

VESSEL

Unique ID: SF-3B3962

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Four fragments of Roman vessels, the first three from blue/green bottles. Blue/green bottles were used primarily as containers for storage and transportation, although a range of secondary functions include their use as containers for cremations and as accessory vessels in burials. Blue/green bottles were first produced in the Claudian period but did not become very common until the Flavian period. The most common forms were cylindrical and square although hexagonal and rectangular bottles also occur in smaller numbers. Cylindrical bottles disappeared in the early 2nd century but square and hexagonal bottles continued in use until the late 2nd or early 3rd century.

1; A base fragment of a probably hexagonal bottle, two edges and the start of the third survive, the base is concave, and a fragment of the body also survives. The glass is pale blue-green. The fragment measures 41.89mm by 16.17mm in size and is 15.93g in weight.

2; A base fragment of a square bottle, of blue/green glass. The base is concave, the fragment measures 54.21mm by 22.48mm in size. 22.92g in weight, and a small fragment of one side also survives.

3: Probable rim or possibly handle fragment of a blue/green bottle, measuring 43.77mm by 36.91mm in size and 18.28g in weight.

Vessel type unknown:

4; The neck fragment of a probably Roman vessel it is cylindrical and of blue/green glass, measuring 24.32mm in surviving length and 15.51mm in external width and 8.29mm in internal width, it is 4.67g in weight. There are longitudinal striations on the outer face of the fragment.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 4

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st May 2007

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Glass

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Cambridgeshire](#) (County)

District: [East Cambridgeshire](#) (District)

To be known as: Littleport

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined