

Assessment of Finds from King's School, Brook Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire (KSBG 06)

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A clay tobacco pipe and a lead shot from an archaeological watching brief carried out at King's School, Brook Street, Grantham, carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) Ltd, were submitted for identification.

Description

Clay Tobacco Pipe

A clay pipe bowl was recovered from context 001. The bowl is from a heeled pipe with a single line of square-toothed milling around the rim. The form suggests a date of c.1640-60 and the very micaceous nature of the pipeclay suggests that it may have been made locally. Northampton Field, Northampton, was noted in the late 17th century as a source of good quality pipeclay and may be the source of this clay. The pipe could have been made at any number of sites in the east midlands, however.

Lead

A lead alloy shot was recovered from context 010. The shot was formed in a two-part mould and shows no facets which would occur if it was used against a hard surface. The shot is slightly ovoid with a maximum diameter of 11mm and a minimum of 10mm. The shot weighs 7gm. The weight and diameter are at the low end of the range of lead shot recorded by the author (weights range from 6gm to 23gm and diameters (range from 8mm to 15mm in a sample of 6 shot). It is likely that the shot was used in hunting rather than warfare.

Assessment

The two finds are probably both of 17th-century date. No further work is recommended but both should be retained for future study.

Appendix 1

Context	class	REFNO	Description	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Diam
001	CTP		MILLED HEELED BOWL C.1640- 60;BORE DIAM 3.4MM	PIPECLAY	MICACEOUS	PIPE	BS	1	1	11	0
010	LEAD	SF1	CAST IN TWO-PART MOULD	LEAD		SHOT	BS	1	1	7	11

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