

23 **Iron:** Abundant square-headed nails; large round headed and bevelled pins; indeterminate rectangular plates and bars, often with rivets; two styli (Fig. 4.4); unusual iron dolphin brooch (Fig. 4.8).

24 **Stone:** Half a conglomerate quern; block of grey pumice; three whetstones, quartzite and sandstone; quartzite cobbles charred and fractured by heat; small polygonal-sided stylus of slate.

25 **Tile:** Roofing tiles were common; one small hypocaust tile fragment.

26 **Mineral:** Numerous lumps of vitreous slag, clinker and jet.

27 **Bone:** Many animal bones not analysed.

Conclusions

Similar signs of occupation during Claudian-Neronian times are known from a site on the opposite side of Lexden Road (Hull, 1958 p.295), where a rubbish pit was found. Sherds of this date have also been found by the writer in the garden of nearby Lexden Rectory (CAM S16 and a butt-beaker) and along Norman Way (CAM 83, 270 and native ware). A Claudian-Neronian earthwork was found there in 1939 and contemporary kilns existed at Endsleigh and Queen's Road (Hull, 1963).

The diversity of articles is noteworthy. As at Sheepen, native ware predominates. Being close to the road from Londinium, the area of the excavation might well be a favoured site for settlement during the early development of the Colonia.

Small finds drawn by Christine Couchman.