

# Assessment of the Finds from Centreport, Goole (OSA06 EV20)

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A small collection of finds, comprising ceramic building material (CBM), iron, glass (PMGL), pottery and stone was recovered from an archaeological evaluation at the Centreport development, Goole undertaken by On-Site Archaeology Ltd (Site Code OSA06 EV20).

### Description

The finds were identified and quantified by fragment count, the maximum number of objects present (NoV) and weight in grams (Table 1 and Appendix 1).

*Table 1*

class	Sum of Nosh	Sum of NoV	Sum of Weight
CBM	8	6	128
IRON	2	1	10
PMGL	1	1	0
POTTERY	15	15	193
STONE	1	1	23
Grand Total	25	22	353

### **Ceramic Building Material**

Eight fragments of ceramic building material were recovered. All come from bricks. One of these has a whitened surface caused by being produced from a briny clay, which is consistent with the use of local estuarine clay, and none of the fragments have any features which would allow them to be dated closely.

### **Glass**

A fragment of dark green bottle glass was recovered but not submitted for identification. It is likely to be of late 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>-century date.

### **Iron**

A binding strip with one rivet or nail present was recovered. Such strips were and are still used extensively for low-quality wooden construction (e.g. packing cases).

### **Pottery**

#### Medieval

Three sherds of Humberware were recovered. This ware was produced at several centres in the Humber wetlands and neighbouring areas. The closest source to Goole, as far as is

known, is West Cowick, about 7 miles to the west of Goole and accessible by water on the river Aire, but other centres include York (23 miles to the north-east but perhaps on a more active waterway) and Holme-upon-Spalding Moor (12 miles to the north and inaccessible by water transport). Humberware was produced from the mid 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries although late examples tend to have an overfired red slip, giving rise to a purple, blistered glaze, which is not present on these examples.

### Post-medieval

Three sherds of possible post-medieval date were found. Two were unsourced glazed red earthenware (GRE) and the third was of Nottingham stoneware (NOTS). However, both of these types continued to be produced into the later 18<sup>th</sup> century. The earliest possible dates for these wares are late 16<sup>th</sup> century for the glazed red earthenware and late 17<sup>th</sup> century for Nottingham stoneware.

### Early Modern

Seven sherds of late 18<sup>th</sup> century or later date were recovered. Six of these were of Creamware (CREA) plates, a type first produced in the mid 1760s but still in production in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The seventh sherd is of pearl ware, of late 18<sup>th</sup> to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century date. Without makers' stamps it is difficult to source these types, which were produced at several centres (the nearest to Goole being at Castleford).

### Stone

A fragment of Coal Measures shale was recovered. This was probably accidentally imported alongside coal. It shows no sign of burning and is therefore evidence for either the use of transshipment of coal.

### Assessment

#### Dating

Table 2 summarises the dating evidence provided by these finds. Three contexts might date to the later medieval period (8005, 24006 and 29005) and one might be of post-medieval or later date (34006) whilst the remainder are either undatable or of early modern date.

*Table 2*

Trench	Context	emod	med	pmed	pmed-emod	nd	Grand Total
8	8005		1				1
13	13009 U/S				1	1	1 1
15	15005 15011					1 4	1 13
20	20007 20013				2		2 2
24	24006		1				1

29	29005	1	1
34	34006	1	1
	34007		1

**Further Work**

The finds do not require any further study.

**Retention**

The finds which come from stratified deposits should be retained to allow the identifications to be checked and elaborated. Unstratified finds could be discarded.

## Appendix 1

Trench	Context	group	class	Cname	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
8	8005	med	POTTERY	HUM?		HANDLE JOIN SCAR	JUG	BS	1	1	5	VABRA
13	13009	pmed- emod	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	1	1	2	
13	U/S	nd	SHALE	SHALE		FROM COAL MEASURES SHALE	SHALE	BS	1	1	23	
15	15005	pmed- emod	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	1	1	6	
15	15011	emod	POTTERY	CREA		PLAIN RIM	PLATE	R	1	1	8	
15	15011	emod	POTTERY	PEAR			JUG	SPOUT	1	1	3	
15	15011	emod	POTTERY	CREA		WAVY RIM	PLATE	R	1	1	5	
15	15011	emod	POTTERY	CREA			PLATE	BS	4	4	13	
15	15011	pmed	POTTERY	GRE			BOWL	B;BS	2	2	49	
15	15011	pmed- emod	CBM	PMTIL		SALT SURFACING	BRICK	BS	3	1	105	
15	15011	pmed- emod	PMGL	PMGL	DKGR	NOT SEEN	BOT	BS	1	1	0	
20	20007	pmed- emod	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	2	2	1	
20	20013	nd	IRON	IRON		REVETTED IRON STRIP	BINDING STRIP	BS	2	1	10	
24	24006	med	POTTERY	HUM		STRAP HANDLE 50 ACROSS, 4 GROOVES	JUG	H	1	1	91	ABRA
29	29005	med	POTTERY	HUM			JUG/JAR	BS	1	1	3	ABRA
34	34006	pmed	POTTERY	NOTS			BOWL	B	1	1	15	
34	34007	pmed- emod	CBM	PMTIL			BRICK	BS	1	1	14	