

Assessment of the Finds from Dog Kennel Lane, near Bishop Burton, East Yorkshire (dkl'05)

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A small collection of pottery, clay tobacco pipe and ceramic building material was recovered from archaeological fieldwork carried out by Field Archaeology Specialists at Dog Kennel Lane, Bishop Burton, East Yorkshire (dkl'05). The finds date to the post-medieval and early modern periods and the earliest material present probably dates to the late 17th or early 18th centuries.

Description

Ceramic Building Material

A single fragment of post-medieval pantile was recovered, from context 1003. Pantiles were introduced to Eastern England from the Low Countries in the post-medieval period and in London, for example, only occur in quantity after the Great Fire of 1666.

Clay Tobacco Pipe

Three fragments of clay pipe stem were recovered. From their bore diameters it seems likely that two date from the late 17th or 18th centuries and one is of 19th-century date.

Fired Clay

A small fragment of burnt clay was recovered. The soft, powdery silty fabric is typical of estuarine and post-glacial lacustrine clays in East Yorkshire. Its function cannot be determined.

Pottery

Seventy-six sherds of pottery were recovered from the excavations. They were assigned to 13 ware types (Table 1).

Table 1

Cname	full name	Total
BL	Black-glazed wares	1
CREA	Creamware	5
ENGS	Unspecified English Stoneware	2
ENPO	English porcelain	1
GRE	Glazed Red Earthenware	47

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LHUM	Late Humber ware	1
NOTS	Nottingham stoneware	1
RYEDALE	Ryedale ware	1
SLIP	Unidentified slipware	1
STMO	Staffordshire/Bristol mottled-glazed	9
STRE	Staffordshire redware	2
STSL	Staffordshire/Bristol slipware	1
TPW	Transfer printed ware	4
Grand Total		76

Post-medieval

Most of the pottery (63 sherds) was datable to the 17th or 18th centuries. It consisted of mainly of glazed red earthenwares (GRE, LHUM, SLIP and RYEDALE), and a small quantity of regional imports (STRE, STMO, STSL). The latter are all of types which were current in the early to mid 18th century but the absence of white salt-glazed stoneware suggests a date prior to c.1730.

The range of vessels includes some forms, such as large jugs with a cylindrical neck and flat-topped rim and cisterns with a spigot hole placed near the base, which were current in the late medieval period whilst the bowls and jars are of forms consistent with a late 17th to mid 18th-century date.

The lack of imported stonewares is worthy of mention in a group of this size.

Early Modern

A smaller quantity of pottery (13 sherds) could be dated to the late 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. These sherds include types typical of the late 18th to early 19th centuries (CREA) as well as types which first appeared in the late 19th century, such as English stoneware preserve jars with ribbed bodies. Others, such as TPW and NOTS, have a wider date-range.

Assessment

The pottery was recovered from two contexts, 1000 and 1003. That from context 1000 (topsoil) is mainly of early modern date, and includes late 19th/early 20th-century pieces, whereas that from context 1003 (an isolated boundary ditch) could all be of early 18th-century date. It is possible that the latter context includes sherds from slightly earlier vessels and one of these is a Late Humberware, a type first produced in the later 16th century (but continuing in production into the 18th century, at least), but just as likely that these forms were still being used in the early 18th centuries.

The source of the earthenwares is not known. They have a fine, silty fabric but this is typical of clays throughout much of East Yorkshire east and south of the Wolds, as well as in the Humber basin. Only a single sherd appears to be of a different fabric, Ryedale ware, which was produced at a number of centres around the fringes of the North Yorkshire Moors.

Retention

All of the finds come from stratified deposits, but a case can be made for discarding those from context 3000.

Further Work

It would be possible to establish with more precision whereabouts the glazed red earthenwares were made, by comparing them with those from other sites in East Yorkshire, such as Beverley and Hull, but this would be better carried out as part of a larger survey of the post-medieval pottery of the county and therefore no work is recommended at the present time.

Appendix 1

Context	class	cname	subfabric	Form	Nosh	NoV	Description	Wt	Use	Condition
1000	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	19TH C BORE	1		
1000	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	L17THC+ BORE	1		
1000	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	L17TH+ BORE	1		
1000	FCLAY	FCLAY	SILTY POWDERY		1	1		2		
1000	POTTERY	BL		JAR	1	1		4		
1000	POTTERY	CREA		PLATE	1	1		26		
1000	POTTERY	CREA		CHP	1	1		9		
1000	POTTERY	CREA		TANK	1	1		8		
1000	POTTERY	CREA		BOWL	2	1		2		
1000	POTTERY	ENGS		JAR	1	1	RIBBED MARMALADE JAR	42		
1000	POTTERY	ENGS		TPOT	1	1	MOULDED WHITE	9		
1000	POTTERY	ENPO		CUP	1	1	LTGR AND YELLOW PAINTED EXT	4		
1000	POTTERY	GRE		JAR	1	1	KEEL-SECTIONED HANDLE	23		
1000	POTTERY	GRE		BOWL	1	1		7		
1000	POTTERY	GRE		BOWL	1	1	FLANGED	59		
1000	POTTERY	GRE		BOWL	1	1	HOOKED	55		
1000	POTTERY	GRE		BOWL	1	1		40		
1000	POTTERY	NOTS		BOWL	1	1		7		
1000	POTTERY	SLIP		BOWL	1	1	WHSL INT	4		
1000	POTTERY	TPW		PLATE	1	1		3		
1000	POTTERY	TPW		PLATE	1	1		3		
1000	POTTERY	TPW		CUP	1	1		2		
1000	POTTERY	TPW			1	1		1		
1003	CBM	PMTIL		PANT	1	1		72		
1003	POTTERY	GRE		BOWL	2	1	LOOP HANDLE	146	SOOTED EXT RIM	

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1003	POTTERY	GRE	BOWL	1	1		45	SOOTED EXT RIM
1003	POTTERY	GRE	JAR	4	4		145	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	JUG	2	2	CYLINDRICAL NECK;FLAT TOPPED RIM	145	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	JUG	2	2		137	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	JUG	1	1	B/H JOIN TWO-THUMBED	43	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	JUG	2	2	UNDEC STRAP	128	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	BOWL	18	18		406	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	BOWL	4	4		310	
1003	POTTERY	GRE	BOWL	6	6		373	
1003	POTTERY	LHUM	CIST	1	1	SPIGOT HOLE	238	
1003	POTTERY	RYEDALE	BOWL	1	1		28	
1003	POTTERY	STMO	POSS	2	2		29	
1003	POTTERY	STMO		3	1	ALL GLAZE AND SLIP SPALLED AWAY	10	
1003	POTTERY	STMO	POSS	2	2		94	
1003	POTTERY	STMO	TANK	1	1		5	
1003	POTTERY	STMO	TANK	1	1		9	
1003	POTTERY	STRE	BOWL	2	2		72	VABR
1003	POTTERY	STSL	POSS	1	1	DKBR BLOBS WITH YELLOW JEWELLING	5	