

Report 2088

ANCIENT MONUMENTS LABORATORY

MATERIAL LEATHER

SITE: KINGSTON-UPON- THAMES (DATE:

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765000			<p>MAN'S LATCHET TIE SHOE , LEFT FOOT, WELTED CONSTRUCTION.</p> <p>More or less complete except for heel.</p> <p>Reversed (or buff) leather upper - cowhide.</p> <p><u>VAMP:</u></p> <p>Extends backwards into a square-cut tongue; rear end of left wing now broken away but the end of the right wing has a butted seam, edge/flesh, stitch length 3.5 - 4.0 mm, showing as a ridge on the outside (flesh or suaded side) but invisible on the inside. This is where the vamp wing was butted to the front end of the quarter. Two holes at the vamp/tongue junction are where the latchet tie was inserted in its passage from one latchet to the other.</p> <p>The <u>LASTING MARGIN</u> : (bottom edge) is still moulded and carries the welt sewing holes, stitch length 9.0 mm. At the toe end there are two deep creases where the two corners were formed to make a square-toed shoe.</p> <p><u>QUARTERS:</u></p> <p>both left (outside) and right (inside) remain, but the left one would appear to have lost its original latchet, as a clean cut with grain/flesh stitch holes, stitch length 3.5 mm, indicates that a new latchet (now missing) was added here.</p> <p>Both quarters have the following seams:</p> <p>(1) <u>Front Edge</u>: edge/flesh, stitch length c.4.0 mm where the vamp wings were butted and joined.</p> <p>(2) <u>Back Edge</u>: edge/flesh, stitch length c.4.0mm where the two quarters were joined together.</p> <p>(3) <u>Lasting Margin</u>: (bottom edge) as far as the vamp, still moulded and carrying the holes for the welt sewing, stitch length 9.0mm. These holes are not only much more widely spaced than the others, but are also much bigger themselves since the welt thread was much coarser and stronger.</p> <p>The lower part of the backs of the quarters has been flattened into a more or less horizontal position indicating that the shoe continued to be worn when it was too small for the foot. There is an indication of a heel stiffener at the back of the quarters.</p> <p><u>TOE-PUFF:</u></p> <p>A small crescent-shaped piece of leather put at the toe-end of the shoe to</p>	

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