

# Assessment of Glass from Portland Street, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire (PSMW 08)

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Three fragments of glassware from an archaeological intervention at Portland Street, Mansfield, carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) Ltd, were submitted for identification and assessment. All three are likely to be of later 18<sup>th</sup> century or later date.

## Description

### Glass

1. Context 300. Complete light blue oval bottle. Moulded with WOODWARD CHEMIST NOTTINGHAM in relief. The base is marked Y G Co in a hexagonal cartouche. William Woodward opened a pharmacy in Nottingham in 1851 and died in 1912 (Blumenthal 2000). The Y G Co mark indicates that the bottle was produced by the York Glass company, whose factory was taken over c.1900. Therefore, probably, this bottle can be dated between c.1851 and 1900.
2. Context 300. Complete colourless cylindrical phial. Free-blown with pontil mark at base. Dark brown staining on the inside from halfway down the phial to the base, getting darker with depth, is probably a residue of the contents.
3. Context 304. A fragment of a light green, cylindrical-walled moulded bottle.

## Assessment

All three fragments come from vessels of late 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century date and No.1 can be more precisely dated, to the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## Retention

Since all three pieces come from stratified deposits, they should be retained for future re-examination.

## Further work

No further work is required.

## Appendix 1

Context	cname	subfabric	Object	Nosh	Weight	Part	Description	L
304	PMGL	LTGR		1	67	BS		
300	PMGL	LTBL	BOTTLE	1	274	NEAR WHOLE	'WOODWARD CHEMIST NOTTINGHAM'	147

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							MOULDED DOWN FRONT; OVAL BASE 40 BY 62 MARKED "Y G Co"; BODY 103 HIGH WITH SHOULDERS TO NECK 20 DIA 23 HIGH; RIM WITH LIP 26 DIA	
300	PMGL	CLEAR	SMALL BOTTLE	1	26	NEAR WHOLE	CIRCULAR BASE 25 DIA WITH PONTIL MARK; CYLINDRICAL BODY 76 HIGH; SHOULDER LEADING TO NECK 14 DIA 8 TALL WITH LIPPED RIM 20 DIA	88

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