

Assessment of some finds from Market Place, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire (MPM05)

A small number of finds from archaeological fieldwork at Market Place, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) Ltd were submitted for identification and assessment. The finds consist of clay tobacco pipe stems and fragments of post-medieval glass, of late 17th century or later date.

Description

Clay Tobacco Pipe

Two clay pipe stems were submitted. Neither is decorated and both have bore diameters consistent with a late 17th-century or 18th-century date.

Glass

A fragment of window glass and a dark green bottle were submitted. The window glass consists of an almost complete square pane with a light blue tinge to the glass. The pane had been scored and snapped. Square-paned windows with glass of this type first appeared in the later 17th century and continued to be used until at least the middle of the 18th century. The bottle glass consists of the lower body and base of a bottle with a conical lower body, similar to that found today in some liqueur bottles (e.g. De Kuyper cherry brandy). The degree of weathering and colour suggest a mid 17th to mid 18th-century date but this is not a common form at that time. The closest form would be the "shaft-and-globe" form, current from c.1650 to c.1670.

Assessment

The site produced a post-medieval well and investigation included the fill of the well, its construction trench fill and lining and the deposits through which the well was cut. The finds are consistent with a post-medieval date.

The finds should be retained for potential future study but no further study is recommended. The glass will require a conservation assessment and appropriate packaging.

Appendix 1. List of Finds

Context	class	Description	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Condition	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight
007	CTP	L17TH/18TH BORE DIAM (2.5MM)	PIPECLAY		PIPE		BS	1	1	1
010	CTP	L17TH/18TH BORE DIAM (2.4MM)	PIPECLAY		PIPE		BS	2	2	9
010	PMGL	CONICAL LOWER	PMGL	DKGR	BOT	WEATHERED	B	1	1	90

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		BODY AND HIGH KICK;NARROWER THAN S&G							
010	PMGL	SQUARE PANE;SCORED AND SNAPPED ON 3 SURVIVING SIDES	PMGL	LTBL	WIND	BS	1	1	61