

Gazetteer - Yardley Hastings (N)

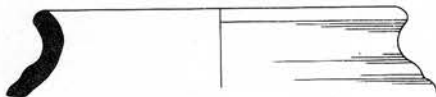
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c.SP 86 56

Zone 8

A pit on the Sandpit or Golf Course was hurriedly excavated in 1959 by R. Hollowell: the site is c.6 miles SE of Northampton, and the finds, with a box of unstratified sherds from the Golf Course, are in NM. The pit fill comprised two layers with pottery separated by a thin sterile layer, and the differences between the two sets of pottery are instructive (there is now a Roman piece in the lower layer, but this appears to be intrusive). The lower pottery contains no real 'Belgic' except for one piece shown here, and some grey grog fragments bearing shallow widely-spaced tooled horizontal lines, that might have belonged to a pedestal urn. The bulk of the sherds are HM, very plain in form, shelly, and consistently dark grey, with two sherds bearing vigorous stabbing.

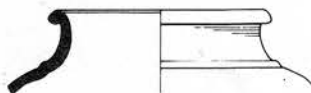
The upper layer is quite different: it includes copies of Gallo-Belgic forms and some Roman fragments including tile, a sherd of thin white rouletted butt-beaker, a grey everted storage jar rim with grog and shell tempering, and large and small rilled shell-tempered jars unlike the earlier forms. The colouring is predominantly red, again in contrast to the lower layer. This top layer is undoubtedly post-conquest.

Layer 1 (at bottom):

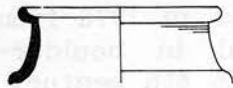
[1216] B2-1. Dark grey probably wheel-made, some grog, some shell, roughly smoothed on neck.

Layer 3 (at top):

[1213] A1. Softish grey grog, redder inside, where worn, roughly burnished grey outside. Neat but irregular piece.



[1214] B1-6. Black core with grog and a little shell, red smooth soapy surfaces.



[1215] G5-6. Grey-brown core, slightly gritty grog, red surfaces, burnished almost brown outside.