

Appendix 2: Prehistoric Pottery Report

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Matley Primary School, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough Trial Trenching Evaluation Trench 1

(106) only fill of ditch [105], only feature in Trench 1.

2 sherds and 1 fragment weighing 20g

Buff/orange exterior and brown/grey interior, 1 sherd is layered, 1 sherd is unabraded. Hand-made with smooth exterior. Wall thickness = 8mm.

Fabric tempered with sparse amount of fine rounded quartz and moderate amount of angular white quartz. Angular quartz on surface of sherds.

Colour, thickness, fabric and finish indicate that the sherd is prehistoric and most likely to be late Bronze Age. However, there is no form or decoration to confirm this. As the largest sherd is unabraded it may not have travelled far to the ditch.

Wall thickness = 8mm.

Appendix 3: Flint Interim Statement

Simon Johnson

This statement has been produced in-house as an interim on the flint recovered from the site. A formal assessment by an appropriate specialist will be produced in due course and included in the final report when other outstanding specialist assessments are available.

A single flint blade (or perhaps more accurately, a blade-like flake) was recovered from context (106). It has been examined under 5x microscopy to identify modification such as use-wear, deliberate retouch and post-depositional damage.

The blade/flake measures 32.5 x 21.7mm (maximum dimensions). It is triangular in cross section, varying along its length owing to previous blade removals as evidenced by scars on its dorsal surface; and thins at all edges.

The majority of the anterior end has been broken, terminating with a hinge fracture on the ventral side, which has removed the striking platform and bulbar scar. It exhibits the triangular section characteristic of small-blade production, but the overall thinness of the artefact suggests that it did not have a pronounced striking platform.