

## 5.3 Finds from Bore Street, Lichfield

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### 5.3.1 Factual Data

A selection of material was recovered during archaeological works at Bore Street, Lichfield (ARCUS 1311). This included animal bone, ceramic, ceramic building material (CBM) and clay pipe. These 28 items were from two stratified contexts.

#### Methodology

All objects were individually examined for the purpose of this assessment. Information regarding the material type, dimensions and any other relevant data were catalogued accordingly (see **Table 1**).

### 5.3.2 Discussion

The animal bone sample is too small to be diagnostic of activities on-site, although it likely the butchered sheep rib fragments from subsoil 103 are associated with rubbish disposal of kitchen waste.

The CBM fragments recovered from deposits 102 and 103 are abraded and incomplete, and are thus archaeologically uninformative.

A single fragment of clay pipe stem was recovered from subsoil 103. Although clay pipe is difficult to date accurately, it is likely this fragment dates to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

A small amount of ceramic was recovered from Bole Street. This included a single transfer printed sherd of 19<sup>th</sup> century whiteware from mixed sand deposit 102, in addition to two 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century brown-glazed coarseware sherds from subsoil 103. An additional 5 fragments were recovered from subsoil 103, which have been identified as Staffordware sherds, including three sherds which fit together to form part of a large jar rim. These date to the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century (*pers comm.* Chris Cumberpatch). These may be residual in nature, but would seem to indicate medieval activity on-site.

### **5.3.3 Statement of Potential**

The material from Bore Street, Lichfield has little potential to yield further archaeological information. No further work is recommended, although some items should be retained and deposited at the appropriate museum (see Table 1, below). Only ceramics to be retained.

### **5.3.4 Storage and Conservation**

The material recorded here is in a stable condition.

### 5.3 Table 1: Material from Bore Street, Lichfield

Material type	Context	Context information	Quantity	Date range	Description and measurements
Animal bone	103	Sub-soil	6	-	Ovis: 1 burnt vertebrae fragment; 2 rib fragments, 1 butchered; 2 metapodial fragments. Bos: 1 long bone fragment. <b>DISCARDED</b>
Clay pipe	103	Sub-soil	1	?19 C	Small plain stem fragment, likely to be 19 <sup>th</sup> in date. <b>DISCARDED</b>
CBM	102	Mixed red sand deposit	6	1850+	Abraded CBM fragments, fine red fabric, probably roof tile or brick. 1 fragment vitrified ceramic; 1 fragment of brown-glazed service pipe. <b>DISCARDED</b>
CBM	103	Sub-soil	7	19-20 C	Abraded brick and tile fragments, fine red fabric. One with hard pale mortar adhering. <b>DISCARDED</b>
Ceramic	102	Mixed red sand deposit	1	19-20 C	1 small sherd of transfer printed whiteware.* <b>RETAINED</b>
Ceramic	103	Sub-soil	7	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> C And 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> C	2 sherds brown-glazed coarseware; 5 sherds, including one rim, of white possible medieval vessel.* <b>RETAINED</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>28</b>		

\* indicates item to retain