

## **Assessment of the Clay Tobacco Pipe from Woolpack Lane, Nottingham (JSAC 1097)**

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A single fragment of clay tobacco pipe recovered from the backfill of a cave excavated at Woolpack Lane, Nottingham, by JSAC was submitted for identification and assessment.

### **Description**

The pipe comes from context 124 and is the bowl of a spurred pipe of late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup>-century date. The pipe is undecorated apart from a single line of rouletting below the rim. This was applied by a machine used to trim the rim of the pipe bowl. The spur has raised moulded trefoils on either side, a makers mark. The bowl has a blackened interior with carbonised tobacco still remaining *in situ*.

### **Assessment**

The pipe is of late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup>-century date and without either decoration or maker's initials it is difficult to narrow down this date bracket. The bowl comes from a stratified context, associated with other finds, and should be retained for future study.