

Assessment of the Finds from Lythe, North Yorkshire (OSA06WB18)

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A small collection of finds was recovered from an archaeological watching brief carried out at Lythe, North Yorkshire. The finds consist mostly of pottery with some samples of brick, and single objects of iron and glass (Table 1). Of those finds that could be dated, only one is probably earlier than the late 18th century, and that was a sherd of white Saltglazed stoneware, vessels of which had a long life.

Table 1

class	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
CBM	4	4	30
IRON	1	1	57
PMGL	1	1	260
POTTERY	19	17	115
Grand Total	25	23	462

Description

The finds were identified and quantified by count, number of vessels/objects represented and weight in grams.

Ceramic Building Material

Three samples of brick were recorded, two with measureable widths of 150mm and all 60mm thick. All have the appearance of being made from local boulder clay.

A single fragment of pantile was recorded. This had a finer fabric and cannot be attributed to a source without more detailed analysis.

Glass

The base of a single dark green glass bottle was recorded. Such vessels were produced from the mid 18th century onwards.

Iron

A single large nail, 150mm long, was recorded.

Pottery

Nineteen sherds of pottery were recorded. One of these consists of a small fragment from a white saltglazed stoneware vessel. Such vessels were produced from c.1720 to c.1770 but

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are often found in association with late 18th and early 19th-century pottery types, indicating that they were probably handed down as heirlooms.

The remaining pottery is all of types which were current in the late 18th and 19th centuries including three fragments of miscellaneous whiteware (WHITE) which probably date to the mid 19th century or later (Table 2). Most of these sherds cannot be provenanced without more detailed work but the presence of Sunderland coarseware suggests that much of the refined whiteware and stoneware (CREA, ENGS, PEAR, TPW, WHITE) might come from Sunderland, since the products of this area were widely traded along the east coast.

Table 2

cname	Name	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
BL	Blackware	1	1	8
CREA	Creamware	4	4	12
	Misc English			
ENGS	Stoneware	1	1	12
	Glazed Red			
GRE	Earthenware	3	2	6
PEAR	Pearlware	1	1	1
	Sunderland			
SUND	coarseware	1	1	56
	Transfer			
TPW	Printed ware	4	3	12
	Misc Refined			
WHITE	Whiteware	3	3	7
Grand Total		18	16	114

Assessment

The finds come from four contexts. Two of these can be dated to the late 18th century or later (401 and 413) on the basis of the finds whilst the other two (411 and 415) must date to the mid 19th century or later.

Retention

All of the finds come from stratified deposits and should therefore be retained for potential future study.

Appendix 1

Sitecode	Context	class	cname	date	subfabric	Form	Nosh	NoV	Description	Part	Weight	diameter	L	B	TH
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	SUND	EMOD		BOWL	1	1		B	56	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	WHITE	EMOD		PLATE	1	1		BS	5	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	CREA	EMOD		PLATE	1	1		BS	8	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	BL	EMOD		JAR	1	1		BS	8	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	TPW	EMOD		CHPT	1	1		BS	8	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	TPW	EMOD		BOWL	2	1		R	3	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	CREA	EMOD		BOWL	1	1		R	1	0			
osa06wb18	413	CBM	PMTIL	EMOD		PANT	1	1		BS	30	0			
osa06wb18	401	POTTERY	CREA	EMOD		PLATE	1	1		BS	2	0			
osa06wb18	401	POTTERY	SWSG	PMED		?	1	1		BS	1	0			
osa06wb18	411	POTTERY	CREA	EMOD		PLATE	1	1		BS	1	0			
osa06wb18	411	POTTERY	TPW	EMOD		BOWL	1	1		BS	1	0			
osa06wb18	413	POTTERY	ENGs	EMOD		BOT	1	1		BS	12	0			
osa06wb18	401	POTTERY	PEAR	EMOD		PLATE	1	1	BLUE FEATHERING ROUND RIM	R	1	0			
osa06wb18	411	POTTERY	WHITE	EMOD		BOWL	1	1	BROWN AND BUFF BANDS OF INDUST SLIP EXT	BS	1	0			
osa06wb18	415	POTTERY	WHITE	EMOD		BOWL	1	1	BROWN INDUST SLIP EXT	BS	1	0			
osa06wb18	413	PMGL	PMGL	EMOD	DKGR	TALL	1	1	FRAG OF BASE INCL PONTIL	B	260	95			20
osa06wb18	415	IRON	IRON	EMOD		LARGE NAIL	1	1	FROM AGRIC MACHINERY?	BS	57	0	150		
osa06wb18	413	CBM	PMTIL	EMOD		BRICK	1	1	SAMPLE A ONLY 39G	BS	0	0		115	60

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osa06wb18	401	CBM	PMTIL	EMOD	BRICK	1	1	SAMPLE ONLY 58G	BS	0	0	115 60
osa06wb18	401	POTTERY	GRE	EMOD	BOWL	1	1	WHITE SLIP INT	BS	2	0	
osa06wb18	411	POTTERY	GRE	EMOD	BOWL	2	1	WHITE SLIP INT	BS	4	0	

