

Assessment of the Finds from Morrisons, Welton Road, Brough, East Yorkshire (OSA08 EV12)

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A small collection of finds was recovered from an archaeological evaluation carried out at Morrisons, Welton Road, Brough, East Yorkshire, by On-Site Archaeology Ltd (Site Code: OSA08 EV12).

The finds range in date from the Roman period to the early modern period and all come from topsoil.

Description

A total of 16 finds were recovered, comprising a small fragment of ceramic building material (CBM), two fragments of glass (PMGL) and thirteen fragments of pottery (Table 1).

Table 1

| class | Sum of Nosh | Sum of NoV | Sum of Weight |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| CBM | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PMGL | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| POTTERY | 13 | 13 | 153 |
| Grand Total | 16 | 15 | 165 |

Ceramic Building Material

A small fragment of ceramic building material, which could not be identified to period or form, was recovered.

Glass

Two fragments of clear glass were recovered. They probably come from a bowl of modern date.

Pottery

Roman

Four sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. They were identified and recorded according to the system employed at the York Archaeological Trust (Monaghan 1997). They consist of three greyware (G1) jar sherds and one burnished greyware (B3). The burnished sherd probably dates to the early 2nd century or later whilst the greywares are fine-textured and probably of North Lincolnshire origin, in which case they probably date between the later 1st and early 3rd centuries. This interpretation is based on the study of pottery from Melton (e.g. Didsbury 1999).

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Medieval

Nine sherds of medieval pottery were recovered. Two of these are probably of later 12th to early 14th century date (East Yorkshire Quartz and Calcareous tempered ware – EYQC – and Staxton-type ware – STAXT) and six are probably of later medieval date. Seven of these consist of Humberware (HUM) and one of Northern Gritty ware (NGR). These wares were current from the mid 14th to the 16th centuries.

Assessment

The finds indicate activity in the area from the Roman period to the 19th or 20th centuries, with a long break from the later 3rd to the mid 12th centuries. No features were encountered in the evaluation and these sherds are consistent with a plough scatter, although none is particularly heavily abraded.

Retention

The finds come from topsoil and are therefore essentially unstratified. The ceramic building material and glass could therefore be discarded. However, it is very likely that further study of the pottery would allow more information on its source to be discovered and therefore it is recommended that the pottery is retained.

No special storage conditions are recommended for the pottery.

Further Work

No further work is recommended.

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Appendix 1

| Date | Trench | Context | class | Cname | Subfabric | Form | Part | Nosh | NoV | Weight |
|------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|------|------|-----|--------|
| emod | 1 | 107 | PMGL | PMGL | CLEAR | BOWL? | BS | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| rom | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | G1 | | JAR | R | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| rom | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | G1 | | JAR | R | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| rom | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | B3 | | JAR | B | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| emed | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | EYQC | | JAR | BS | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| emed | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | STAXT | | JAR | R | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| lmed | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | HUM | | JUG/JAR | BS | 4 | 4 | 48 |
| lmed | 1 | 107 | POTTERY | NGR | | JUG | BS | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| lmed | 2 | 202 | POTTERY | HUM | | JUG/JAR | BS | 2 | 2 | 29 |
| rom | 2 | 202 | POTTERY | G1 | | JAR | BS | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| nd | 2 | 202 | CBM | CBM | | CBM | BS | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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