Acle High School Community Excavation, Springfield, Acle 50513

The Finds (2007)

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Pottery
The site produced 204 fragments of Roman, Saxon, medieval and post medieval pottery, weighing (1.931kg).

Methodology
The assemblage was quantified (counted and weighed) by form and fabric (see Appendix 3). Identification of the fabrics was based on the typology of Norwich ceramics established by Jennings (Jennings 1981).

Roman
The majority of the assemblage is of Roman date (1st to 4th century) consisting of 103 sherds, weighing (1.480kg). Pottery types recovered include coarse Grey wares, shell tempered wares and finer table wares including Nene Valley Colour Coat.

Saxon
A single sherd of Gritty Ipswich ware dating from mid-seventh to mid-ninth century was also recovered, weighing (0.002kg).

Medieval
Sixteen sherds of eleventh to fourteenth century, local medieval unglazed ware were collected from several contexts, weighing (0. 079kg).

Post medieval
This group consists of eighty-four sherds of 16th to twentieth century pottery, weighing (0.307kg). The assemblage includes examples of Late Medieval and transitional wares, Glazed Red Earthenware, Staffordshire Slipware, Stoneware and later domestic china wares.

Ceramic Building Material
The site produced thirty-five examples of Roman, post-medieval and modern ceramic building material weighing 1.005kg.

Methodology
The assemblage was quantified (counted and weighed) by form and fabric (see Appendix 4). The fabrics were identified by eye and the main inclusions noted. Fabric descriptions and dates are based on the provisional type series established by Sue Anderson formerly of the Suffolk Unit.

Roman
The Ceramic Building Material of Roman date is represented by eight examples of Tegula, bonding tile and a possible piece of Imbrex, weighing (0.654kg).

Post medieval
Twenty-nine fragments of eighteenth to twentieth century post-medieval and modern Ceramic Building Material was collected, weighing (0.366kg). The assemblage consists of pieces of medium sandy brick and pan tile.

Metal artefacts
Fifteen objects of copper alloy, iron and lead from eleven contexts were recovered from the site (see Appendix 8).

Medieval
A single medieval strap fastening was collected from the spoil of trench C. The artefact is similar to one of early fifteenth century date from a site in Norwich (Margeson 1993, fig 21, no. 252).

Post medieval and modern
The majority of the metal objects recovered from the site (eleven) are of post medieval date.
The assemblage consists of a single blunt oval mount with rivet hole, a decorative openwork monogram, three sheet fragments, a button and an undiagnostic late post medieval fitting.
Objects made of iron include an angled rod fragment, a building fitting with a looped terminal and a staple.
Also recovered from the site was a cylindrical lead weight, weighing 23g and a modern lead decorative fitting from a water feature in the form of a frogs head.

Undiagnostic
Two fragments of lead waste were recovered and are of uncertain date.

Other Finds
Other finds recovered from the site consisting of three pieces of fired clay, weighing (0.049kg), five clay tobacco pipe stem fragments of post medieval date, weighing (0.006kg), two fragments of modern mortar (0.136kg), two pieces of non-local, un-worked stone (0,004kg), five undiagnostic iron nails and five fragments of post medieval and modern bottle and window glass. Also recovered were five prehistoric worked flints including a broken early Bronze Age barbed and tanged arrowhead (identified by S Bates).

Appendix 2: Finds by Context

Collection Unit	Material	Quantity	Weight (kg)	Period
Surface	Pottery	24	0.140	Post medieval
Towler	Lead	1	-	Modern
Test pit A (01)	Pottery	1	0.003	Medieval
Test pit A	Pottery	3	0.006	Post medieval

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Test pit A (01)	Stone	1	0.004	Undiagnostic
Test pit A (01)	Copper alloy	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit A (02)	Pottery	6	0.009	Post medieval
Test pit A (02)	Ceramic Building Material	2	0.005	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Pottery	1	0.016	? Roman
Test pit A (03)	Pottery	5	0.027	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Ceramic Building Material	2	0.002	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Clay Pipe	1	0.001	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Glass - Bottle	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Copper alloy	2	-	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Iron	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit 2 (01)	Pottery	2	0.002	Roman
Test pit 2 (01)	Pottery	1	0.003	Post medieval
Test pit 2 (01)	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.003	Post medieval
Test pit 2 (01)	Copper alloy	1	-	? Post medieval
Test pit 2 (02)	Pottery	1	0.001	Roman
Test pit 2 (02)	Pottery	1	0.007	? Medieval
Test pit 2 (02)	Pottery	1	0.002	Post medieval
Test pit 2 (02)	Ceramic Building Material	4	0.007	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (01)	Pottery	1	0.004	Roman
Test pit 3 (01)	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.008	Post medieval

Test pit 3 (01)	Copper alloy	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (02)	Pottery	2	0.005	Roman
Test pit 3 (02)	Pottery	1	0.009	? Medieval
Test pit 3 (02)	Fired clay	1	0.009	Undiagnostic
Test pit 3 (03)	Pottery	1	0.015	Roman
Test pit 3 (03)	Pottery	1	0.001	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (03)	Ceramic Building Material	5	0.089	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (04)	Pottery	3	0.008	Roman
Test pit 3 (04)	Pottery	4	0.015	Medieval
Test pit 3 (04)	Pottery	4	0.007	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (04)	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.002	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (01)	Pottery	2	0.005	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (01)	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.042	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (01)	Lead	1	-	Undiagnostic
Test pit 4 (02)	Pottery	8	0.026	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (02)	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.010	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (04)	Pottery	2	0.015	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (04)	Glass - Bottle	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit 5 (01)	Pottery	2	0.018	Roman
Test pit 5 (01)	Pottery	1	0.001	Post medieval
Test pit 5 (01)	Lead	1	-	Undiagnostic

Test pit 5 (02)	Pottery	2	0.007	Roman
Test pit 5 (02)	Pottery	1	0.003	Medieval
Test pit 5 (02)	Pottery	3	0.019	Post medieval
Test pit 5 (02)	Ceramic Building Material	2	0.016	Modern
Test pit 5 (04)	Pottery	2	0.005	Roman
Test pit 5 (04)	Pottery	1	0.002	? Modern
Test pit 5 (04)	Clay Pipe	1	0.002	Post medieval
Test pit 5 (04)	Iron Nail	1	-	Undiagnostic
Test pit Jeremy	Pottery	1	0.003	Roman
Test pit Jeremy	Pottery	1	0.003	Medieval
Test pit Jeremy	Pottery	2	0.006	Post medieval
Test pit Jeremy	Ceramic Building Material	5	0.053	Post medieval
Test pit Jeremy	Mortar	2	0.136	Modern
Test pit Jeremy	Iron	1	-	Post medieval
Test pit Jeremy	Animal bone	-	0.005	Undiagnostic
Trench 6	Pottery	1	0.168	Roman
Trench 6a	Pottery	39	0.479	Roman
Trench 6a	Pottery	2	0.018	Medieval
Trench 6a	Pottery	3	0.017	Post medieval
Trench 6a	Ceramic Building Material	4	0.518	Roman
Trench 6a	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.053	Post medieval
Trench 6a	Iron Nail	2	-	Undiagnostic
Trench 6a	Copper alloy	1	-	Post medieval
Trench 6a	Iron	1	-	Post medieval

Trench 6a	Flint - worked	3	-	Prehistoric
Trench 6a	Animal bone	-	0.001	Undiagnostic
Trench 6a (03)	Pottery	7	0.019	Post medieval
Trench 6a (03)	Ceramic Building Material	2	0.051	Post medieval
Trench 6a (03)	Clay Pipe	1	0.001	Post medieval
Trench 6a (03)	Glass - Bottle	1		Post medieval
Trench 6a (03)	Glass - Window	1	-	Post medieval
Trench 6a (03)	Glass - Vessel	1	-	Modern
Trench 6a (03)	Flint - worked	1	-	Prehistoric
Pit 6a	Pottery	1	0.033	Roman
Trench 6a Guy's gold residue	Stone	1	<0.001	Undiagnostic
Trench 6a Spoil from Guy's	Flint - worked	1	-	Prehistoric
Trench 6a Guy's patterned pot	Pottery	4	0.038	Roman
Trench 6a Main pot	Pottery	9	0.157	Roman
Trench 6a Horse skull	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.026	Post medieval
Trench 6a Horse skull	Animal bone	-	0.208	Undiagnostic
Trench 6a with Horse skull	Pottery	1	0.006	Roman
Trench 6a with Horse skull	Ceramic Building Material	2	0.061	Roman
Trench 6a with Horse skull	Animal bone	-	0.012	Undiagnostic
Trench 6a Horse skull extended	Pottery	1	0.008	Roman
Test pit 7 (01)	Pottery	1	0.015	Roman
Test pit 7 (01)	Pottery	5	0.020	Post medieval
Test pit 7	Clay Pipe	1	0.001	Post medieval

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Test pit 7 (01)	Lead	1	-	Undiagnostic
Test pit 8	Pottery	16	0.297	Roman
Test pit 8	Pottery	4	0.042	Post medieval
Test pit 8	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.053	Roman
Test pit 8	Clay Pipe	1	0.001	Post medieval
Test pit 8	Animal bone	-	0.010	Undiagnostic
Trench C Spoil	Copper alloy	1	-	Medieval
Trench C Spoil	Copper alloy	1	-	Post medieval
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Pottery	10	0.162	Roman
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Pottery	1	0.002	Saxon
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Pottery	4	0.019	Medieval
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Pottery	2	0.005	Post medieval
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Ceramic Building Material	1	0.022	Roman
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Iron Nail	1	-	Undiagnostic
Trench North C from 45-60cm depth	Animal bone	-	0.006	Undiagnostic
Trench C 1.2m bottom	Pottery	2	0.033	Roman
Trench C 1.2m bottom	Fired clay	2	0.040	Undiagnostic
Trench C 1.2m bottom	Iron Nail	1	-	Undiagnostic

Appendix 8: Catalogue of metal objects

Collection Unit	Material	Quantity	Description	Period
Test pit 2 (01)	Copper alloy	1	Plate mount	Post medieval
Test pit 3 (01)	Copper alloy	1	Decorative monogram	Post medieval
Test pit 4 (01)	Lead	1	Cylindrical weight	Post medieval
Test pit 5 (01)	Lead	1	Waste spillage	Undiagnostic
Test pit 7 (01)	Lead	1	Waste	Undiagnostic
Test pit A (01)	Copper alloy	1	Sheet strip	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Copper alloy	2	Sheet strip	Post medieval
Test pit A (03)	Iron	1	Angled rod	Post medieval
Test pit Jeremy	Iron	1	Building fitting	Post medieval
Towler	Lead	1	Decorative frogs head	Modern
Trench 6a	Copper alloy	1	Button	Post medieval
Trench 6a	Iron	1	Staple	Post medieval
Trench C Spoil	Copper alloy	1	Strap fastening	Medieval
Trench C Spoil	Copper alloy	1	Fitting	Post Medieval