

Further post-medieval bottle glass tools from Worcestershire.

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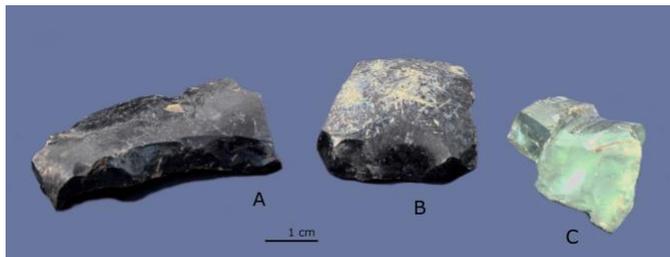
Introduction

Four post-medieval bottle glass tools from modern land surfaces in the Vale of Evesham found during 2020 are illustrated. They originate from areas of sustainable traditional agriculture and together may span about 170 years of time. They bring the total number of fabricated post-medieval glass tools in Worcestershire to 11 since their initial documentation (Whitehead, 2009).

Discussion

A black glass tool (01A, 02) was found at Greenhill, Evesham (52°06'N 01°56'W SP0444) on 25 April 2020 on the former lands of the Evesham Abbey estate. It is an edge scraper (02) with a concave worked edge and is believed to date from about 1860.

Two aqua glass tools and a black glass tool were found at Little Comberton (52°08'N 02°05'W SO9643) on 12 May 2020 and 16 June 2020 respectively. One aqua glass tool is a notched scraper (03) worked on a body fragment of an angular bottle marked 'GL.....' and believed to be a Baird's (of Glasgow) pickle jar dating from about 1920. The other is a thick scraping tool (01C) worked on the lid of a fruit-preserving jar made in Bristol and also believed to date from about 1920. The black glass tool (01B) is a thick utilised scraper worked on a base sherd from an 18th century black glass sack bottle.



01 A, B & C, post-medieval bottle glass scrapers from the Vale of Evesham. A, Greenhill, Evesham, 25 April 2020; Little Comberton B on 16 June 2020 and C on 12 May 2020.



02. Post-medieval bottle glass scraper as in Fig 01A, Greenhill, Evesham, 25 April 2020, showing usage impacts on the well-resolved scraping edge.



03. Post-medieval aqua glass scraper, Little Comberton, 12 May 2020, showing details of the scraping edge and use of the index finger rest.

The scraper illustrated in 03 is fabricated to allow for pressure from the index finger to be applied uniformly and in this way it resembles another glass artefact also from Greenhill, Evesham (Whitehead, 2017).

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Images

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