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Dun Cul Bhuing: Catalogue of recently rediscovered pottery

This catalogue consists of all the pottery sherds from Dun Cul Bhuing which have recently been rediscovered and which have not been previously described or illustrated. The material is now contained within the collections of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

Site 1: SE Quadrant, from dark, gritty humus level above stones (floor?)

- 107 Rimsherd; brown and buff, row of fingertip dimples in the neck angle, out-turned rim, grassmarked and small grits: illus 2.
- 108 Rimsherd; brown and buff, part of a row of fingertip dimples in the neck angle, out-turned rim, grass-marked and small grits. From same vessel as sherd 107.
- 109 Body sherd; dark brown interior, reddish buff exterior, single shallow finger-impressed groove, grass-marked: illus 2.
- 110 Body sherd; dark brown interior, brown exterior, striations on interior surface, small grits.
- 111 Two fragments; orange and brown, one of the sherds has a broad shallow groove c 12 mm across, either part of mould or a piece of oven capping. The latter in illus 2.
- 112 41 body sherds; brown, orange and buff, grass-marked and small grits.

Site 1: NW Quadrant, dark soil above stones

- 113 Rimsherd; brown exterior, reddish buff interior, outer surface flaking in layers, rolled out and everted rim, a few small grits: illus 2.

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114 Seven small sherds and fragments; brown, buff and orange, small grits.

Site 1: SW Quadrant, below turf and above stones

115 Two body sherds; brown and buff, small grits and grass-marked.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, below turf and above stones

116 Basal angle; buff exterior, brown interior.

117 Two sherds; brown, faint broad shallow grooves, small grits. One in illus 2.

118 Nine pieces of fired clay; buff and orange, possibly parts of an oven or furnace capping. One piece has a wavy impression 10 mm across, another impression is of indeterminate size.

119 96 body sherds; brown, buff and orange, small white grits in many of the sherds, some are fragmentary.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, dark soil above and outside 'hut wall'

120 One body sherd; brown, two incised lines meet to form the bottom of an incised 'V'; illus 2.

121 Rimsherd; buff, part of a perforation, c 10 mm across near the rim top. The sherd is now broken across the line of the perforation. Traces of a possible second perforation, thick flat topped rim; illus 2.

122 One body sherd; brown, worn remains of a zigzag cordon, small white grits.

123 One body sherd; orange interior, black sooty exterior, very fine zigzag cordon, many small white grits; illus 2.

- 124 One body sherd; light buff, very thick heavy cordoned slashed with vertical lines to give a square box effect. In the centre of each of the boxes is a deep rounded impression which has been made by a round pointed object: illus 2.
- 125 One body sherd; buff exterior, brown interior broad shallow grooves on the interior, possibly caused by some form of plant stem being pressed onto it: illus 2.
- 126 One rounded sherd; brown, possibly part of a pottery disc of c 45 mm in diameter.
- 127 36 body sherds; brown and buff, some are just fragments.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, from soil and rubble in west and in north-west corner, above wall

- 128 Rimsherd; brown sharply everted rim, slightly curving outwards and downwards: illus 2.
- 129 Rimsherd; brown exterior, buff interior, very faint row of fingertip impressions beneath the rim, probably caused by manufacturing processes rather than as a deliberate decoration, sharply everted rim, many small white grits.
- 130 Rimsherd; buff, part of the flange of a thick everted rim, which swells at the edge to give a rounded effect: illus 2.
- 131 Eight rim- and neck sherds; brown, some are parts of everted rims which are either flanges, or parts of the body with the everted flange broken off.
- 132 Rimsherd; dark brown exterior, buff interior, a row of slanting stab marks going horizontally round the vessel just beneath the rim, thick out-turned rim, many small grits: illus 2.
- 133 Two joining rimsherds; brown, faint fingertip dimples

in the neck angle but uncertain if a deliberate decorative feature, thin out-turned lips: illus 3.

134 Four body sherds; buff and brown, many small grits.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, NE corner, from dark soil above and between 'wall' stones to the E of the entrance

135 Basal angle; buff exterior, dark brown interior, part of the basal angle of a flat base sherd.

136 One body sherd; brown, one straight incised line with two small impressed dots on each side of it: illus 3.

137 Two body sherds; buff, one sherd has a grain impression on the interior, small white grits.

138 One very small body sherd; buff, part of a zigzag cordon.

139 Rimsherd; dark brown exterior, brown interior, thin plain rim.

140 114 body sherds; buff, orange and brown.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, dark soil inside the face of the 'hut wall' on a floor at the same level as a hearth

141 Two base sherds; dark brown and black, probably from the same vessel, both basal angles.

142 One body sherd; buff, vertical shallow striations on the interior.

143 49 body sherds; brown and orange, many have small white grits in the matrix.

Site 3: NW Quadrant, from c 150 mm down in dark, possible occupation level/

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144 19 sherds; black, sooty interior, buff exterior, probably all from same vessel.

Site 3: SW Quadrant, either from the W end and middle in soil and rubble of the outer part of wall, or from NE corner inside hut wall 'face' in dark soil and rubble

145 Rimsherd; brown, rim with a thin out-turned lip; illus 3.

146 Rimsherd; brown rim with a thin out-turned lip, possibly part of sherd-no 145.

147 Rimsherd; buff, very sharply everted rim, many small grits; illus 3.

148 Rimsherd; brown, everted rim; illus 3.

149 Rimsherd; buff, small crudely made out-turned rim.

150 Base sherd; brown, two deep fingertip impressions in the base; illus 3.

151 Three sherds; buff and brown, displaying shallow striations.

152 Two sherds; brown exteriors, black sooty interiors, probably from the same vessel.

153 42 sherds; brown and buff, some grass-marked.

Site 3: SE Quadrant, from under turf and above and between stones

154 Rimsherd; orange, impression of a plant stem on the interior, out-turned flaring rim, many small grits; illus 3.

155 Rimsherd; brown, rim with an out-turned lip; illus 3.

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- 156 Rimsherd; buff, smooth, slightly out-turned lip:
illus 3.
- 157 Probably rimsherd; buff, small sherd, probably the
flange broken off an everted rim vessel.
- 158 Four rimsherds; buff and brown. All seem to be
flanges of everted rims, which have broken off from
the rest of the vessel.
- 159 Two body sherds; brown interior, buff exterior,
exteriors of the sherds have curvilinear grooved
lines. Larger sherd; illus 3.
- 160 One body sherd; buff, single thin incised line.
- 161 One body sherd; orange, impression of a small object,
perhaps a large seed.
- 162 One body sherd; brown, applied zigzag cordon with
three short, faint finger channelled grooves above:
illus 3 (upside down).
- 163 Rimsherd; buff, applied zigzag cordon, with traces
of fingernail nicks in each of the up waves, also
three faint channelled grooves. Many small grits:
illus 3.
- 164 One body sherd; brown, part of a thick zigzag cordon:
illus 3.
- 165 One body sherd; brown, a straight applied cordon
with fingertip impressions along it. The surface
of the sherd has small grits; illus 3.
- 166 Four body sherds; brown, some grass-marks.

Site 3: SE Quadrant, above and between stones in north-west
corner

- 167 Rimsherd; brown, probably a flange from an everted
rim.
- 168 Basal angle; buff.

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- 169 Basal angle; brown.
- 170 Basal angle; dark brown, from a domed base.
- 171 One body sherd; brown, applied zigzag cordon, many small grits.
- 172 One base sherd; black sooty interior, buff exterior, external surface has many striations.
- 173 56 body sherds; brown and buff, some grass-marked.

Site 3: SE Quadrant, south-east corner on top of the 'fort wall'

- 174 One body sherd; brown, striations on the exterior surface.
- 175 30 body sherds; buff and brown.

Site 3: SE Quadrant, from rubble on rock inside the 'hut wall', towards the N end of the quadrant

- 176 Six body sherds; orange exterior, black sooty interior, probably all from the same vessel.

Possibly Site 3: from below wall footing on south-east face, 'loose scree and grass below 1957 cut'

- 177 Four sherds; brown, small white grits.

Unknown, but probably site 3

- 178 One body sherd; brown, applied zigzag cordon.
- 179 Three body sherds; brown, probably from same vessel as sherd 178.