

## GLASS

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(The cross-references denoted 'CQ' in this paper relate to *Charter Quay, The Spirit of Change*, Wessex Archaeology 2003)

This category includes both vessel and window glass (138 fragments), as well as one bottle seal, one glass marble and three beads. There is nothing which can be definitively dated earlier than late medieval (a few window glass fragments came from 14th/15th century contexts in Plot 3).

A minimum of four vessels, all from contexts in Plot 3, can be dated as late 16th/early 17th century; three are small drinking vessels (beakers) with mould-blown 'wrythen' decoration of *façon de Venise* type, and the fourth a small jar or beaker with plain flared rim (see CQ p. 43). Beakers with 'wrythen' decoration (of which the best example from Charter Quay came from context 3446), along with other *façon de Venise* vessels, are known to have been produced in the Netherlands, and are well paralleled in the major ports of the south coast such as Plymouth and Exeter (Charleston 1984; 1986), but were also copied by the English glasshouses of the period, such as Hutton and Rosedale (Crossley and Aberg 1972, fig. 64). A fifth drinking vessel, represented by the footring from a stemmed goblet, came from layer 3302, and is less closely dated to the 16th/17th century.

The remaining datable vessels are of later 17th/18th century date or later (see CQ p. 48), including wine bottles, smaller bottles and phials (see CQ Fig. 77), all common types. Overall, quantities of vessel glass are small given the known proximity of several drinking establishments from the medieval period onwards.

### Catalogue of selected vessel glass

#### *Small bottles and phials*

1. Three pale greenish glass fragments from the same vessel, bottle or phial, including a 'kicked' base; late 17th/early 18th century.  
Context 301; fill of brick-lined well
2. 35 fine pale greenish glass fragments from the upper part of a single phial, including rim/neck and shoulder fragments; early 18th century  
Context 607, layer
3. 19 fragments from a single small bottle in pale olive green glass; form unknown; late 17th/early 18th century.  
Context 607, layer
4. Three fragments of clear glass, probably from the same vessel, including rim/neck and 'kicked' base fragments; early 18th century.  
Context 623, garden soil
5. Rim/neck fragment from a small bottle in pale greenish glass; 17th century.

Context 3514, posthole fill

6. Four fragments of pale blue/green glass, from a minimum of two vessels, including two phial rims and one 'kicked' base; late 17th century.  
Context 3302, layer

#### *Drinking vessels*

7. Three fragments of footring from a stemmed drinking vessel; clear glass, folded foot; 17th century.  
Context 3302, layer
8. Three fragments from the rim of a beaker in clear glass with horizontal mould-blown ribbed decoration; Venetian or *façon de Venise*; late 16th/early 17th century.  
Context 304, brick soakaway
9. 37 fragments from a single vessel, including eight rim fragments, in pale greenish glass, with mould-blown 'wrythen' decoration; Netherlands or English (eg. Charleston 1984, fig. 149, 79; Crossley and Aberg 1972, fig. 64, 76); late 16th/early 17th century.  
Object Number 237, context 3446/Object Number 260, context 3446 <sample 48>
10. Rim fragment in pale greenish glass; heavily weathered externally; small jar or beaker with flared rim (eg. Charleston 1984, fig. 150, 107); late 16th/early 17th century.  
Object Number 236, context 785
11. Two fragments in pale greenish glass from the rim of a beaker with mould-blown 'wrythen' decoration; weathered and with internal concretion; Netherlands or English, as No. 10; late 16th/early 17th century.  
Context 816 <sample 66>

#### *Bottle seal*

12. Bottle seal in dark green glass, bearing the initials KTA around a castle gate; this could not be identified but associated finds are of 18th century date.  
Context 3302, layer

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