

A note on the post-medieval bulk glass from Crossrail Central, Broadgate Ticket Hall (XSM10), phase 3, Time Team

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Introduction

The finds have been recorded in accordance with current MOLA practice and entered onto the Oracle database.

Bulk glass

Three pieces of glass (145g) were recovered from context [732]. The earliest is the complete rim and neck of an onion bottle, which has a broad flat string set just below the flat-topped mouth. Two bases are from phials, one wide and in natural green glass (Diam at base 40mm, body c 50mm), the other narrow and in a darker glass (Diam at base c 23mm, body c 30mm); both have pontil scars.

Discussion

Onion bottles went out of use c 1730, although from the string form the present example should be earlier than this. Taking the forms together, the bottle would appear to be slightly older than the phials, which would normally date to after c 1760 (Noël Hume, 1970, fig 17, nos 11–13). Whether the fact that the narrow one is made of dark green glass can argue for an earlier date is debateable, but the over dating fits well with that of the pottery and clay pipes.

Bibliography

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