

Assessment of Iron Artefacts from Land to the rear of 41-73 Hykeham Rd, North Hykeham, Lincolnshire (HYRL08)

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Two iron artefacts were recovered from an archaeological excavation at land to the rear of 41-73 Hykeham Road, North Hykeham, Lincolnshire, undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) Ltd.

Description

Iron

- 1. Context 604. A tool with a square tang showing no signs of tapering, 6mm square, and a chisel-like blade, possibly incomplete. The blade is 12mm wide and 4mm thick.
- 2. Context 604. A tool with a possible circular-sectioned tang snapped off close to the blade and small curved blade. Total surviving length: 43mm

Assessment

The two artefacts come from the same context, associated with mid to late 4th-century pottery, and are both tools. There is a strong possibility, therefore, that the two tools were associated with the same craft.

Further work

The two tools are stratified in a late Roman deposit and could throw light on late Roman craft activity. They should therefore be submitted to a specialist in Roman small finds and illustrated (under that specialist's supervision).

Retention

Both finds should be retained and advise obtained from a conservation laboratory on packing and storage conditions.

Appendix 1

Context	cname	Object	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Part	Action	Description	L	B	TH
604	IRON	TOOL	1	1	15	PART	SPECIALIST; DR	POSS ROUND TANG 6 DIA; POSS CURVED BLADE?	43+		
604	IRON	TOOL	1	1	14	PART	SPECIALIST; DR	SQUARE TANG 6 BY 6; POSSIBLE CHISEL LIKE END/BROKEN END	66+	6- 12	4- 6

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