

Assessment of Finds from Adlingfleet, North Lincolnshire

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Introduction

Fifty-seven finds were submitted for identification and assessment (Table 1). The pottery indicates that the site was occupied from the mid or late 12th century through to the 16th century.

| Context | ANBN | CBM | CERAMIC | COPPER ALLOY | FLINT | IRON | STONE | Grand Total |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1003 | | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| 1005 | | 1 | 3 | | | | 1 | 5 |
| 1009 | | 1 | 7 | | | | 2 | 10 |
| 1011 | | 2 | 4 | | | | 1 | 7 |
| 1013 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 1028 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 1032 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| US | 2 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 30 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 10 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 57 |

Animal bone

Two fragments of unstratified animal bone were submitted.

Ceramic Building Material

Two fragments of medieval flat roof tile, probably produced at Beverley, were present (unstratified). They might date from the mid 12th century to the 14th century. Two further fragments with a narrow flange along one edge were also present. They appear to be of post-medieval date but no precise parallels are known to the author.

Fragments of five bricks were present. They include two unstratified fragments but the others come from assemblages with mid/late 12th century and mid 14th century or later pottery. It is quite possible in the Humber estuary to find such early use of brick. If, indeed, the deposits are of medieval date then it would be worthwhile analysing the fabric of the bricks to compare with material of known Beverley and Flemish origin.

Copper Alloy

A single fragment of an unstratified copper alloy object was found. Given the lack of archaeological context there seems to be little point in further study of the piece, which is, however, in a bad condition and will probably not survive in archive.

Flint

A single flint flake was present. This is likely to be of earlier prehistoric date (ie no later than the early Bronze Age) but is probably not capable of closer dating.

Iron

Two unstratified nails were present. They are not worthy of further treatment.

Pottery

Thirty-six fragments of pottery were submitted. Over half of these were unstratified. The remainder came from seven contexts (Table 2).

| Context | NO OF SHERDS | Earliest Possible Date (TPQ) |
|---------|--------------|---|
| 1003 | 2 | Late 15 th /16 th C |
| 1005 | 5 | Late 15 th /16 th C |
| 1009 | 10 | Mid to late 12 th C |
| 1011 | 7 | Mid 14 th C |
| 1013 | 1 | Mid 14 th C |
| 1028 | 1 | Mid to late 12 th C |
| 1032 | 1 | Mid to late 12 th C |

There are two periods which are especially well represented, both in the stratified and unstratified material. They are the mid to late 12th century and the late 15th to 16th century. In the former period the main wares are Beverley glazed wares and north Lincolnshire shell-tempered ware cooking vessels. In the latter period the main wares is Humber ware, possibly from West Cowick. In neither period is there any evidence for non-local or imported pottery.

Stone

Five fragments of stone were submitted for identification. Two of these are a grey micrite of which the closest source would be the Lower Lias. They may be fragments of stone roof tiles. One was unstratified and the other associated with late 15th or 16th-century pottery.

In addition, a fragment of oolitic limestone and a micaceous mudstone from context 1009 are likely to be detrital pebbles rather than humanly worked artefacts.

A fragment of a dark stone, probably a basic igneous rock, was present. The sharp edges on this fragment suggest that it might have been part of a larger artefact, perhaps a quern or millstone. However, there are no traces of working on the surviving faces and it is equally possible that it is a glacial erratic.

Assessment

None of the finds requires further treatment or study, with the possible exception of the bricks if it emerges that they are stratified in medieval contexts. The finds indicate occupation in the mid to late 12th century and then throughout the medieval period to the late 15th or early 16th century. The 13th and 14th centuries are poorly represented but there are some sherds of mid 14th to 15th-century Humber ware and some of the residual Beverley ware sherds appear to be late (ie late 13th or 14th century).

The presence of brick and 12th-century glazed wares suggests that the activity is of medium status whereas the absence of imports may not be significant with such a small collection.

Appendix

List of Finds by context

| date | Context | class | Cname | Sub-fabric | Form | Nos h | No V | Description | Part |
|------|---------|---------|------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-------------|------|
| L15+ | 1003 | ceramic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | H |
| L15+ | 1003 | ceramic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JAR | 1 | 1 | | R |
| ND | 1005 | STONE | STONE | GREY MICRITE | ROOFER ? | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| ND | 1005 | CBM | CBM | | BRICK/D AUB | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| L15+ | 1005 | ceramic | CMW | RAWMARSH | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| L15+ | 1005 | ceramic | CMW | RAWMARSH | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | B |
| L15+ | 1005 | ceramic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | B |
| M12+ | 1009 | ceramic | BEVO | | JUG | 3 | 3 | | BS |
| M12+ | 1009 | ceramic | BEVO2 T | LIGHT-FIRING TYPE | JUG | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| L13+ | 1009 | CBM | CBM | | BRICK | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| ND | 1009 | STONE | STONE | MICACEOUS MUDSTONE | GEO | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| ND | 1009 | STONE | STONE | OOLITIC LIMESTONE | GEO | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| L12+ | 1009 | ceramic | MEDL OC | | JAR | 1 | 1 | | R |
| M12+ | 1009 | ceramic | NLEMS | | JAR | 2 | 2 | | BS |
| M12+ | 1011 | ceramic | BEVO | | JUG | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| M14+ | 1011 | ceramic | HUM | | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| ND | 1011 | STONE | STONE | BASIC IGNEOUS | | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| L13+ | 1011 | CBM | CBM | | BRICK | 2 | 2 | | BS |
| M12+ | 1011 | ceramic | NLEMS | | JAR | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| M12+ | 1011 | ceramic | NLEMS | | JAR | 1 | 1 | | R |
| M14+ | 1013 | ceramic | HUM | SANDY FABRIC | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | | BS |
| M12+ | 1028 | ceramic | NLEMS | | JAR | 1 | 1 | | BS |

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|----------|------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------------|----|
| | | ic | | | | | | |
| L12+ | 1032 | ceram ic | MEDL OC | | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | BS |
| M12+ | US | ceram ic | BEVO | | JUG | 2 | 2 | BS |
| M12+ | US | ceram ic | BEVO | | JAR | 1 | 1 SOOTED EXT | BS |
| ND | US | STON E | STONE GREY MICRITE | | ROOFER ? | 1 | 1 | BS |
| ND | US | iron | IRON | | NAIL | 2 | 1 | BS |
| PME D | US | CBM | CBM | | FLAT? | 1 | 1 FLANGED; LOOKS POST- MED | BS |
| M12+ | US | CBM | CBM | BEVO? | FLAT | 3 | 3 | BS |
| L13+ | US | CBM | CBM | | BRICK | 2 | 2 | BS |
| ND | US | anbn | ANBN | | | 2 | 1 | BS |
| ND | US | copp | COPP | | STRAP END? | 1 | 1 | BS |
| PRE H | US | flint | FLINT | | FLAKE | 1 | 1 | BS |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | CMW | RAWMARCH | JUG | 1 | 1 | BS |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | CMW | RAWMARCH? FIRSBY? | JUG | 1 | 1 | BS |
| M14+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | H |
| M14+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | | JUG/JAR | 2 | 2 | BS |
| M14+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | | CUP | 1 | 1 CISTERCIAN COPY | BS |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | PIP/JAR | 1 | 1 DEPO INT;SOOTED EXT | BS |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | H |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | R |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 1 | 1 | BS |
| L15+ | US | ceram ic | HUM | BROWN/PURPLE GLAZED | JUG/JAR | 3 | 3 | BS |
| M12+ | US | ceram ic | NLEMS | | JAR | 1 | 1 | BS |