

CLAY PIPES

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(The cross-references denoted 'CQ' in this paper relate to *Charter Quay, The Spirit of Change*, Wessex Archaeology 2003)

Given the proximity of several drinking establishments along the western side of the market place in the post-medieval period, the quantity of clay pipes recovered (200 fragments) is small (see CQ p. 48). Of this total, only 37 bowls/bowl fragments, all from Plot 3, are closely datable within the post-medieval period. These range in date from c.1640 to 19th century, most falling within the range 1640-80 (see Table CP1); pipes have been assigned to type following the existing London type series (Groves 1984). One 19th century decorated bowl has a spur stamp ('IP').

Table CP1: Date range of clay pipes

Bowl type	Date range	Number of bowls	Makers' marks
5/6	1610-1640	1	-
9	1640-1660	20	-
10	1640-1660	4	-
11/12	1640-1670	1	-
13	1660-1680	1	-
15	1660-1680	1	-
18	1660-1680	2	-
19	1690-1710	3	-
20	1680-1710	1	-
-	1800s	2	Spur stamp 'IP'

Reference

Groves, J., 1984, *Guide to the DUA Clay Tobacco Pipe Type Series*, Museum of London