

## **Assessment of mixed finds from the Brecon to Tirley pipe line project (BRT44)**

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A small quantity of finds were recovered from fieldwork on the line of the Brecon to Tirley pipeline by Network Archaeology Ltd (Site Code BRT44). All the finds came from plot 430, ID 86010, and where they can be dated are of post-medieval or later date.

### **Description**

#### **Ceramic Building Material**

A single fragment of pantile was recovered. Pantiles were first used in Wales and the Welsh borderland no earlier the 17<sup>th</sup> century although they were introduced to eastern England at least a century earlier.

#### **Clay Tobacco Pipe**

A single fragment of a spurred clay tobacco pipe was recovered. The bore diameter suggests a 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century date.

#### **Glass**

A wall fragment from a dark green bottle was recovered. The size and shape of the fragment and the degree of weathering suggest that it came from a bottle dating between the mid 17<sup>th</sup> and mid 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

#### **Ivory**

A fragment of ivory comb was recovered. A photograph of this comb was shown to Ian Riddler, a specialist in bone, antler and ivory artefacts, who comments that it is probably 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century and of a fairly common type.



*Figure 1*

### **Pottery**

A fragment of a refined whiteware cup with blue sprigged decoration was recovered. Vessels of this type appear to date to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and later.

### **Assessment**

The finds from Plot 430 form a mixed assemblage of post-medieval and later date. They might represent the nearby presence of occupation and it is unlikely that the ivory would have survived for long in a ploughsoil.

### **Further Work**

No further work is recommended.

### **Retention**

Assuming that the finds are unstratified, there is little to be gained from retaining these finds for future study. However, it may be that the comb could be used as part of a teaching collection.

## Appendix 1

REFNO	Trench	Action	Context	class	Cname	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight
HRFD 2006-40	PLOT 430		86010	CBM	PMTIL			PANT	BS	1	1	34
HRFD 2006.40	PLOT 430		86010	GLASS	PMGLAS	DK GR	1650-1720	BOT	R	1	1	11
HRFD 2006.40	PLOT 430	photo	86010	IVORY?	IVORY?		SF 86050; MARKING OUT LINES AND FINISHING EVIDENCE	COMB	PART	1	1	8
HRFD 2006.40	PLOT 430		86010	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY		17TH-18TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	SPUR/STEM	1	1	2
HRFD 2006.40	PLOT 430		86010	POTTERY	WHITE		BLUE SPRIGGED FLORAL DEC	CUP	BS	1	1	1

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