

Appendix 2: Finds assessment (Jasmine Tomys)

INTRODUCTION

The finds were recovered during archaeological strip, map and sample excavation on land at Yeoman Park Academy, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

METHODOLOGY

Finds were examined, recorded and reported upon in compliance with appropriate national guidance (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) (2020); English Heritage (2008); ALGAO (2015)) and with reference to published comparators where possible.

OUTLINE OF THE ASSEMBLAGE

The finds assemblage consists of 7 objects that were recovered from three individual contexts. The objects included pottery, animal bone and copper alloy.

Table 2.1: Data table

Context	Type	Description	Part	Count	Weight (g)	Period	Date range
1021	Pottery	Grimston ware	Body	2	1.9	Medieval	11th – 15th centuries
1025	Copper Alloy	Possible button		1	0.4	Post-medieval/modern	18th – 20th centuries
1036	Animal Bone	Fragments	Cow/Horse Tooth	4	3.7	Unknown	

Two small body sherds from a medieval Grimston ware vessel (1.9g) were recovered from context 1021. The sherds were unabraded, suggesting it had been recovered from its primary context.

A circular copper alloy object was recovered from context 1025. The object was in very poor condition with heavy corrosion and abrasion; most of the surface was worn away. There was evidence of possible damage at the centre of the reverse, which may suggest a missing shank, characteristic of a post-medieval button. The obverse is stamped with the number '12'.

A small assemblage of animal bone (4 fragments, weighing 3.7g) was present in context 1036. The assemblage included 2 fragments of tooth, which made up a single example derived from a large mammal, most likely a horse or cow, and 2 very small, unidentifiable fragments of bone.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The assemblage ranges in date from the medieval to the modern period, with the Grimston ware sherds demonstrating activity during the medieval period.

The material has limited potential for further analysis as a collection of items, and will be retained by Ecus Ltd at their Barnard Castle offices. The object may be discarded during deposition of the site archive.

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