

## **Assessment of the Small Finds from the Lower Quinton to King's Coughton Pipeline (QKC02)**

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#### **Description**

##### **Animal Bone**

A single fragment of animal bone was recovered. Bone is unlikely to survive for long in an active ploughsoil and therefore this is either evidence for the recent disturbance of archaeological features or a fairly modern object.

##### **Clay Pipes**

Three fragments of clay pipe stem were recovered. The bore diameter of two of these (Plot 61 D224, and Plot 83 D528) suggest an early to mid 17<sup>th</sup>-century date and the third (Plot 83 D520) suggests a late 17<sup>th</sup> century or later date.

##### **Copper Alloy**

A single find, a modern cartridge case, was the only copper alloy artefact found during the fieldwalking.

##### **Glass**

Ten fragments of post-medieval and modern glass were found.

A fragment of light green window glass was found on Plot 1. Window glass of this colour is usually of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>-century date but is also usually highly weathered, whereas this piece is fresh. It may therefore be a piece of deliberately green-coloured window glass of 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>-century date.

Four fragments of dark green bottle glass were found, in Plots 12, 28, 32 and 61. That from Plot 12 is heavily weathered and abraded and is likely to be of mid/late 17<sup>th</sup> century date. The base from a square dark green bottle in weathered glass from Plot 61 is likely to be of 18<sup>th</sup> century date and is a relatively unusual find. This type is sometimes known as a case bottle because they were stored in a wooden box or case with a hinged lid. The remaining two pieces are from tall bottles of later 18<sup>th</sup> century or later date. A small scrap of bottle glass from Plot 32 is superficially similar to dark green bottles of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>-century date but is much lighter in colour. It is probably of early 18<sup>th</sup> century date.

Finally, two light green bottle fragments probably come from late 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>-century bottles, such as those used for ginger beer.

## **Iron**

Two iron nails, of undatable (Roman to Modern) type were recovered during the fieldwalking.

## **Stone**

### **Worked flint**

Two worked flints were recovered, both from Plot 32. That from C556 is a small core with scars from at least 7 blades. It is probably of Mesolithic date. The core has been broken some time after burial (the broken edge has less patina than the remainder). That from E551 is a heavily rolled pebble with some iron staining and possible working along one face. Since the working is also rolled, with the same patination and staining as the rest of the piece, this may be an artefact which has been subjected to river action. Alternatively, it may be that the 'working' is accidental chipping. Given the difference in condition it is unlikely that the two pieces are of similar age.

## **Coal**

Four fragments of burnt coal were recovered from Plot 49. Their cindery appearance suggests the use of an enclosed firebox and subsequently a modern date.

## **Assessment**

The only small finds of significance from the QKC02 pipeline are the worked flints from Plot 32, which indicate possible Mesolithic activity on the site. The core should be illustrated.



Appendix

sitecode	trench	context	description	CLASS	Scname	form	NOSH	PART	WEIGHT
PI83	C	521		ANBN	ANBN		1		6
PI32	E	551	ROLLED PEBBLE WITH SOME IRON STAINING;WORKING ALONG ONE EDGE	STON	STON	TOOL?	1		30
PI32	C	556	USED TO PRODUCE AT LEAST 7 BLADES	STON	STON	CORE	1		23
PI49		24		STON	STON		4		14
PI61	D	224	17TH C		CLAY PIPE CLAY	CLAY PIPE	1	STEM	3
PI83	D	528	17TH C		CLAY PIPE CLAY	CLAY PIPE	1	STEM	3
PI83	D	520	L17TH C+		CLAY PIPE CLAY	CLAY PIPE	1	STEM	1
PI1	D	745	UNUSUALLY FRESH CONDITION SO MIGHT BE MORE RECENT DELIBERATELY COLOURED RATHER THAN 16/17TH C		PMGL	WIND	1		10
PI12	B	337	SHAFT AND GLOBE OR LATER		PMGL	BOT	1	B	15
PI28	A	1020	TALL BOTTLE		PMGL	BOT	1	B	6
PI32	A	112			PMGL	BOT	1	B	3
PI32	B	114	LOOKS LIKE A L17TH/M18TH C BOTTLE FRAG BUT MUCH LIGHTER COLOUR		PMGL	BOT	1	B	2
PI32	B	115	TALL BOTTLE		PMGL	BOT	1	B	15
PI52	C	1507	FLAT MATT BASE AND ROUNDED, POLISHED FRONT		PMGL	?	1	B	6
PI82	B	61			PMGL	BOT	1	B	1
PI61	C	653	SQUARE BOTTLE		PMGL	BOT	1	B	26
PI82	D	516			PMGL	BOT	1	B	30