

Assessment of Non-Ceramic Finds from the Transco West Hull Pipeline Watching Brief (WB23)

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Four non-ceramic finds were recovered from the watching brief on the Transco West Hull pipeline (OSA02 WB23). All are of post-medieval date.

Description

Glass

Three fragments of glass were recovered. Two were bottle glass, of which one was a stamped seal from a dark green wine bottle. The seal (SF1) is marked 'W Walby 1736', indicating that the bottle, which would have been of the 'mallet' form with a short, cylindrical body, originated in the cellar of a private individual of some wealth.

The second fragment of bottle glass, SF2, is probably of later date and is of a lighter green colour.

The third glass fragment is a piece of window glass, also light green in colour. The fragment appears to be complete and shows that it comes from a diamond pane window in which the individual panes were cut using a diamond, rather than being clipped (grozed) into shape. The shape probably indicates that this piece came from the corner of the window pane since it combines a right angle and two sides at an acute angle.

Lead



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

A lead harness mount with traces of a copper –coloured plating (Fig 1) and an iron pin (Fig 2) was recovered from Field 33 (SF3). The mount shows considerable signs of wear, with scratches on the central boss (Fig 3). This wear probably took place during use rather than in the ground. Such mounts are apparently of post-medieval or early modern date (pers comm. K Leahy).

Assessment

The harness mount and bottle seal should be illustrated or photographed. It should be possible to identify W Walby and locate the likely household where the bottle was used.

Appendix One

Context	REFNO	trench	class	cname	subfabric	Form1	Description	Part
1009	2		PMGL	pmgl	LTGR	bot		BS
us	1		PMGL	pmgl	DKGR	bot	bottle seal 'W Walby 1736'	BS
us	3	field 33	LEAD	lead		harness mount	Circular moulded mount with traces of plating. Very worn and slightly bent. Traces of an iron loop on the back	BS
1002	4	FIELD 36	PMGL	PMGL	LTGR	WIND	FOUR-SIDED PIECE WITH AT LEAST TWO ORIGINAL EDGES, SCORED AND SNAPPED THE OTHER TWO EDGES ARE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO EACH OTHER. PERHAPS A CORNER PIECE FROM A DIAMOND PANE WINDOW?	COMPLETE