

Post-medieval pottery and ceramic building material from Kingsthorne, Hereford & Worcester: Assessment Report

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Summary

A small collection of early modern pottery was found at Kingsthorne, in topsoil and unstratified contexts. The finds indicate activity from the second half of the 18th century through to the late 19th or early 20th centuries. The earliest find is probably a brick fragment which is similar to those used in Hereford from the mid 16th to the mid 18th centuries. However, the author has no knowledge of later 18th-century and later brick types in this area and it is possible that even this find is of later date.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the assessment is to identify the pottery and ceramic building material and to use this information to assess the archaeological potential of the site.

Description

The range of wares found is shown in Table One.

Table One: List of wares found and codes used in the catalogue

cname	full name	period	earliest date	latest date	broadsource	narrowsource	source
A10	Hereford Fabric A10	pmed	1550	1750	England	Herefordshire	Hereford?
STCO	Staffordshire combed press-moulded ware	pmed	1650	1800	England	Staffordshire/Bristol	various
STCOAR	Staffordshire coarseware	pmed	1650	1900	England/Wales	Staffordshire/Buckley	various
SWSG	Staffordshire White Saltglazed stoneware	pmed	1700	1770	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources
ENGS	Unspecified English Stoneware	emod	1750	1900	England	nk	? numerous sources
CONP	Continental Porcelain	emod	1770	1900	Imported		?
CREA	Creamware	emod	1770	1830	England	Staffordshire	
PEAR	Pearl ware	emod	1770	1900	England	Staffordshire/Bristol	various
TPW	Transfer printed ware	emod	1770	1900	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources
BRIS	Bristol stoneware	emod	1780	1950			Bristol
WHITE	Modern whiteware	emod	1850	1900	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources

Dating

The presence of STCO, STCOAR and SWSG indicate some activity in the 18th century, although SWSG vessels, especially a moulded teapot as in this case, are likely to have been highly prized and passed from generation to generation as heirlooms. Other types definitely date to the middle of the 19th century or later whilst stoneware marmalade jars were still being produced in the early years of the 20th century.

Source

Most of the finds are of mass-produced types imported to the region from Staffordshire, Bristol or further afield. The porcelain could be of English or continental origin. This lack of local wares is typical of the later 18th to 20th centuries.

Function

The range of forms present suggests that a wide range of activities were being carried out, including the drinking of tea, and the storage, cooking and serving of food and drink.

Recommendations

The pottery and brick do not indicate that the site has any archaeological potential.

Catalogue

Context	class	cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Action	TSNO	Photo	Description
TOPSOIL	POT	PEAR	TANK	1	0				
TOPSOIL	POT	CONP	PLATE	1	0				
TOPSOIL	POT	PEAR	BOWL	1	0				
TOPSOIL	POT	WHITE	TPOT	2	1				PINK, YELLOW, BROWN GLAZES
U/S	POT	STCOAR	BOWL	2	0				
U/S	POT	BRIS	FLAG	1	0				
U/S	BM	A10	BRICK	1	0				
U/S	POT	STCO	RECT DISH	1	0				
U/S	POT	CREA		2	0				
U/S	POT	TPW	PLATE	1	0				
U/S	POT	CONP	DISH	1	0				
U/S	POT	ENGS	MARMALAD E JAR	1	0				
U/S	POT	PEAR	TANK	1	0				
U/S	POT	PEAR	CUP	1	0				
U/S	POT	PEAR	DISH	1	0				
U/S	POT	SWSG	TPOT	1	0				MOULDED