

Assessment of the Finds from Oldbury Petrol Filling Station, Sainsbury's Savacentre, West Midlands (ODSSC 07)

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A small collection of finds, consisting of pottery, clay tobacco pipe, ceramic building material and a piece of stone, was submitted to the authors for identification and assessment.

Description

Ceramic Building Material

Two fragments from a single brick were recovered from context 118. They are probably of post-medieval or early modern date (i.e. late 16th century to 20th century).

Clay Tobacco Pipe

Two stems from clay tobacco pipes were recovered. That from context 209 has a bore diameter which suggests a 17th-century date and that from context 118 has a bore diameter which suggests a later 18th century or later date.

Pottery

Nine fragments of pottery were recovered, representing no more than 8 vessels. Three sherds of Staffordshire coarseware (from contexts 207 and 307) could be of any date from the 17th century onwards whilst the remaining sherds include a Chinese export porcelain plate from context 107 (CHPO), a type probably imported in the 18th century but common in later deposits and sherds of factory-made refined whitewares: Creamware from contexts 107 and 207 (CREA - 1760s onwards); Pearlware from context 118 (PEAR - 1770s onwards); and transfer-printed ware from context 113 (TPW - 1770s onwards).

Stone

A single fragment of burnt stone was recovered from context 209.

Assessment

The datable finds are all of later 18th or later date apart from the single clay pipe stem from context 209. TPQ dates for each context are given in Table 1.

Table 1

Context	TPQ
107	Late 18 th century
113	Late 18 th century
118	Late 18 th century

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207	Late 18 th century
209	Early 17 th century
307	Early 17 th century

Retention

All of the finds are stratified and should therefore be retained for future re-examination.

Further Work

No further work is recommended on the finds.

Context	class	Cname	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
107	POTTERY	CHPO		PLATE	BS	1	1	1	
107	POTTERY	CREA		BOWL	B	1	1	6	
113	POTTERY	TPW		BOWL	BS	1	1	3	
118	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY	18/19TH CENTURY BORE	CLAY PIPE	STEM	1	1	1	
118	POTTERY	PEAR		PLATE	R	2	1	6	BURNT ALONG RIM?
118	CBM	PMTIL		BRICK	BS	2	1	214	
207	POTTERY	CREA		PLATE	R	1	1	1	
207	POTTERY	STCOAR		PANC	B	1	1	112	
209	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY	17TH CENTURY BORE	CLAY PIPE	STEM	1	1	2	
209	STONE			STONE	FRAG	1	1	73	BURNT
307	POTTERY	STCOAR		PANC	BS	2	2	92	