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The watching brief generated a small assemblage of 19th century and modern artefacts. These were dominated by pottery sherds, but also included, bottle and window glass and metalwork. The artefacts were relatively evenly distributed across site with the exception of the central zone an area that had been subjected to the highest level of recent disturbance.

CONCLUSION

The recent archaeological watching brief conducted by Mr.K.J.Cale on behalf of the Skipton Building Society at their headquarters The Bailey, Skipton, was largely negative.

Surface geology was identified within the northern extent of the site. Here shale was identified at 0.50 m below the existing ground level. The surface of the shale was undulating this appears to be directly associated with the natural formation of the shale's. The shale had been folded into a series of anticlines; this 'onion skinned' effect meant that the folds were falling in all directions. In places the folds were vertical, the sides of which were coated with iron pan. The contrast and relief of the shale's were initially and falsely interpreted as buried archaeological features. The surface of the shale is sloped downwards to the south.

Natural sub soil was identified across the entire area of the site, overlying the shale's. The nature, matrix and colour of this deposit of glacial drift were diverse with a sandy clay (10YR4/4) predominating. Within each area of excavations, the sub soil dominated the stratigraphy within the sections, measuring in places up to 1.10m in depth. The surface of the subsoil was bedded level, some undulations in the surface were identified within the central area of the site and these have been interpreted as being associated with the recent ploughing of the site. The sub soil had been cut and disturbed during the installation of land drains. These were of two types ceramic drains and stone box culvert, both arranged in a branch network. The clayware drains had a 4" diameter with an invert of up to 2.2m below the former ground levels. The sandstone box culverts, measured up to 0.30m wide x 0.15m deep. The inverts of the culverted drains were identified at 1.0m below the former ground level. Both networks drained to the east. The frequency and variety of the drainage runs appears to reflect two main phases of works, namely; the installation of 19th century box drains, with a more extensive programme of land drainage in the mid 20th century associated with practical demonstrations at the Agricultural College.

The earliest anthropogenic feature cut into the surface of the sub soil was identified in the southern extent of the site. A section of a buried linear drainage feature was disturbed during the works.

This ditch like structure measured 23m x 4m x 0.54m and had a shallow, broad rounded V shape profile. The feature was filled with alluvial deposits. A sequence of three, homogenous, fills were identified, each of which were silt based and contained iron pans. The structure had been cut and disturbed in places during the installation of more recent drainage features associated with the agricultural college. The feature was aligned east and appears to have drained in this direction on a gentle gradient. This ditch runs adjacent to the southern boundary of the study area. The map regression studies have indicated that the southern boundary may have post medieval or even medieval origins, it is therefore likely that the ditch is contemporary with this boundary. The form of this drainage feature would appear to suggest that it was constructed to collect and direct water off site. The nature of the alluvial deposits within the ditch would indicate they had accumulated over a protracted period following the abandonment of the feature.

The stratigraphy overlying the sub soil was relatively uniform and simple.

A buried ploughsoil was identified within the centre and south of the study area. This dark brown loam was situated within the plough furrows. Evidence of ploughing was identified within the surface of the sub soil; it is likely that this can be attributed to the practical instruction/demonstrations at the mid 20th century agricultural college, but an earlier date can not be ruled out. The furrows were aligned north, spaced at 4m intervals and measured up to 0.38m deep with shallow rounded V shaped profiles. No finds were identified within the ploughsoil to accurately date this deposit but a mid 20th century date would seem reasonable given the nature of the context.

With the exception of the north western extent of the upper levels of stratigraphy had been heavily disturbed during the previous farming activity across the site associated with the former agricultural college and during more recent landfill and landscaping works relating to the construction of the Skipton Building Society Headquarters. This disturbance appears to have truncated and removed the majority of archaeological features or deposits that may have been situated across the site.

A small assemblage of finds was identified during the excavations. This assemblage was dominated by 19th and 20th century artefacts associated with the former agricultural management of the site and as such, the finds were not removed from site. However, a small assemblage of pre 19th century finds were identified and removed from site. The greater majority of these were metal artefacts that were located with the assistance of a metal detector. This assemblage was dominated by lead ballistics.

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APPENDIX A

Area Excavations

Area A

Type: Truncation: machine
N.G.R: 39934 45208

Length: 40m
Width: 55m
Depth: 0.70m

Planform: L shaped
Aligned: N

Context No's: 1000 - 1003
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Fig. No: 1, 2

Situated in the south west corner of the site. The area is contained to the north by the service road, to the west by the boundary wall, to the south by the metal security fence, to the east by an indeterminate boundary situated within the area of hard standing that functions as an overspill car park. The proposed groundworks were being undertaken in advance of the construction of temporary office facilities for the main contractors. It is proposed that the site will be eventually landscaped to screen the two storey car park within the south eastern corner of the site.

Prior to intervention, the area was managed as a level lawn. A metal detector scanned the area.

The area was machine excavated by a large 360 degree excavator.

The turf (context 1000) and topsoil (context 1001) was removed in one action. The topsoil was a dark brown loam (10YR3/3) that measured up to 0.18m in depth. The layer was moist and friable and contained a low quantity of inclusions, these were dominated by root, pebble and limestone chippings.

The topsoil sealed a layer of disturbed ground (context 1002). This layer of medium brown (10YR4/2) sandy loam was moist, friable, and measured up to 0.27m in depth. The layer contains a high quantity of inclusions dominated by building debris and demolition material. It is suspected that this layer is associated with the formation of the hard standing for the agricultural college buildings.

The layer of disturbed ground sealed the sub soil (context 1003). The sub soil was a medium yellow brown (10YR5/4) clay and measured in excess of 0.24m in depth. The layer was moist and well compacted with a plastic matrix. The layer contains a low quantity of inclusions, namely; yellow sand blotching, limestone chippings. No archaeological features or anomalies were identified within the surface of this layer. The surface of the sub soil sloped down to the south on a constant and gentle gradient, mirroring the former ground level.

No archaeological features or deposits were identified within this area. A small assemblage artefacts were recovered from this area.

Area B

Type: Truncation: Machine
N.G.R: 39940 45211

Length: 110 m
Width: 100 m
Depth: 2.60 m

Planform: Sub Rectangular
Aligned: East

Context No's: 2000 - 2006

Plate No: 1 - 8
Fig. No: 1, 2

Situated in the centre north of the site. The area is contained to the north by the existing Skipton Building Society Offices, to the west by the boundary fence, to the south by the access track, to the east by the existing car park. The proposed groundworks were being undertaken in advance of the construction of the extension to the main office.

Prior to intervention, the area was managed as a level lawn. The area was scanned by a metal detector prior and during the excavations. The area was initially reduced by a bulldozer that graded the site prior to being machine excavated by a large 360 degree excavator.

The turf (context 2000) and topsoil (context 2001) was removed in one action. The topsoil was a dark brown loam (10YR3/2), the depth of which varied between 0.28m and 0.42m in depth. The layer was moist and friable and contained a moderate quantity of inclusions, these were dominated by brick, pebble, root, coal and metalwork. The topsoil had been imported onto site for landscaping purposes following the construction of the existing Headquarters Building.

The topsoil sealed a layer of recently disturbed ground (context 2002) that had also been imported, in order to artificially raise ground levels, following the construction of the existing offices. This dark brown (10YR3/2) layer of clayey loam measured up to 0.80m in depth. The layer was moist and well compacted with a moderate quantity of inclusions, namely; water worn cobble, pebble, clay blotching and grey shale.

The disturbed ground sealed the sub soil (context 2004). The sub soil was a orange brown (10YR4/4) sandy clay and measured between 0.50m and 1.80m in depth. The layer was moist and well compacted with a plastic matrix. The layer contains a low quantity of inclusions, namely; yellow sand blotching, iron panning, limestone chippings. The surface of the sub soil gently undulated in a series of troughs indicative of former ploughing, the troughs were filled with the buried ploughsoil (context 2003). The ploughsoil was a dark brown (10YR3/3) loam with a moist friable matrix. The ploughing was aligned north and consisted of equally spaced troughs at 4m intervals. The troughs measured up to 0.38m deep and had a rounded V shaped profile. The sub soil had been cut and disturbed during the installation of a network of ceramic land drains and sandstone box culverts. These drainage works were intense and varied in the depth of invert up to 2.2m below the former ground levels.

The sub soil sealed the surface geology within the northern extent of the site. Here at 0.50m below the former ground level a shale bed was identified (context 2005). The surface of the shale was undulating this appears to be directly associated with the natural formation of the shale's. The shale had been folded into a series of anticlines, this 'onion skinned' effect meant that the folds were falling in all directions. In places the folds were vertical, the sides of which were coated with iron pan. The contrast and relief of the shale's were initially and falsely interpreted as buried archaeological features. The surface of the shale is sloped downwards to the south.

Area C

Type: Truncation: Drainage: Machine
N.G.R: 39940 45206

Length: 110 m
Width: 30 m
Depth: 1.60 m

Planform: Sub Rectangular
Aligned: -

Context No's: 3000 - 3003

Plate No: 1 - 8
Fig. No: 1, 2

Situated in the southern extent of the site. The area is contained to the north by the existing access road, to the west by undetermined boundary with Area A, to the south and east by the boundary fence. The proposed groundworks were being undertaken in advance of the construction of two storey car park and site drainage works.

Prior to intervention, the area was overspill car parking. The area was covered with tarmac and concrete hard standings. This area was until recently developed, supporting the buildings of the agricultural college. A small number of buildings associated with the college, in the south east corner of the site, were demolished prior to the commencement of groundworks. A large 360 degree excavator reduced the area.

The tarmac / hardcore (context 3000) and sub base (context 3001) was removed in one action. These layers contained laminations of recent road and footpath surfaces associated with the former college. The combined depth of these deposits measured up to 0.85m. Towards the western extent of this area, the overburden was reduced down onto the sub soil (context 3008) directly.

Within the east of this area, the modern surfaces sealed a buried topsoil (context 3002). This medium grey brown loam (2.5YR3/2) measured up to 0.28m deep. The layer was moist and friable and contained a low quantity of inclusions, these were dominated by brick, charcoal and sand blotching. It would appear that the topsoil was contaminated during the construction of the agricultural college building complex. The layer had been cut and disturbed during the installation of recent services.

The topsoil sealed a layer of recently disturbed ground (context 3003) that extended into the central area of the site. This layer of dark brown (10YR3/2) clayey loam measured up to 0.22m in depth. The layer was moist and well compacted with a moderate quantity of inclusions, namely; brick, concrete, water worn cobble, pebble, clay blotching and grey shale.

Within the centre south of the area, the disturbed ground sealed the tertiary fill (context 3004) of a linear ditch like feature (context 3007). This ditch like structure measured 23m x 4m x 0.54m and had a shallow, broad rounded V shape profile. The feature was filled with alluvial deposits. A sequence of three, homogenous, fills were identified, each of which were silt based and contained iron pans. The structure had been cut and disturbed in places during the installation of more recent drainage features associated with the agricultural college. The feature was aligned east and appears to have drained in this direction on a gentle gradient. This ditch runs adjacent to the southern boundary of the study area.

The tertiary fill (context 3004) was a grey (2.5YR4/2) clayey silt with a fine grained matrix. The fill was moist and well compacted. The fill contained a low quantity of inclusions. The secondary fill (context 3005) was a light grey brown (2.5YR5/2) clayey silt with a fine grained matrix. The fill was moist and well compacted. The fill contained a small quantity of inclusions, namely; mica. The tertiary fill (context 3006) was medium grey (2.5YR 4/0) sandy silt. The fill was moist and loosely compacted. The fill contained a small quantity of inclusions, namely; water worn pebbles.

The sub soil (context 3008) was a orange brown (10YR4/4) sandy clay and measured between up to 0.25m in depth. The layer was moist and well compacted with a plastic matrix. The layer contains a low quantity of inclusions, namely; yellow sand blotching, iron panning, limestone chippings and pebbles.

APPENDIX B

Object Records

Area B

Object Ref: AAA
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Dross: Slag
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey Green
Munsell: 5Y4/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 19mm
Width: 11mm
Depth: 8mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small, amorphous shaped fragment of lead dross. The lead appears to have been subjected to heat as the sides are rounded and globular in appearance. Whilst located in an area rich in lead ballistics this fragment of lead does not appear to have been derived from such a source.

Area B

Object Ref: AAB
N.G.R: 39937 45210
Type: Artefact
Class: Tag:Identity
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: Text:Punched
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Red Brown
Munsell: 5Y4/1
Period: 19th / 20th century
Length: 26mm
Width: -
Depth: 1mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A circular tag with punched text. The ledged can not be read, it is made up of alpha numeric characters in a 'Roman' type font. The reverse of the disc is undecorated. The disc has a projecting eyelet.

Area B

Object Ref: AACa
N.G.R: 39936 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Excellent
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears not to have been fired. The moulding nibs are sharp.

Area B

Object Ref: AACb
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Dross: Slag
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 43mm
Width: 30mm
Depth: 4mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 3

Other Comments: Three small fragments of lead dross. The lead appears to have been subjected to heat as the sides are rounded and globular in appearance. Whilst located in an area rich in lead ballistics this fragment of lead does not appear to have been derived from such a source.

Area B

Object Ref: AACc
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Buckle
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey / Green
Munsell: -
Period: Unknown
Length: 44mm
Width: 37mm
Depth: 4mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A copper alloy D shaped buckle. The tongue is not present. The section of the buckle is round. Date of the artefact can not be established.

Area B

Object Ref: AAD
N.G.R: 39938 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket:spent
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 16mm
Width: 10mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A 2/3 complete lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval in origin. The shot has been shot and glanced on impact, which has removed 1/3 of the body.

Area B

Object Ref: AAE
N.G.R: 39938 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket:spent
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears to have been fired, although any mark of impact is slight.

Area B

Object Ref: AAF
N.G.R: 39936 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 13mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears not to have been fired. The moulding nibs are sharp.

Area B

Object Ref: AAG
N.G.R: 39935 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Button
Material: Pewter
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 32mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved, large pewter button. The button has a smooth undecorated face, with an applied eye on the reverse that projects 9mm. The diameter of the eye measures 3mm.

Area B

Object Ref: AAH
N.G.R: 39935 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 15mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears not to have been fired. The moulding nibs are sharp.

Area B

Object Ref: AAI
N.G.R: 39932 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin:half penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey Green
Munsell: -
Period: 18th / 19th Century
Length: 22mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: poor
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well abraded copper alloy coin, the size of which would suggest that it is 18th / 19th century half penny. The motif and ledged is not visible. It would appear that an attempt has been made to punch the coin near its outer edge, to make this into a token/pendant.

Area B

Object Ref: AAJ
N.G.R: 39938 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket:spent
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears to have been fired, although any mark of impact is slight.

Area B

Object Ref: AAK
N.G.R: 39932 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears not to have been fired. The moulding nibs are sharp.

Area B

Object Ref: AAL
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:pistol:spent
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: 18th century
Length: 10mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead pistol shot. The shot appears to have been fired, although any mark of impact is slight.

Area B

Object Ref: AAM
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 16mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears not to have been fired. The surface of the ball is heavily pitted and multi faceted.

Area B

Object Ref: AAN
N.G.R: 39938 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Strip: ferule
Material: Silver
Decoration: Floral: Swirl
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th / 19th Century
Length: 34mm
Width: 24mm
Depth: 2mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A silver strip, cast and decorated on one side down both long edges with swirling floral motif. The centre of the strip has been punched from the decorated side, forming a 3mm diameter hole. The reverse of the strip is smooth and not decorated. One short edge appears to have been cut from the remaining artefact whilst the other short edge has been broken away. A possible ferule from a walking stick.

Area B

Object Ref: AAO
N.G.R: 39940 45214
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/2
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 17mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears not to have been fired. The surface of the ball is heavily pitted and multi faceted.

Area A

Object Ref: AAP
N.G.R: 39934 45210
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey Green
Munsell: -
Period: 19th Century
Length: 30mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 1001
Condition: poor
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well abraded copper alloy coin, the size of which would suggest that it is 19th century penny. The motif and ledged is not visible

Area A

Object Ref: AAQa
N.G.R: 39931 45209
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 20th Century
Length: 30mm
Width: 2mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 1001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1929 penny with a well defined obverse and reverse.

Area A

Object Ref: AAQb
N.G.R: 39931 45209
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: half penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 20th Century
Length: 30mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 1001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1942 half penny with a well defined obverse and reverse.

Area A

Object Ref: AAQc
N.G.R: 39931 45209
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: three pence
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 20th Century
Length: 23mm
Width: 2mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 1001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1943 three penny piece with a well defined obverse and reverse.

Area B

Object Ref: AAR
N.G.R: 39935 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/2
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 16mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears not to have been fired. The surface of the ball is heavily pitted and multi faceted.

Area B

Object Ref: AAS
N.G.R: 39931 45209
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: half penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 20th Century
Length: 30mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1928 half penny with a slightly abraded obverse and reverse.

Area B

Object Ref: AAT
N.G.R: 39935 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/2
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 19mm
Width: 14mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: Spent lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears to have heavily impacted with three flat facets.

Area B

Object Ref: BAA
N.G.R: 39945 45212
Type: Artefact: assemblage
Class: Pipe:stem:tobacco
Material: Clay
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: White
Munsell: 10YR8\0
Period: Unknown
Length: 123mm
Width: 9mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 3

Other Comments: Three short sections of clay tobacco pipe stem. The date of which has not been established.

Area B

Object Ref: BAB
N.G.R: 39945 45212
Type: Artefact
Class: Unclassified
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: Unknown
Length: 25mm
Width: 2mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small L shaped strip of copper alloy. The function / origin of the artefact is unknown.

Area B

Object Ref: BAC
N.G.R: 39944 45212
Type: Artefact
Class: Fastening: Unclassified
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: Unknown
Length: 20mm
Width: 12mm
Depth: 9mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small L shaped strip of copper alloy. The function / origin of the artefact is unknown, although a staple/fastening for leather can not be discounted.

Area B

Object Ref: BAD
N.G.R: 39943 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Button
Material: Pewter
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey Green
Munsell: -
Period: 18th / 19th century
Length: 19mm
Width: -
Depth: 2mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved, pewter button, possibly derived from a waistcoat. The button has an undecorated face, with an applied fastening on the reverse for a eyelet, this projects 4mm.

Area B

Object Ref: BAE
N.G.R: 39943 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Strip: folded
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: -
Period: Unknown
Length: 62mm
Width: 77mm
Depth: 3mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Poor
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: An amorphous shaped fragment of lead strip. A short edge of the strip has been folded. Three sides of the strip have been clipped, one aspect of which has been cut in a curved fashion. The two faces of the lead are undecorated.

Area B

Object Ref: BAEa
N.G.R: 39943 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: sherd: bowl: rim
Material: Pottery
Decoration: None
Fabric: Core - Light grey (10YR7/1)
Surface - Light Orange Brown (10YR8/4)
Slip: None
Colour: -
Munsell: -
Period: 12th /13th Century
Length: 43mm
Width: 19mm
Body Thickness: 4mm
Depth: 17mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Poor
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small shred of coarse pottery. The sherd has a rough external surface. The fabric contains a high quantity of inclusions (60%), mica chips dominate these, and the fabric is highly textured and relatively flaky and soft.

It is suspected that the sherd dates to the 12th /13th century.

Area B

Object Ref: BAF
N.G.R: 39943 45212
Type: Artefact
Class: Unclassified
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: Unknown
Length: 16mm
Width: 9mm
Depth: 9mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small amorphous shaped, globular fragment of copper alloy. The function / origin of the artefact is unknown, although it has the appearance of slag.

Area B

Object Ref: BAG
N.G.R: 39931 45209
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: half penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 19th Century
Length: 26mm
Width: 1mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1888 half penny with a well defined obverse and reverse.

Area B

Object Ref: BAH
N.G.R: 39946 45210
Type: Artefact: assemblage
Class: Pipe:stem:tobacco
Material: Clay
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: White
Munsell: 10YR8\0
Period: Unknown
Length: 74mm
Width: 7mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 2

Other Comments: Two sections of clay tobacco pipe stem, the longer section of which has a slightly curved appearance. The date of which has not been established.

Area B

Object Ref: BAI
N.G.R: 39946 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot appears to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAJ
N.G.R: 39943 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: sherd:plate:body:Staffordshire:slip
Material: Pottery
Decoration: None
Fabric: Core - Light orange (2.5YR5/6)
Surface - Orange (7.5YR6/6)
Slip: Drip: applied
Colour: -
Munsell: -
Period: 17th Century
Length: 37mm
Width: 38mm
Body Thickness: 7mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A sherd of Staffordshire Slip Ware . The sherd has a rough reverse surface, which is slightly convex in profile. The face is glazed with an applied drip motif, the surface of which is slightly concave. The fabric contains a low quantity of inclusions (10%), mica chips dominate these, and the fabric is highly slightly textured and hard.

It is suspected that the sherd dates to the 17th century.

Area B

Object Ref: BAJa
N.G.R: 39939 45270
Type: Artefact: assemblage
Class: Pipe:stem:tobacco
Material: Clay
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: White
Munsell: 10YR8/0
Period: Unknown
Length: 128mm
Width: 9mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 3

Other Comments: Three sections of clay tobacco pipe stem. The date of which has not been established.

Area B

Object Ref: BAJb
N.G.R: 39943 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: sherd:body
Material: Pottery
Decoration: None
Fabric: Core – Pink yellow brown (10YR6/4)
Slip: None
Colour: -
Munsell: -
Period: 12th Century
Length: 29mm
Width: 20mm
Body Thickness: 6mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Poor
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A sherd of heavily abraded pottery. The sherd has a very rough fabric and surface. The fabric and surface contains a high quantity of inclusions (50%), mica chips and sands. These dominate these, the fabric is very soft and flaky.

It is suspected that the sherd dates to the 12th century.

Area B

Object Ref: BAK
N.G.R: 39939 45212
Type: Artefact
Class: Coin: penny
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Green
Munsell: -
Period: 20th Century
Length: 31mm
Width: 2mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved copper alloy coin. A 1912 penny with a well defined obverse and reverse.

Area B

Object Ref: BAL
N.G.R: 39939 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot does not appear to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BALa
N.G.R: 39939 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Dross: Slag
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 21mm
Width: 17mm
Depth: 1mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small fragment of lead dross. The lead appears to have been flattened, possibly a spent ballistic. The artefact is located in an area rich in lead ballistics.

Area B

Object Ref: BAM
N.G.R: 39938 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 13mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot does not appear to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAN
N.G.R: 39938 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot does not appear to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAO
N.G.R: 39937 45212
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket:spent
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/2
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 19mm
Width: 14mm
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: Spent lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears to have had a glanced impact with one flat facet.

Area B

Object Ref: BAP
N.G.R: 39936 45211
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:pistol
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Medium Grey
Munsell: 5Y5/1
Period: 18th century
Length: 11mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead pistol shot. The shot appears not to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAQ
N.G.R: 39936 45210
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/2
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 19mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: Spent lead musket shot, the size of which suggests it is post medieval. The shot appears not to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAR
N.G.R: 39937 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Ballistic:shot:ball:musket
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Light Grey
Munsell: 5Y7/1
Period: 18th Century
Length: 14mm
Width: -
Depth: -
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Good
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved lead musket shot, the small size of which suggests it is 18th century game/target shot. The shot does not appear to have been fired.

Area B

Object Ref: BAS
N.G.R: 39937 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Dross: Slag
Material: Lead
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey
Munsell: 5Y4/1
Period: Post Medieval
Length: 12mm
Width: 10mm
Depth: 6mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A small, amorphous shaped fragment of lead dross. The lead appears to have been subjected to heat as the sides are rounded and globular in appearance. Whilst located in an area rich in lead ballistics this fragment of lead does not appear to have been derived from such a source.

Area B

Object Ref: BAT
N.G.R: 39937 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: Button
Material: Copper Alloy
Decoration: -
Fabric: -
Slip: -
Colour: Grey Green
Munsell: -
Period: 18th / 19th century
Length: 19mm
Width: -
Depth: 2mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A well preserved, pewter button, possibly derived from a waistcoat. The button has a textured face, with an applied fastening on the reverse for a eyelet, this projects 1mm.

Area B

Object Ref: BAU
N.G.R: 39937 45213
Type: Artefact
Class: sherd:jug:handle
Material: Pottery
Decoration: Three finger groove/ridges
Fabric: Core – Dark Grey (10YR4/1)
Surface – Medium Grey (10YR6/1)
Slip: Green Brown (2.5Y5/6)
Colour: -
Munsell: -
Period: 17th Century
Length: 51mm
Width: 44mm
Body Thickness: -
Depth: 17mm
Context No's: 2001
Condition: Moderate
Quantity: 1

Other Comments: A broken jug handle with a flattened profile with three ridge/grooves applied by a finger. The sherd has a rough fabric and surface. The fabric and surface contains a moderate quantity of inclusions (30%), mica chips and sands dominate these, the fabric is hard and gritty. The concave surface of the pottery shows traces of a green brown glaze.

It is suspected that the sherd dates to the 17th century.

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