

## Listening – Portus project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlrQBu8bnOc> – the project

1. What was the function of Portus?
2. What were the main roles of the port and when was the port in use?
3. What are the most exciting finds in Portus?
4. How was the oval building interpreted?
5. What are other disciplines used to understand the site?



SITE: UPPER HIGH STREET, NORTHTOWN UNIT OF STRATIFICATION   
AREA: TRENCH 4

DESCRIPTION: A layer of very mixed soil spreading southwards for several feet from Unit 50 (southern wall of Building C); it contains many lumps of black soil, chunks of mortar (similar to that of Unit 50), many broken roof tiles and stones (both flint and chalk); part of its surface was destroyed by Unit 10 (pit for Victorian well).

PHYSICALLY UNDER  10  14  23  29  36

PHYSICALLY ABOVE  48  50  57  61

CORRELATED WITH

STRATIGRAPHIC SEQUENCE: Under 23 and 36; above 48

FINDS: As seen during excavation, there were a few sherds of third-century pottery, but these were very abraded or worn and seem to be residual.

INTERPRETATIONS: This deposit would appear to be rubble resulting from the natural decay and destruction of Unit 50; fourth-century date probable on basis of finds from 23 and 36.

PHASING: PHASE Thirteen PERIOD Three

This Unit assigned to Phase 13 along with Units 23 and 36, representing the destruction of Building C.

RECORDED/DATE ECH 8-8-78 PHASED/DATE ECH 6-79

Example of a basic context sheet