

## **Assessment of the finds from The County Arms and the Orchards, Stone, Buckinghamshire (OST01)**

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A small group of finds was recovered from the County Arms and The Orchards, Stone (OST01). All are likely to be of late 19<sup>th</sup>-century or later date.

### **Description**

#### **Ceramic Building Material**

A fragment of a green-glazed wall tile in a refined whiteware body was recovered from context 1105. Such tiles were produced from the later 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

#### **Glass**



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**

A fragment of a mould-blown light green wine bottle was found in context 503. It dates to the 19<sup>th</sup> century or later.

A clear glass bottle from context 1105 was blown into a two-part mould with relief lettering on the two largest faces and the base (Figs 1 and 2).

The inscription runs:

Side a:

THE CAMBRIDGE LEMONADE

Side b:

CHIVERS & SONS L<sup>TD</sup>

HISTON

CAMBRIDGE

Base:

U G B

16

The Chivers jam factory first used glass jars in the mid 1880s and expanded into lemonade production in the 1890s. An example from this or a similar mould offered for sale in 2003 was dated to 1912, but on what basis is not clear (<http://www.bottles.freeseve.co.uk/miscellaneous.htm>).

## Iron

Two iron nails were recovered, from contexts 303 and 1101.

## Pottery

Sherds of Creamware and transfer-printed ware were recovered, from contexts 503 and 1105. Both types were first produced in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century but continued to be manufactured into the 19<sup>th</sup> century and later.

## Shell

A weathered oyster shell was recovered from context 302. This is evidence for the consumption of shellfish on site.

## Assessment

The material was recovered from five contexts (Table 1). Context 302 is undatable. Contexts 303 and 1101 are not closely datable but are probably modern. Context 503 is probably 19<sup>th</sup> century or later and context 1105 is later than the 1890s. These finds do not indicate any early activity on the site.

**Table 1**

Context	CREA	IRON	MOD	PMGL	SHEL	TPW
302					1	
303			1			
503	1				1	1
1101			1			
1105				1	1	1

## Appendix

Context	Description	Trench	Cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Subfabric	Part
1101	ROUND HEAD;SQUARE-SECTIONED SHANK	WB soakaway section	IRON	NAIL	1	1	0		BS
1105	MOULDED; 'THE CAMBRIDGE ;LEMONADE' ON ONE SIDE AND 'CHIVERS & SONS LTD/HISTON/CAMBRIDGE' ON THE OTHER;BASED MARKED 'U G B / 16'		PMGL	BOT	1	1	0	CLEAR	COMPLETE
1105	GREEN GLAZED;PRESS-MOULDED		MOD	WALT	1	1	0		BS
1105			TPW	PLATE	1	1	0		R
302			SHEL		1	1	0	OYSTER	BS
303	SQUARE HEADED;SQUARE-SECTIONED SHANK		IRON	NAIL	1	1	0		COMPLETE
503	TALL BOTTLE		PMGL	BOT	1	1	0	LTGR	BS
503			TPW	PLATE	1	1	0		BS
503			CREA	PLATE	1	1	0		BS