

During excavations for the extension of the Furnace House Surgery, I was called to inspect a quantity of pottery. This turned out to be both glazed and unglazed post-med material in a basically unstratified context. The site is interesting because it lays over the presumed ditch of the Roman town. Six foundation pits were dug by hand (see plan), all of which displayed post-med material for over 2m of their depth. Below this was c 30cm of light yellow silty material which was thought at first to be possible ditch fill, but two shovels of post-med pot was recovered from the small area excavated. Below this at a depth of 14.30 00 natural boulder clay was encountered.

The levels in the pits were as follows.
(all in metres above O.D.)

TSD	21.93	
Ground level	21.72	
Depth of black post-med deposit in Pit 1	19.89	Pit 2 = 19.68
Pit 3	19.76	
Boulder Clay in Pit 2	= 19.32.	

A possible explanation for the depth of post-med deposit is a levelling-up for the construction of the Furnace House gardens in the late 18th c.

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