

Great Bowden Heritage & Archaeology

Field Walking at Wymonds Hill, Welham Lane, Great Bowden, Leicestershire

Grid Reference: SP 755 897

Date: 17th April 2004

Area walked: 3.05 hectares

Site Code: GBH2004WH



Location: This field lies in the east of Great Bowden parish in the area of Welham Lane. It is the only arable field among many pastures. It is close to the highest point in the parish at Mickelberg Hill and 480 metres from the present course of the River Welland at its nearest point.

The furlong name Potterscroft survives from the open fields and is nearby suggesting possible kiln activity. The field would have been within the East Field of the Great Bowden open fields. This was the first field to be walked by the group in 2004 when only the northern part of the field was covered. An attempt to re walk the field in October 2012 was thwarted by the wet conditions on the ground and too much grass growing among the emerging rape.

Associated documents. None.



History: This field was sold to Welham Bush Farm in 1919 (field No. 212 also known as Wynants Hill - 18.416 acres on farm sale details). The cultivation was described as new seeds, on barley stubbs, after part oats and wheat, after part wheat and oats, after Old Pasture, suggesting that it had only been arable for a few years, possibly ploughed during WWI. If it was pasture from the 1780s after Enclosure until early in the 20th century it could account for the lack of later pottery sherds. All the clay pipe stems are thick with a large bore probably dating from the 18th century.

Method. In 2004 the northern half of the field was walked using the traverse and stint method with 12 traverses at 10 metre intervals in an east-west direction. Stints (A-J) were at 20 metre intervals along the Welham Lane boundary. This was a training session with both experienced and novice field walkers.

Finds Summary:

Prehistoric =12 flints, 1 pottery sherd, Iron Age or mid to late Bronze Age?

Early medieval and medieval = 9 sherds (Lyveden Stanion ware, Midland Purple, sandyware and oxidised ware)

Early post medieval and post medieval = 48 sherds (mottled ware, earthenwares including pancheons, clay pipes, Cistercian ware, Midland Black, Bourne D ware, slipware, hard fired earthenware EA1,2 and 6)

Modern, white and blue and white sherds not counted.

Finds from some of the traverses were initially identified by GBHA and later verified by archaeologists at Leicestershire County Council under Identification Service Report EN No. 773 dated 4th September 2007. Three traverses - 1, 9 and 12 were identified by Great Bowden Heritage & Archaeology and further confirmed by group members in 2017.

Detailed lists are given below.

Finds from Field Walking at Wymond's Hill, Welham Lane, Great Bowden Leicestershire on 17th April 2004



The finds from these traverses were identified by Great Bowden Heritage in 2004 and have been re examined and confirmed by group members in 2017.

GBH2004WH1A	medieval, 1 x sandy ware (?) = 5.00g
GBH2004WH1A	post medieval, 1 x stone ware = 14.80g
GBH2004WH1B	prehistoric, 3 x flint cores = 57.55g
GBH2004WH1B	medieval, 1 x Lyveden Stanion (LY1) oolitic limestone ware = 5.80g
GBH2004WH1B	medieval, 1 x Lyveden Stanion tile fragment (?) = 28.65g
GBH2004WH1B	post medieval, 1 x Midland black = 1.30g
GBH2004WH1B	post medieval 1 x clay pipe stem = 4.15g
GBH2004WH1C	prehistoric, 1 x flint core = 11.10g
GBH2004WH1C	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 5.80g
GBH2004WH1C	post medieval, 1 x EA2 earthenware = 4.90g
GBH2004WH1C	post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 7.00g
GBH2004WH1C	post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 2.40g
GBH2004WH1C	post medieval, 1 x part of narrow clear glass container = 20.95g
GBH2004WH1D	medieval, 1 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 5.85g
GBH2004WH1D	post medieval, 1 x English stoneware = 14.50g
GBH2004WH1D	post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 27.90g
GBH2004WH1D	post medieval, 2 x early clay pipe stems = 5.50g
GBH2004WH1E	post medieval, 1 x Midland black (? very fine hard fired) = 1.30g
GBH2004WH1E	post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 2.30g
GBH2004WH1F	prehistoric, 1 x flint scraper (knapped edge) = 2.00g

GBH2004WH1F	medieval, 1 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 3.90g
GBH2004WH1F	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 2.75g
GBH2004WH1F	post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 24.25g
GBH2004WH1F	post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 2.30g
GBH2004WH1G	medieval, 2 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware with green glaze = 8.55g
GBH2004WH1G	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 6.65g
GBH2004WH1G	post medieval, 1 x probably EA2 earthenware = 1.55g
GBH2004WH1H	prehistoric, 1 x flint core (?) = 3.95g
GBH2004WH1H	post medieval, 1 x EA2 earthenware (?) = 4.00g
GBH2004WH1H	post medieval, 1 x modern stoneware, cream glaze = 8.90g
GBH2004WH1H	post medieval, 1 x stoneware = 7.10g
GBH2004WH1H	undated, 1 x ceramic (terracotta) drain, shaped tile or gully? = 216.20g
GBH2004WH1I	medieval, 1 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 1.45g
GBH2004WH1I	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 2.30g
GBH2004WH1I	post medieval, 2 x pancheon type (1 with white slip) = 48.20g
GBH2004WH1I	post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 3.35g
GBH2004WH1J	post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 7.85g
GBH2004WH1J	post medieval, 1 x Midland yellow = 4.55g
GBH2004WH9A	post medieval, 2 x pancheon type = 12.25g
GBH2004WH9A	post medieval 1 x Welsh slate fragment = 1.95g
GBH2004WH9B	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 4.00g
GBH2004WH9D	post medieval, 1 x Midland black cup base = 9.50g
GBH2004WH9E	medieval 1 x Midland purple = 35.10g
GBH2004WH9E	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware (or EA2) = 6.25g
GBH2004WH9E	post medieval, 2 x clay pipe stems = 6.65g
GBH2004WH9G	medieval, 1 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 1.45g
GBH2004WH9G	post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 4.40g
GBH2004WH9G	undated, 1 x bone = 3.75g

GBH2004WH9I undated, 1 x part of black glazed floor tile (possibly oolitic limestone fabric) = 128.00g

GBH2004WH12A post medieval, 1 x Staffordshire slipware = 2.60g
 GBH2004WH12A post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 2.05g

GBH2004WH12B post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 4.05g
 GBH2004WH12B post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 3.60g

GBH2004WH12C prehistoric, 1 x flint scraper, edge has been reworked = 7.65g
 GBH2004WH12C medieval, 1 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 3.00g
 GBH2004WH12C post medieval, 1 x slipware = 1.95g
 GBH2004WH12C post medieval/Victorian, 2 x blue and white fine china = 1.05g

GBH2004WH12D post medieval, 1 x Midland black = 2.10g
 GBH2004WH12D post medieval, 1 x pancheon type = 2.05g
 GBH2004WH12D post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem, early = 3.15g

GBH2004WH12E post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware = 16.75g
 GBH2004WH12E post medieval, 2 x pancheon type = 34.60g
 GBH2004WH12E post medieval, 1 x clay pipe stem = 3.80g

GBH2004WH12F post medieval, 1 x Cistercian ware, cup handle joint = 9.25g
 GBH2004WH12F post medieval, 3 x pancheon type = 22.15g
 GBH2004WH12F undated, 1 x Welsh slate = 0.85g
 GBH2004WH12F undated 1x glass, fine and curved = 2.95g

GBH2004WH12H medieval 2 x LY1 oolitic limestone ware = 6.80g

GBH2004WH12I prehistoric, 1 x flint flake = 5.60g
 GBH2004WH12I post medieval 1 x clay pipe stem = 1.15g

GBH2004WH12J post medieval, 2 x glazed pancheon type = 137.90g
 GBH2004WH12J post medieval, 1 x English stoneware = 5.15g
 GBH2004WH12J Post medieval, 1 x fine white decorative, salt glazed stoneware = 3.45g

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Identification Service Report

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Wendy Scott	Finds Liaison Officer	04/09/07

WYMOND'S HILL , WELHAM LANE, GREAT BOWDEN
UNVERIFIED FINDS AS A RESULT OF FIELD WALKING IN 2004
THIS FIELD IS THE ONLY ARABLE FIELD ON WELHAM BUSH FARM,
GREAT BOWDEN.
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3C	1 x late Medieval oxidised ware 15-16thC	
3D	1 x flint, 2 x modern flower pot, 1 x clay pipe stem 18thC, 1 x EA1	
3E	1 x possible Bourne D ware, 15-17 th C	
3G	1 x clay pipe stem, 1 x Cistercian / Midland black, 1 x pancheon ware	
3H	1 x clay pipe stem 18 th c	
4A	1 x pipe stem 18thC, 1 x LY4-type , 1 x green glazed medieval ware = LY1, 1 x field drain	
4B	1 x EA1 rim, 1 x flint blade core , 1 natural flake 1, misc. retouched flake	
4C	1 x jug or mug base post med. Mottled ware?, 1 x rather thin pancheon ware	
4D	2 natural flint	
4E	1 x flint core, 2 natural, 2x flakes	
4F	1 x triangular iron object, 1 x EA2, 1 x Cistercian /Midland black, 1 snapped blade 2 natural	
4H	1 x clay pipe stem 18 th C, 2 x worked flint??	
4I	1 x pancheon ware	
4J	1 x (thin) pancheon ware	
6A	1 x unidentified white pottery , base of vessel with scoring detail	
7A	1 x natural flint	

7B	1 x clay pipe stem 18 th C	
7D	1 x clay pipe stem 19 th C	
7E	1 x clay pipe stem 18 th C, 1 x EA1, 1 x mottled ware, 1 x pancheon ware, 1 x post med pot = Midland purple	
7H	1 x med sandyware	
7I	1 x natural flint	
7J	2 x clay pipe stems 18 th C , 1 x fragment of leather?, 1 x struck fragment, 1x rim EA1	
10A	1 x clay pipe bowl C. 1600-1700, 1 x clay pipe stem 18 th C, 1 x natural flint, 3 x CBM 2 two thicker possibly field drain) pancheon ware fragments	
10B	1 x natural flint , 1 CBM	
10C	1 x EA2, 1 x early post med sandyware EA6? reduced, 1 x clay pipe stem late 16 th C	
10D	3 x EA2, 1 x EA6?, 1 x part of roof tile	
10E	1 x field drain, 1 x LY1, 1 x Cistercian/Midland Black	
10F	2 x pancheon ware	
10G	1 x flint flake, 1 x clay pipe stem 18-19 th C (bore 2.4mm, narrow stem) , 1 x LY1	
10H	1 x pancheon ware, 1 x EA1	
10I	1 x EA1, 1 x LY1, 1 x EA2	
10J	1 x pancheon ware, 1 x EA6?, 1 x LY4 type , 1 x Midland purple/EA1	
11I	1 x flint flake	
Random Pick up	1 EA1 handle, 1 Iron Age or possibly mid to late Bronze Age (Doc prefers IA) 1 x EA1 (recent break)	

Pipes have been dated based on the bore size, ie 2.4mm is 18th C narrower is 19th C, wider is earlier! If more info needed we can photocopy our ID book