)

Two joining sherds of base of vessel in BB fabric

Two much abraded sherds of samian

Context A 003 (Lower topsoil)

Sherd of cooking pot in BB1 fabric

Fragt. of clay pipe

Small sherd of rouletted beaker in hard pink fabric with dark grey/black slip to exterior

Context A 004 (Burnt deposit at N end of trench)

Seven sherds of cooking pot in coarse grey fabric with burnished and cross-hatched zone. BB type.

Small fragment of probable Malvernian ware, or prehistoric pottery

Context A 008 (Fill of robber trench of N wall of Room 2)

Base or wall of flanged bowl in grey BB type fabric

Sherd of ?vessel in salmon pink fabric

Context A005 (Layer of stone and slate)

Rim of cooking pot in BB fabric: later 3-4C type

Two sherds of vessel(s) in BB1 fabric

Base of vessel in BB fabric

Sherd of vessel in pink fabric

Sherd in grey fabric with dark grey surface

Very abraded sherd of vessel in soft pink fabric

Two tiny sherds of thin walled vessel in pink fabric with greyish pink external surface

Context A 009 (Lower clay ?floor in Room 2)

Rim of complex type in mid-orange fabric

Context C 009 Removal of central hearth in 2011

Rim of BB cooking pot

Context A 010 (Robbing deposits)

Two sherds of vessel/s in thick orange fabric

15 small sherds of ?same vessel in orange/buff fabric

Sherd of cooking pot in BB1 fabric

Sherd of thin walled vessel in pink fabric with patchy colour coat

Rim sherd in similar fabric to vessel above

Rim of vessel in grey fabric and pink surfaces

Sherd of vessel in pink fabric with patchy dark pink colour coat

Five sherds of vessels in self-coloured pink fabrics

Context A 011 (Clayey deposit in veranda)

Six small fragments of rim of cooking pot

Rim of dish/platter in BB1 fabric

Fragt. of samian ware

Two tiny chips of very abraded samian

Two sherds of vessel in orange fabric with reddish slip (?Oxfordshire CC)

Sherd of vessel in much abraded orange fabric

Base of cooking pot in BB fabric

Sherd of vessel in mid-orange fabric with grey core; ?Severn Valley

Fragt. of clay pipe.

Two sherds of vessel(s) in pink fabric with traces of red glaze (>samian). Very abraded

Context A 012 (Dark debris layer below 010)

Rim and base frags. of dish/platter in BB1 fabric

Sherd of cooking pot in BB1 fabric; burnt

Sherd of vessel with brown slip to exterior

Rim of cooking pot in BB type fabric

Base of cooking pot in BB type fabric

Rim sherd of vessel (burnt); probable Oxfordshire CC product

Four joining sherds including rim and base of Oxfordshire CC bowl: 3rd-4thC

Context A 014 (Slate layer beneath 004 at N end of cutting)

Sherd of cooking pot in BB type fabric

Context A016 (Soft infill of robber trench)

Sherd of cooking pot in BB fabric

Context A017 (Soil beneath 009)

Four frags. of probable amphora

Sherd of vessel in soft orange fabric

Context A019 (Fill of pit at N end of A)

Sherd of very abraded thick walled vessel in pink fabric

Context A022 (Discrete deposit of slates over N end of Room 2)

Tiny fragment of thin walled vessel in pink fabric

Context A023 (Clay surface (?floor) in Room 2)

Handle of amphora

Context A025 (Fill of 024: feature cutting veranda)

Two sherds of vessel in mid-pink fabric with traces of patchy darker surface

Context A036 (S hearth in Room 2)

Sherd of ?handled vessel in pinkish fabric with greyish internal coloration

Some 130 fragments of a cooking pot in Black Burnished 1 fabric. Some sherds re-assembled to produce profile. Later 3rd-earlier 4C type.

Context A 038 (Lower topsoil: 2011)

Two frags of 19C pottery

Context A 039

Modern sherds from 2011 machining: topsoil

Context A 046 (Discrete dump of stones within deposit 010)

Four sherds of vessel/s in orange fabric

Sherd of vessel in orange fabric: different to above

Sherd of vessel in orange fabric with darker exterior

Context A 106 (Cut of FT and packed cobble footing of N wall of Room 2)

Sherd of cooking pot in BB1 fabric. Cobble foundation of N wall (Room 2)

Context 009 (Removal of baulk between A & B)

Fragmentary base of vessel in dirty orange fabric

Rim of vessel in dark orange fabric

Rim of cooking-pot in BB type fabric

Context B 006

Post-med sherds

Context C 011 (Clayey soil within veranda)

Base of cooking-pot in greyish fabric. Imitation of BB1

Sherd of vessel with grey core and orange surfaces. ?Severn Valley Ware

Context C 023 (Clay floor within Room 2)

Rim of samian Form 27

Two sherds of thin-walled vessel in orange fabric

Context C 047 (Linear stone feature in Room 6)

Rim of dish/platter in grey BB type fabric

Context C 049 (Lower soil deposit beneath 005 and 0046 in Room 2)

Rim of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Sherd of grey/buff ware

Fragment of ring-necked flagon in orange fabric; later 1C-early 2C

Sherd of vessel in dirty buff fabric and grey core

Three body sherds in BB1-type fabric

Context C 051 (Deposit of rubble and slates above 004 in Room 2)

Two sherds of ?beaker in hard, thin pink fabric with mid-grey surfaces and decoration en barbotine

Two shers of Oxfordshire CC bowl

Two sherds of platter in grey BB type fabric

Two sherds of cooking pot in BB type fabric

Three sherds of vessel in soft orange fabric

Two sherds from base (?flagon). Embedded in section with Fe object in Room 2.

One fragt. clay pipe

Context C 056 (Compact clay floor below 051 in Room 2)

Five sherds of Oxfordshire CC bowl

Three sherds of cooking-pot in BB type fabric

Sherd of dish/platter in BB type fabric

Sherd of grey ware platter

Five sherds of sooted cooking pot in BB fabric

Context C 061 (Fill of robber trench defining wall between Rooms 1 and 2)

Three sherds of two flanged bowls in BB1 fabric and of later 3C-4C type

One sherd of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Sherd of samian

Context C 062 (Burnt deposit with much slate in Room 1)

Sherd of vessel in pink fabric

Context C 062/064 (Burnt deposit with much slate in Room 1)

Three sherds of burnt flanged bowl

Sherd of burnt base of bowl /platter or cooking pot

Context C 063 (Deposit of small rubble and slate in Room 1)

Six body sherds in BB1 fabric; two from platter/dish (?same vessel); one base

Context C 066 (Fill of posthole 068 in Room 6)

Rim of dish/platter in BB1 fabric

Body sherd of BB1 ?cooking-pot

Sherd of vessel in mid-orange fabric

One chip of plain samian

Context C 067 (E ?hearth in Room 2)

Two sherds of carinated bowl in orange-brown fabric; burnt

Sherd of dish/bowl in BB1 fabric

Six sherds of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Two sherds of very thin walled vessel with orange exterior and grey interior (?Severn Valley ware)

Context C 077 (Clay ?floor in Room 6. Pre-hearth level)

Two sherds of vessel in pink fabric with mid grey slip

Sherd of ?beaker in pink-grey fabric with lustrous dark grey slip

Three sherds of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Two sherds of vessel in soft orange fabric

Two sherds of vessel fine orange fabric (different to above)

Sherd of thin-walled vessel in grey-buff fabric

Rim of vessel in creamy-orange fabric with patchy orange slip. Probably Oxfordshire Colour Coated

Sherd of dish/platter in hard grey fabric

Sherd of dish/platter in grey fabric with darker grey surface (different to above)

Fragmentary flange of mortarium in orange fabric with cream slip(?pre 3C)

Context C 078 (Deposit over verandah)

Base of vessel in BB-type fabric

Sherd of possible cooking-pot in BB-type fabric

Context C 079 (General soil deposit in central portion of C, including rubble 054)

Six sherds from a minimum of two vessels in red-brown fabric, one with darker internal and external surfaces (?slip). One sherd possibly the rim of a cooking-pot

Context C 080 (Soil –filled depression in E portion of Room 6)

Nine sherds from a minimum of four vessels. One rim of Oxfordshire CC bowl; four body sherds of a vessel in grey fabric, akin to BB

Two sherds of vessel in a thin orange fabric

Base of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Rim sherd of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Context C 081 (Patchy burning with charcoal immediately S of N Wall of Room 2)

Base of ?flagon in soft buff fabric

Context C 086 (Crumbly soil in robbing trench of wall dividing Rooms 1 & 2)

Base (burnt) of dish/platter in orange fabric; ?burnt BB

Sherd of dish/platter in grey fabric; ?South Wales Grey Ware

Two sherds of vessel in mid-orange fabric

Rim of Oxfordshire CC bowl

Sherd of cooking-pot in BB1 fabric

Three sherds of vessel with a broken flange in a coarse orange fabric. Possibly flanged bowl of later 3C-4C type

Context C 087 Burnt deposit beneath slates in Room 2)

Eleven sherds of heavily burnt cooking-pot

Sherd of vessel in BB1 fabric

Rim of flanged bowl, heavily burnt; later 3C-4C type

Context C 088 (Pottery 'deposit' with burning next to oven. Remnants of Debbie's pottery)

28 sherds of heavily burnt cooking-pot in what is probably BB1 fabric. Later 3C-4C.

Context C 093 (Fill of post-hole in SW corner of Room 6)

Fragment of *mortarium* in hard white fabric with multicoloured trituration grits. Probably later 3C - 4C.

Base of dish or platter in BB1 fabric.

Context C 098 (Oven adjacent to 'hearth' 036 in Room 2)

Sherd of vessel in medium grey fabric

Context C 105 Clay floor and burnt deposit in Room 1)

Rim of Oxfordshire CC vessel

Sherd in buff fabric

Base of vessel in grey fabric

Sherd in thin orange fabric

Flanged bowl in orange fabric; 3C-4C type

Rim of vessel in orange fabric

Body sherd of vessel in hard orange fabric with small (2mm) inclusion

Context C 106 (Foundation of N wall of Room 1)

Sherd of cooking pot in BB1 fabric

Context D 040

Base of vessel in orange fabric

Sherd of ?vessel in hard red/orange fabric. Curvature suggests other than tiler.

Context D 042 (Lower topsoil)

Rim of cooking-pot, heavily burnt. Later 3C-4C type

Three sherds of vessel in very hard, thin grey fabric with dark grey slip to interior and exterior

Rim of cooking pot in BB1 fabric. Later 3C-4C type

Sherd of vessl in brown fabric with darker surfaces

Context D 055 (Lower fill of outer, eastern ditch: below 043)

Sherd of cooking-pot in BB type fabric

Sherd of cooking pot in BB fabric

Sherd of vessel with thin wall in mid-orange/buff fabric

Context E 041 (Lower topsoil)

Two sherds of vessel in sandy orange fabric

Two sherds of vessel in orange fabric; abraded

Sherd of heavily abraded samian; possibly decorated

Sherd of vessel in orange fabric with complex grooved rim and traces of reddish colour coat

Rim of bowl in hard orange fabric with traces of reddish slip; probably Oxfordshire CC

Sherd of vessel in fine orange fabric with traces of brown slip to exterior (?Oxfordshire CC)

Context E 044 (Dark, stony layer at N end)

Rim of BB cooking pot

Context E 045 (Discrete dump of building stone at N end)

Sherd of cooking pot. Burnt. Later 3C-4C type

Six sherds from vessel or vessels in grey-brown fabric

Context E 050 (Layer of charcoal-rich soil)

Sherd of vessel in grey/brown fabric

Sherd of vessel in greyish fabric; different to above

Sherd of vessel in dark orange fabric

Sherd of thick-walled vessel in orange fabric

Sherd of vessel in coarse orange fabric

Sherd of thin walled vessel . Grey core and light orange surfaces (?Severn Valley)

Vessel in coarse sandy fabric; grey core and light orange exterior

Fragt. of base in grey fabric with darker grey surface.

Sherd orange fabric with greyish interior with traces of roulette decoration and brown slip

Sherd of platter, or possibly lid, in BB1 fabric

Rim of flanged bowl in grey fabric. Later 3C-4C type

Sherd of vessel in orange fabric with with greyish interior, rouletted decoration and brown slip

Sherd of vessel in orange fabric with possible darker slip (?Oxfordshire CC)

Sherd of vessel in thin orange-brown fabric

Sherd of BB1

Sherd of vessel in coarse sandy grey-orange fabric

Sherd of large vessel in grey fabric with patchy darker grey surface

Context E 057 (Compact yellow clay with building debris)

Sherd of thin walled vessel in soft orange fabric

Context E 082 (Dark, charcoal-rich layer beneath 050)

Rim of cooking pot. Later 3C-4C type

Rim of jar in hard orange fabric with ?painted brown slip

Context E 107 (Redeposited yellow clay and stone butting up to remains of wall at S margin of cut)

Samian sherd

Context E 110 Basal charcoal deposit above gravelly natural)

Sherd from handled vessel in coarse orange fabric

Two sherds of vessel in orange fabric with patchy reddish slip; Oxfordshire CC.

Base of vessel in grey/buff fabric

Rim of vessel in dark orange fabric

Children's Trench to west of villa

Rim of cooking pot in BB1 fabric

One basal fragt. of probable cooking pot in grey/brown fabric

Two modern glazed sherds, including base in stoneware

Fragt. of clay pipe

5. Abermagwr slate archive list

Slate No.	Context	Description	Length cms	width (max)	Nail to tip	Weight	inscribed?
01	062 (C)	Near-complete 5-sided. Pentagonal. Flat top and sides; pointed base Near complete Square nail hole	38cm	25.8cm	30.5cm	2.725 kg	Yes – inscribed with lines for 6 sided diagonal top Ceredigion Museum May 2015
02	038	7-sided. Flat top, shouldered, straight sides, tapered base to point. Square nail hole	34.4cm	20.5cm (broken)	31.5cm		Yes – inscribed with edge shaping line for one upper shoulder Ceredigion Museum May 2015
03	051 (C)	Near complete 6-sided. Pentagonal. Pointed base and top, straight sides.	42cm	29.7	35.7	3.97 kg	Yes – inscribed with line for flat top and flat base, not pointed

04	077 (C)	Small, 6-sided, Pointed base and top, straight sides. Roughly shaped	33.8	22	23.0		
05	083 (C)	Small, 6-sided, Pointed base and top, straight sides. Damaged pointed top.	35	26	28.7		Yes, minor inscribed line on outer face; shaping lines inscribed on inner face for tapered upper shoulders Ceredigion Museum May 2015
06	037	5 sided, flat right-angled base with pointed top.	34	22	21		Yes. Inner face inscribed with line for straight, flat top. Inner face has multiple inscribed lines. <i>Pric mesur</i> line by nail hole. Diagonal and median shaping lines. Also trimming blows with blunt instrument on one edge.
07	082 E	Slightly irregular hexagonal slate with double nail hole	31.2	23.2	25.7		Multiple lines
08	004	Broken central and	39	24.5 broken	35.5		Yes

		lower fragment of hexagonal slate					
09	004	Tapered narrow slate, complete	28	14	24.0		Yes, template lines
10	No context	Tapered narrow slate, complete	35.3	18.5	29.8		
11	No context	Complete rectangular slate with nail hole, burnt.					
12	077 C	Triangular ridge slate, pointed with flat top and straight top edges.	17.8	25.1	15.5 approx		No
13	036	Triangular ridge slate, pointed with flat top and straight top edges. Nail <i>in-situ</i>	20.3	25.2	16.2		No
14	037	Triangular ridge slate, one nail hole					
15	003	Triangular ridge slate, one upper central nail					

		hole, broken					
16	009	Broken lower tip of slate					Yes, one line
17	No context	Broken central and lower section of slate, hexagonal					
18	003	Broken lower half of slate					
19	014	Broken lower half of slate					
20	014	Broken lower half of slate					
21	077	Upper half of hexagonal slate with nail hole, broken lower half	? broken	24.3	N/A		Ceredigion Museum May 2015
22	062 C	Centre and lower half of broken slate					
23	089 C	Flat-edged slate with nail hole at top edge					
24	079 C	Flat edged slate with central nail hole,					

		decorative notched edge					
25	062 C	Fragment of slate with square edge, decorative notching					
26	062 C	Smaller corner of slate with square edge, decorative notching					
27	119	Complete roof slate, recovered from upper fills of partly infilled inner (west) ditch of bivallate enclosure. Hard shale stone. Hexagonal pattern, trimmed at top in series of punches around edge. 4 punches around nail hole, possibly showing marking of nail	47.2cms	30.0cms	38.2cms	4.18kg	No.

		position.					
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6. Abermagwr slate archive – numbered images



01. Abermagwr Slate ABR 11 - C 062 - 2 marked.JPG



01. Abermagwr Slate ABR 11 - C 062 - 2.jpg



01. Abermagwr Slate ABR 11 - C 062 - 1.jpg



02. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 038 - 1 marked.JPG



02. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 038 - 1.jpg



02. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 038 - 2 marked.JPG



02. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 038 - 2.jpg



03. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 051 - C - 1 marked.JPG



03. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 051 - C - 1.jpg



03. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 051 - C - 2.jpg



04. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 - 077 c (14).jpg



05. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 083 C - 1 marked.JPG



05. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 083 C - 1.jpg



05. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 083 C - 2 marked.JPG



05. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 083 C - 2.jpg



06. Abermagwr Slate ABR 037 - 2 marked.JPG



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06. Abermagwr Slate ABR 037 - 1.jpg



07. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 082 - E 1.jpg



07. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 082 - E 3 crop.tif



07. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 082 - E 4.jpg



07. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 082 - E 5 copy.tif



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08. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 004 - 1 marked.JPG



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10. Abermagwr Slate .jpg



11. Abermagwr Slate No context (8).jpg



12 upper and 13 lower. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 Upper C 077, - Lo... 12 upper and 13 lower. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 Upper C 077, - Low...





14 and 15. Abermagwr Slate - lower ABR10 003 - upper ABR11 037...



16. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 009 2.jpg



16. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 009 1 marked.JPG



16. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 009 2 marked.JPG



16. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 009 1.jpg



17. Abermagwr Slate No context (7).jpg



18. Abermagwr Slate ABR 003 - 2.jpg



18. Abermagwr Slate ABR 003 - 1.jpg



19. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 014 - 1.jpg



19. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 014 - 2.jpg



20. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 014 1.jpg



20. Abermagwr Slate ABR10 - 014 2.jpg



21. Abermagwr Slate 077 (4).jpg



22. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 062 - C 2 marked.JPG



22. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 062 - C 2.jpg



22. Abermagwr Slate ABR11 062 - C.jpg



23 and 24 Abermagwr Slate - top 089 C - lower 079 C(12).jpg25 and 26 Abermagwr Slate lower 062 C - upper ABR11 062 C(11).jpg



27. Abermagwr Slate ABR15 119 G - 1.jpg



27. Abermagwr Slate ABR15 119 G - 2.jpg



27. Abermagwr Slate ABR15 119 G - 3.jpg



27. Abermagwr Slate ABR15 119 G - 4.jpg