

Assessment of Finds from Grange Farm, Norton, Sheffield (GFN06)

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A collection of finds, mostly pottery but including clay tobacco pipes, glass and ceramic building material, was collected from an archaeological watching brief carried out at Grange Farm, Norton, Sheffield, by Foundations Archaeology and submitted to the authors for identification and assessment.

The finds are probably all of post-medieval or later date.

Description

Seventy-one finds were submitted, of which two were identified as being unworked stone fragments. The remainder (Table 1) are described and assessed below and are quantified by count, the number of vessels/objects represented and by weight in grams. They are catalogued in Appendix 1.

Table 1

class	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
CBM	5	5	97
CTP	6	6	12
GLASS	4	4	55
POTTERY	54	50	596
Grand Total	69	65	760

Ceramic Building Material

Five fragments of brick were recovered. None were large enough to take measurements of their original dimensions and their fabric was not immediately distinctive. They are probably of similar date to the other finds although, given the architectural ascription of buildings on the site to the early 17th century they too could be of similar date.

Clay Tobacco Pipes

Six fragments of clay tobacco pipe were recovered. All were undecorated stem fragments and can be dated to the 18th or 19th centuries through their bore diameters.

Glass

Four fragments of dark green bottle glass were recovered. All appear to have come from tall bottles of mid/late 18th century or later date. No sign of mould blowing was present and this might indicate a mid 19th-century or earlier date.

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Pottery

Fifty-four fragments of pottery were recovered. Of these, two might be of later 16th to mid 17th-century date Brownware (BERTH). The remainder are likely to be of later 17th century or later date.

Post-medieval

These types include Blackware vessels (BL); Blackware vessels with a variegated, Coal Measures, fabric (STCOAR); Miscellaneous slipware (SLIP); Mottled ware, probably of Staffordshire manufacture (STMO); and white saltglazed stoneware, with scratch blue decoration (SWSG). The latter is a mid 18th-century type and also likely to be a Staffordshire product.

Early Modern

Later 18th-century and later pottery consists of Creamware (CREA); Nottinghamshire stoneware (NOTS); Pearlware (PEAR); Refined Red Earthenware (REFR); and Transfer-printed ware (TPW). No types which are definitely later than the mid 19th century were present.

Assessment

Area 1

Finds were recovered from two features in Area 1. That from Ditch 104 (fill 105) can be dated to the late 18th century or later by the presence of Creamware and that from drainage gully 106 (fill 107) is also dated to the late 18th century or later by the presence of two sherds from a transfer printed ware plate.

Area 2b

Finds from the subsoil, 226, are all probably of later 17th to mid 18th century date and include the scratch-blue decorated stoneware dish.

A single sherd from context 216 is of later 17th or 18th century date.

A single sherd from the south wall of one of the demolished buildings (233) is datable to the later 17th century or later.

A collection of finds from soakaway pit 226 is dated to the mid/late 18th century or later through a fragment of tall dark green bottle whilst the pottery is of late 17th to mid 18th-century types.

A collection of finds from pit 230 also mostly consists of later 17th to mid 18th-century pottery together with three 18th-century or later clay pipe stems. The latest type present is an unglazed vessel, probably a flowerpot, produced in a Staffordshire coarseware fabric with a dark brown slip. A mid 18th century or later date is probable for this vessel.

The fill of drain 234 produced a sherd of Nottinghamshire stoneware, of 18th or 19th-century date.

Chronological Summary

The two Brownware sherds were both associated with late 17th century or later finds but do confirm the architectural evidence for early 17th century activity on the site. With their exception, it is likely that the most of the late 17th to mid 18th century finds actually come from features backfilled in the mid 18th century and it may be that this represents a period of alteration in the farm layout, entailing the backfilling of some features. This may correspond to the period in which stalls were constructed next to the 17th-century farmhouse. Finally, a few features were backfilled in the late 18th to mid 19th centuries and this may also be correlated with structural activity; the construction of a stable block and new stalls in the early 19th century. Presumably, in the intervening periods finds were not deposited on the investigated part of the site.

Further Work

No further work is recommended on the finds.

Retention

All the finds from stratified deposits should be retained for future re-examination.

Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
105	POTTERY	BERTH			JAR	BS	1	1	8	
105	POTTERY	CREA			BOWL	BS	2	1	20	
105	POTTERY	NOTS			BOWL	B	1	1	13	
105	POTTERY	PEAR			JAR	B	1	1	127	
105	GLASS	PMGLASS	DKGR		TALL	BS	1	1	32	
107	POTTERY	REFR		WHITE SLIP INT; WHITE SLIP HORIZ BANDS ON BLACK EXT	BOWL	R	1	1	4	
107	POTTERY	SLIP			BOWL	R	1	1	30	
107	POTTERY	STCOAR			JAR	BS	1	1	1	
107	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	1	1	2	
107	POTTERY	TPW			PLATE	BS	2	1	1	
206	POTTERY	BL			JAR	H	1	1	10	
206	GEO	GEO				BS	2	2	8	
206	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		18-19TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	2	
206	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	3	3	85	
206	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	3	3	19	
206	POTTERY	STCOAR			JAR	BS	1	1	2	
206	POTTERY	STMO			JAR	BS	1	1	1	

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206	POTTERY	SWSG		SCRATCH BLUE	DISH	BS	1	1	1	
216	POTTERY	STMO			JAR	BS	2	1	8	
227	CBM	CBM			BRICK	BS	1	1	4	BURNT
227	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		18TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	2	2	5	
227	GLASS	PMGLASS	DKGR		TALL	BS	3	3	23	
227	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	2	2	52	ABRA
227	POTTERY	STCOAR			JAR	BS	15	15	166	
227	POTTERY	STMO			JAR	BS	1	1	8	
229	POTTERY	BERTH			JAR	BS	1	1	3	
231	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		18-19TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	3	3	5	
231	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	1	1	8	
231	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	1	1	4	
231	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	1	1	4	FRIED GLAZE
231	POTTERY	STCOAR			JAR	BS	3	3	26	
231	POTTERY	STCOAR		UNGLAZED	FLP	BS	1	1	3	
231	POTTERY	STMO			JAR	BS	1	1	4	BURNT
233	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	2	2	8	
236	POTTERY	NOTS			BOWL	BS	1	1	5	
TR2 U/S	POTTERY	NOTS			JAR	BS	1	1	4	
U/S	POTTERY	STCOAR			BOWL	BS	3	2	54	

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U/S POTTERY STCOAR

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