

---

## 9 CONCLUSION

---

The proposed re-development of the Tron Kirk building has prompted a more thorough investigation and subsequent interpretation of the site. Overall, the recent excavations have complemented the original, more extensive excavation, while answering some remaining queries. A more comprehensive plan of the site has been established, with new evidence for the construction of the buildings on site. However, it is only with the huge expansion and development of Scottish medieval and post-medieval archaeology since the publication of

the first excavation results that we are now able, using recently published analogies and syntheses (Coleman 2004, 281; Tait 2006, 297), to contextualise the evidence. The re-interpretation of the glass and pottery assemblages has also benefited from recently published research programmes (Turnbull 2001; Haggarty 2006). Together with a new study of the available documentation, it all confirms the dating and importance of the site, along with the occupations, social and economic statuses of its occupants.