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Containers

15 Nine fragments of a straight sided container. This vessel was discovered surrounding two posts. The finds list describes it as stave built but this is a misinterpretation. The fragments are part of a hand cut vessel with a one piece body; the base may have been separate but the lower part of the vessel did not survive. The condition of the surviving portions makes accurate reconstruction impossible but an approximate rim diameter of 160mm is likely. On the inner face of one portion indistinct facets can be seen where downward cutting had occurred.

55 rectangular trough or dish with handle at either end formed from the overhanging rim. The trough is cut from an unsplit piece of timber: the tree rings corresponding to the central part of the tree appear just above the mid point in either end. Overall length (including handles) 955mm, external width c270mm external height 105mm.

82 near elliptical dish with part of broken handle at one end; this appears to have originally formed a loop. The inside of the dish is carved into a near rectangular shape; the external corners are rounded. The dish is carved from a length of trunk split approximately in half: the central tree rings can be seen in the top of each end. Overall length 310mm, external width 195mm maximum, external height varies from 70mm (mid point) to 95mm at handle end.

83 elliptical dish carved into smooth internal profile. Possibly originally with a handle at one end where there is now a damaged portion. It is not now possible to see the exact pattern of tree rings although the grain of the wood runs from end to end; probably carved from a split timber. Overall length 360mm, external width 210mm maximum, external height varies from 70mm (mid point) to 100mm at one end.

120 rectangular trough with handle at either end formed from the overhanging rim. The tree ring pattern is obscured but the grain of the wood runs from end to end; the trough is probably carved from a length of split timber. Overall length 430mm, external width approximately 190mm, external height c.90mm. The dish is extensively damaged on the base and at one end.

121 sub-rectangular dish with rounded corners (externally and internally). At one end a handle is formed from a small overhanging portion of the rim, at the other a handle c65mm by 50mm by 18mm is situated c32mm down from the rim. The tree ring pattern is obscured but the grain runs end to end. On the inside of the base a series of mainly straight cut toolmarks can just be seen. These are obscured by the conservation processes but may have been made with a chisel or gouge; approximate width of toolmarks 20mm. Overall length of dish 712mm, external width 280mm maximum, external height varies from 90mm (mid point) to 125mm at one end.

149 (A6046al) fragment of a turned vessel with out-turned rim. The profile of this wooden vessel mirrors exactly the profiles of many of the pottery E wares from the site. Reconstruction of the exact diameter cannot be made but it is approximately 160mm which is also close to that of many of the pottery vessels. On the internal surface are a number of horizontal incised lines resulting from cutting during turning. The tree ring pattern is still clearly visible indicating that the mouth of the vessel was in line with the sides of the tree from which the roughout was cut.

Spatulae

44 (A6046bc) flat head of spatula. Head 43mm long by 34mm wide. Tapered edges.

56 (A6046ba) leaf shaped head and part of broken handle of spatula. Length of head c60mm, width 25mm.

57 (A6046bb) complete spatula with long pointed blade with spine on one face. Handle round in section swelling to slight knob. Total length 200mm, blade width c25mm maximum.

92 (A6046b) knife-like object now in two pieces.

94 (A6046f) flat head of spatula with handle broken off. Length of head remaining c45mm, width c55mm.

131 blade.

137 blade in two pieces.

148 (A6046y) flat sided length of wood (c200mm long by c25mm wide). Possible spatula.

181 broken head of spatula with part of handle. Length of head c30mm, width c20mm.

Pegs and Pins

10 dowel.

27 (A6046d) peg of splitwood with rectangular hole in facet near top. Bottom end cut into point. Length 230mm, width 25mm, 10mm thick.

35 (A6046bf) dowel.

41 (A6046bd) peg.

42 flattish pin.

43 dowel pin with head missing.

46 pointed stake.

48 dowel pin.

55 peg, in many pieces.

74 peg with near spherical head. Burnt. Length 135mm, diameter 25mm tapering to 5mm at broken end. Diameter of head c30mm.

76 peg of approximately circular section with wider head. Length c100mm, diameter 20mm (shaft) and 27mm (head).

84 peg with one flattened end.

85(A6046am) large peg.

86 very small peg.

95 broken peg with large head and thin blade.

107 flat bladed peg with upper part rounded in section. Length 90mm, diameter 12mm (handle and blade).

112 peg with nearly spherical head. Length 95mm, diameter of head 40mm, diameter of handle 16mm. Slight shaping below head.

114 peg with faceted shaft. Length 150mm, diameter 7-14mm.

122 thin peg.

133 large square section peg.

134 peg, c125mm long.

150 (A60462) knobbed peg with straight shaft.

151 (A6046ao) peg.

152 (A6046ai) thin bladed peg. Length 90mm, width 25mm (blade), diameter of handle 20mm.

152 (A6046an) pin, slightly curved and cut lengthways into facets. Length 80mm, diameter 3-5mm.

165 two small pegs in fragments.

166 peg.

169 peg with head on one side only. Length 42mm, width of head 20mm, width of shaft c7mm.

170 peg.

176 part of peg.

178 two fragments of peg.

184 (A6046e) peg with tapered pencil end. Length 165mm, maximum diameter 36mm. Formed from roundwood.

187 (A6046x) knobbed peg with broken shaft. Length 98mm, diameter of head 40mm, shaft diameter 12-17mm.

190 peg in five fragments.

196 small pin.

198 heavy peg.

199 notched peg.

202 (A6046h) peg with knob-like head. Length 65mm long, diameter of shaft 12mm, diameter of head 24mm.

203 faceted knob.

204 (A6046ah) point.

205 cylindrical peg.

206 small peg.

207 (A6046ac) holed peg.

Handles

22 possible handle.

23 possible handle, round in section with circular hole in top end. Made from a piece of roundwood. Length 60mm, diameter 30mm. Hole c15mm diameter, 25mm deep. Signs of burning in hole.

29 (A6046bh) part of handle formed of cross piece with two arms at right angles, 125mm long by 25mm maximum diameter.

32 two fragments of a handle.

37 fragments of faceted handle.

54 (A6046j) small handle in two fragments.

73 handle.

78 part of handle.

90 possible handle.

92 (A6046bb) knife-like object. Handle? or spatula?

99 handle.

110 handle.

139 long shaft.

140 bow-shaped piece.

147 curved handle, 120mm long by 25mm maximum diameter.

157 curved handle, 130mm long by 30mm maximum diameter.
158 squared haft.
159 handle.
160 rough handle.
175 haft.
177 faceted haft.
180 handle.
183 handle.
185 handle.
186 (A6046ag) large handle.
189 (A6046ac) handle with oval cross-section.
195 (A6046i) possible handle, round in section with socket one end, 65mm long by 25mm maximum diameter. Made from length of roundwood.

Miscellaneous

8 flat-bladed paddle.
16 (A6046bk) cog-shaped piece of flat wood with seven teeth. Maximum diameter c63mm. Distorted.
17 possible part of spindle whorl.
28 paddle like object.
31 (A6046au) piece of axed wood with hole. In three pieces.
45 bench-like object.
61 (A6046c) piece of wood with two holes.
67 possible tool.
69 beam.
103 wedge.
104 possible broken spindle.
111 bow-like object.
119 (A6046az) tool with assymetric flat blade and handle ending in circular knob with hole through. Length 220m, 158mm maximum width.

123 (A6046bj) approximately spherical ball with complicated grain pattern. Maximum diameter 30mm.

131b possible pile driver.

137 fragments of blade.

138 wedge.

151 (A6046ap) approximately spherical ball with complicated grain pattern. Maximum diameter 20mm.

153 board with holes.

155 beam.

194 (A6046g) wedge in three pieces.