

Assessment of the Finds from Uttoxeter, Staffordshire (OSA06 EV19)

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A small collection of finds from an archaeological evaluation carried out at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, by On-Site Archaeology Ltd was submitted for identification and assessment.

The finds consist mostly of fragments of brick and tile with a small quantity of pottery and clay tobacco pipe fragments. The pottery mainly dates to the 17th century with a single earlier sherd and the ceramic building material could be of similar date.

Description

The finds were identified and recorded. In total, 52 fragments, representing no more than 50 objects and weighing 598 gm were recorded (Table 1 and App 1).

Table 1

class	Cname	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
CBM	PMTIL	38	38	474
PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY	5	5	11
POTTERY	MP	1	1	9
	STCOAR	2	2	75
	STRE	5	3	28
	STSL	1	1	1
Grand Total		52	50	598

Ceramic Building Material

Eight fragments of brick and eight fragments of flat roof tile were recorded. In addition 22 fragments were too small for identification to form.

The material probably dates between the late 16th century and the 18th century and includes no frogged or machine-made bricks.

Clay Tobacco Pipes

Five fragments of clay pipe stem were recorded. Their stem bore diameters suggest a 17th to 18th century date.

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Pottery

Nine fragments of pottery were recorded. All are probably products of the Staffordshire potteries and are mostly of types found in the 17th century. The codes used are those employed by the Museum of London for these same types.

A single sherd of Midlands Purple ware (MP) may be of 16th or early 17th century date.

The remaining sherds consist of coarseware pancheon fragments (STCOAR); a sherd from a wheelthrown, slip-trailed dish (STRE); sherds of posset pot and jar (STRE – red-bodied and STSL – light-bodied). The STSL sherd has a thick black slip inside and out.

Assessment

Stratigraphy

The finds come from four contexts.

Context 706 produced sherds of black-glazed posset pot and clay pipes and can be dated to the mid 17th century or later.

Context 905 produced the sherd of Midlands Purple ware; clay pipes; brick; flat roof tile; coarseware pancheon; black-glazed redware jars and the black-slipped jar. These types date the deposit to the mid 17th century or later.

Context 908 produced fragments of flat roof tile and the slip-trailed dish. These types date the deposit to the mid 17th century or later.

Context 910 produced fragments of brick and a piece of flat roof tile. No close date can be given on the basis of these finds, but given the date of the other finds it is probably also mid 17th-century or later.

Retention

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

Further Work

No work is recommended on the finds.

Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
905	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		17-18TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	2	
905	CBM	PMTIL			FLAT	BS	5	5	284	
905	CBM	PMTIL			?	BS	22	22	19	FRAGS
905	POTTERY	STCOAR			PANC	R;BS	2	2	75	
905	POTTERY	MP			JAR	BS	1	1	9	

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Context	class	Cname	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
905	POTTERY	STRE	BLACK GL;AZED	DEEP HORIZ GROOVES	JAR	BS	2	1	14	
905	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	3	3	144	
905	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		17TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	2	
706	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		18TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	3	BURNT
908	POTTERY	STRE		WHITE SLIP DEC	DISH	BS	1	1	2	
908	CBM	PMTIL			FLAT	BS	2	2	16	
910	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	5	5	2	
910	CBM	PMTIL			FLAT	BS	1	1	9	
706	POTTERY	STRE	BLACK GLAZE	STRAP HANDLE 15 ACROSS	POSSET	H;BS	2	1	12	
706	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		17TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	2	2	4	
905	POTTERY	STSL			JAR	BS	1	1	1	