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Full excavation of the small chamber attached to the angle-tower at the east corner of the fort has revealed a small doorway in its north wall. Two stone troughs were set on its flagged floor and at the west side of the room there is an opening into a drain beneath. Overlying this were fragments of a large perforated slab. Clearly this chamber was a latrine, presumably one of a series built against the rampart around the perimeter of the fort.



In Trench 2 in the extramural area the two chambers of the bath-building had been filled in with vast amounts of refuse in the late Roman/sub-Roman period. Removal of this material down to the original floor level has revealed walls standing to a height of more than 2 metres with evidence of blocked-up doorways, new doorways and even in one chamber the springing-points of an archway. The fill of the larger chamber also yielded up the small head of a statue of an unidentified Romano-Celtic deity much in the news recently.

