

## Assessment of Non-Ceramic Finds from Elloughton, North Yorkshire (Site OSA01 WB33)

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Seven non-ceramic finds were recovered from the 2001 Watching Brief at Elloughton (OSA01 WB33). Of these, one was an unworked fragment of red chalk (context 1029) and a second was probably a naturally-occurring iron concretion (context 1091, SF3).

The remaining finds consisted of a copper alloy strip (SF5), a possibly Roman glass bottle fragment (SF4), an iron nail (SF7), two fragments of probable nail shanks (SF2), and a modern glass “alley” or “marble” (SF6).

### Description

#### **Copper Alloy**

A copper alloy object was recovered from context 1001. The object appears to have been cast, of rectangular cross section and gently tapering from c.2.5mm to c.1.7mm. It has been bent twice at right angles, producing a U-shape. The object may be broken at the wider end, perhaps having a suspension ring, and might have been part of a toilet set of Romano-British date.

#### **Glass**

##### Roman?

A fragment of blue glass, possibly from a square bottle of Romano-British date, was recovered.

##### Modern

A glass marble was recovered from context 1000. The marble has white and yellow trails and a clear body.

#### **Iron**

One definite and two probable nails were recovered.

### Assessment

The copper alloy strip may be a Romano-British artefact and should be submitted to a specialist in finds of this period for identification and reporting. It requires illustration. The glass bottle, SF4, should also be examined by a specialist.

### Costing

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Task	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
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Specialist reports	2	£25.00	£50.00
Postage	2	£10.00	£20.00
Revision of report	1	£21.00	£21.00
Total			£91.00

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Context	class	cname	subfabric	Form	Nosh	NoV	Action	Description	Part	REFNO
1029	STON	stone	red chalk	pebble	1	1			BS	
1000	iron	iron		nail	1	1			BS	7
1000	PMGL	pmgl		alley	1	1			BS	6
1001	copp	copp		object	1	1		RECTANGULAR-SECTIONED STRIP, FOLDED AT RIGHT ANGLES INTO U-SHAPE; TAPERING FROM C.2.5MM TO 1.7MM	BS	5
1021/1022	glas	glas	blue	square bottle	1	1			BS	4
1029	iron	iron		object	1	1		XRAY OSA02:4;2 PIECES OF RECT-SECTIONED STRIP, PROBABLY NAIL SHANKS	BS	2
1091	STONE	stone	black crystalline mineral		1	1			BS	3