

Assessment of the Vessel & Window Glass

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A reasonable sized assemblage of multi-period glass was recovered from excavations at Blue Bridge Lane and Fishergate, York (summarised at the end of this assessment). All is in relatively stable condition and requires no further specialist treatment. For the purpose of this assessment the glass can be divided into the following chronological categories:

- Roman: 1st-5th centuries
- Saxon: 6th-11th centuries
- Medieval: 12th-15th centuries
- Post-medieval: 16th-19th centuries
- Modern: 20th-21st centuries

2.0 ASSESSMENT

Although the assemblage is quite large, a significant portion (much apparently recovered from sieving) is far too small for meaningful identification. Of the remaining material, the majority is post-medieval in date, consisting of small fragments of wine bottles or other late vessels. It is important to note that many clearly later fragments occur in what are supposedly early Roman or Saxon contexts (see below), suggesting that either the initial phasing is incorrect, or that many of these contexts are far from secure.

Despite this, small but significant assemblages occur for the earlier periods. The largest of these (with approximately thirty-three vessels) are Roman in date, and although most are highly fragmented, common forms, such as prismatic bottles, as well as rarer items, such as polychrome mosaic glass, can be identified. It is also important to note that the range of vessels, such as unguent bottles, as well as the fact some are heat distorted, suggest that they originally derived from burials. A small but significant group of early medieval glass (consisting of around seven vessels) was also found. These are all trail-decorated drinking vessels as well as a single fragment of reticello glass. Finally, a small assemblage of medieval material was recovered, including three vessels and fragments of plain and painted window glass.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

The majority of the glass requires no further study or reporting. There is no further analysis (visual or chemical) that can be done with the very tiny chips. Likewise the post-medieval material is very uninformative, consisting of either small fragments of ubiquitous wine bottles or very late vessels and windows. However, the Roman, Saxon and medieval material is significant and requires full cataloguing and reporting to publication level.

4.0 CATALOGUE

[Table 1 Blue Bridge Lane](#)

[Table 2 Fishergate House](#)

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Assessment of the Vessel & Window Glass - Table 1

Table 1. Blue Bridge Lane

Find	Fno.	Cno.	Context date	Glass date	Glass description
289	13	1027	Saxon	Saxon	blue trailed
290	13	1027	Saxon	Roman	tubular base-ring
291	13	1065	Saxon	uncertain	body
292	-	1021	-	Roman	facet-cut beaker
293	-	1021	-	19th	vessel
294	-	1022	-	19th	wine bottle
295	-	1022	-	modern	window
296	-	1022	-	late post med	vessel
297	-	1022	-	Roman	prismatic bottle
298	-	1022	-	late post med	vessel
299	-	1022	-	late post med	vessel
300	-	1022	-	late post med	vessel
301	-	1022	-	late post med	window
2413	353	1449	Saxon	uncertain	too small to identify
4106	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	Roman	prismatic bottle
4107	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	Roman	prismatic bottle
4108	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	Roman	prismatic bottle
4109	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	late post med	window
4110	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	late post med	vessel
4111	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	uncertain	vessel
4112	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	uncertain	vessel
4113	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	uncertain	vessel
4114	67	1201	-	late post med	vessel
4115	67	1201	-	late post med	window
4116	67	1201	-	late post med	window
4117	74	1202	19th	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4118	74	1202	19th	late post med	window
4119	75	1203	Emod 17th+	late post med	window
4120	83	1215	19th+	late post med	vessel
4121	83	1215	19th+	late post med	vessel
4122	86	1219	Mod	late post med	window
4123	86	1219	Mod	mid 18th	rectangular wine bottle
4124	13	1065	Asax	Saxon	beaker rim
4125	39	1149	-	medieval	plain window glass
4126	-	1162	19th	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4127	122	1267	med 13th-14th	medieval	urinal
4128	13	1065	Asax	Saxon	blue rim
4129	150	1333	med 11th	late post med	vessel
4130	150	1333	med 11th+	uncertain	too small to identify

4131	178	1347	med 11th+	Roman?	prismatic bottle?
4132	192	1377	Pmed	18th-19th	wine bottle
4133	198	1384	med 12th-13th	Roman	prismatic bottle
4134	-	1385	med 14th+	modern	vessel
4135	200	1387	med 14th+	late post med	window
4136	212	1402	e-PmedL15th+	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4137	212	1402	e-PmedL15th+	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4138	212	1402	e-PmedL15th+	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4139	213	1403	med 11th+	18th-19th	wine bottle
4140	218	1409	med 12th+	uncertain	vessel
4141	219	1428	med 14th+	late post med	window
4142	539	1433	-	Roman?	uncertain
4143	215	1435	med 14th+	-	not glass, vitrified clay?
4144	215	1436	med 12th-13th	medieval	urinal base
4145	220	1447	med 14th+	19th	wine bottle
4146	220	1447	med 14th+	19th	window
4147	220	1447	med 14th+	19th	window
4150	546	2192	-	Roman	polychrome mosaic
4151	223	1484	med 12th-14th	early post med	vessel
4152	555	2209	med 11th	uncertain	vessel
4153	239	1513	med 12th-13th	late post med	vessel
4154	239	1514	?Pmed L15th+	modern	vessel
4155	245	1546	med 12th+	Roman	prismatic bottle
4156	245	1548	Medieval-L15th+	modern	vessel
4157	245	1548	Medieval-L15th+	early post med	window
4158	245	1548	Medieval-L15th+	modern	vessel
4159	253	1569	med 14th-Pmed	modern	window
4160	269	1593	med 12th+	Roman	blue green melted
4161	-	1628	-	18th-19th	wine bottle
4162	389	1782	Roman	18th-19th	wine bottle
4163	437	1797	Roman	Roman	blue green melted
4164	-	1805	med 14th	late post med	window
4166	388	1845	med 11th	Roman	prismatic bottle
4167	78	1622	med 12th-13th	late post med	vessel
4168	381	1853	-	Roman	tubular base-ring
4169	359	1855	-	Roman	melted unguent bottle
4170	309	1680	-	medieval	vessel
4171	359	1710	-	late post med	wine bottle
4172	140	1262	Victorian?	late 18th-19th	wine bottle
4173	140	1262	Victorian?	18th-19th	wine bottle
4174	140	1262	Victorian?	late post med	Codd bottle
4175	140	1262	Victorian?	late post med	wine bottle
4176	140	1262	Victorian?	uncertain	molten glass
4177	43	1163	Roman 2nd+	Roman	prismatic bottle
4178	520	1220	Asax?	Roman?	clear rim

4179	-	1255	med 13th	modern	window
4180	-	1255	med 13th	modern	window
4181	-	1262	19th+	early post med	window
4182	359	1855	-	Roman	prismatic bottle handle
4183	381	1861	med 12th+	late post med	window
4184	402	1883	Asax	modern	vessel
4185	412	1896	-	Roman	bottle
4186	413	1903	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4187	357	1919	10th-11th	modern	window
4188	427	1922	Asax	uncertain	
4189	219	1946	med 14th+	uncertain	
4190	83	1215	19th+	1650-1680	wine bottle
4191	442	1951	-	uncertain	vessel
4192	442	1951	-	Saxon	beaker rim
4193	450	1959	med 14th+	modern	
4194	195	1380	med 12th+	medieval	window
4197	-	2018	med 11th+	modern	
4198	458	2057	Roman	Roman	bangle
4199	351	2107	med 14th+	Saxon	white trailed
4200	-	2146	19th+	modern	
4201	-	2184	Roman	Roman	blue green melted
4202	164	1341	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4203	-	1331	med 13th-14th	Roman	blue vessel
4204	-	1331	med 13th-14th	uncertain	too small to identify
4205	458	1974	-	modern	
4206	458	1974	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4208	150	1333	med 11th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4209	150	1334	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4210	58	1368	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4211	203	1393	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4212	215	1436	med	modern	
4214	241	1518	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4215	241	1518	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4216	241	1526	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4218	250	1560	med	modern	
4219	253	1569	med/Pmed?	early post med?	melted
4220	351	1763	med 11th+	Saxon	vessel
4221	520	1811	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4222	458	1973	Asax/med	uncertain	too small to identify
4223	458	1974	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4225	561	2232	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4226	58	1368	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4227	198	1444	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4228	241	1531	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4229	78	1581	-	uncertain	too small to identify

4230	520	1820	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4231	381	1848	Roman/Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4233	397	1884	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4516	381	1860	-	early post med?	melted
4517	333	1736	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4518	351	1763	med 11th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4519	273	1645	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4520	178	1292	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4521	381	2054	Roman late2nd+	uncertain	too small to identify
4522	503	2066	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4523	394	1790	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4524	273	2093	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4525	272	1644	Ascan/med	uncertain	too small to identify
4526	458	1974	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4527	252	1571	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4528	13	1142	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4529	273	2096	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4530	163	1338	med 11th	uncertain	too small to identify
4531	150	1375	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4532	150	1312	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4533	351	2114	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4534	353	1449	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4535	520	1811	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4536	218	1515	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4537	546	2200	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4538	46	1167	?Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4539	351	2113	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4540	381	1849	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4541	150	1339	med 11th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4542	13	1064	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4543	-	1636	med 12th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4544	426	1791	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4545	253	1569	med/Pmed?	uncertain	too small to identify
4546	394	1790	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4547	458	2043	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4548	242	1528	Pmed	medieval	painted window
4549	-	1750	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4550	381	2062	Ascan	uncertain	too small to identify
4551	-	1331	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4552	351	2114	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4553	216	1707	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4554	-	1636	med 12th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4555	225	1491	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4556	13	1147	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4557	241	1531	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify

4558	252	1571	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4559	150	1333	med 11th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4560	164	1341	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4561	164	1341	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4562	150	1334	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4563	215	1436	med	uncertain	too small to identify
4564	381	1858	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4565	-	2040	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4566	388	1845	med 11th	uncertain	too small to identify
4567	458	2030	Roman	uncertain	too small to identify
4568	150	1312	-	uncertain	too small to identify
4569	125	1275	med 14th+	uncertain	too small to identify
4570	353	1449	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4571	381	2054	Roman late2nd+	uncertain	too small to identify
4572	353	1449	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4573	13	1065	Asax	uncertain	too small to identify
4574	77	1743	med	uncertain	too small to identify
6078	458	2032	-	uncertain	too small to identify
6079	381	2063	med 11th	uncertain	too small to identify

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Assessment of the Vessel & Window Glass - Table 2

Table 2. Fishergate House

Find	Fno.	Cno.	Context date	Glass date	Glass description
963	-	1002	19th	19th	wine bottle
964	-	1003	19th	1650-1680	wine bottle
965	-	1003	19th	uncertain	vessel
966	-	1003	19th	18th-19th	wine bottle
967	4	1008	19th	medieval	painted window
968	125	1239	Asax/Ascan	uncertain	too small to identify
969	64	1120	Asax	Roman	prismatic bottle
970	67	1127	medieval	modern	
971	163	1311	medieval	medieval	window
973	64	1339	Saxon	Roman	heat distorted
974	-	1501	Roman	Roman	heat distorted unguent bottle
975	-	1516	19th	Roman	prismatic bottle
976	250	1464	Ascan	Saxon	reticella glass
977	-	1439	Roman	Roman	unguent bottle
978	-	1439	Roman	Roman	unguent bottle
979	320	1603	Roman	Roman	unguent bottle
1254	-	1202	Roman	Roman	blue green vessel
1335	297	1561	Roman	Roman	indented beaker
1336	283	1531	Roman	Roman	prismatic bottle

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