NSC Box 001
Site  Stony Hazel, Cumbria, SD 336 897
Description  Dated (on documentary evidence?) to the 18th century
Discussion  A variety of slags including untypical tap slag. Identified by the excavator (MDS) as a finery forge. David Cranstone (personal communication) suggests that it may have been a water-powered bloomery.
Published References
Bowden, M (ed) Furness Iron. Swindon: English Heritage
Online images
NSC001.01.JPG; NSC001.02.JPG; NSC001.03.JPG; NSC001.04.JPG

NSC Box 002A
Site  Butterley Company, Ripley, Derbyshire, SK 399 517
Date  The Butterley Company was established in 1790. Puddling ceased in Britain in 1976 (although possibly much earlier on this site).
Description  Ball Slag?
Discussion  A dense tapped? slag presumably produced during balling, i.e. consolidating a bloom of iron in a puddling furnace. Is this the same as cinder tap? The company provided the iron for the construction of many major buildings in Britain, such as St Pancras railway station.
Online images
NSC002A.01.JPG

NSC Box 002B
Site  Atlas Forge, Bolton, Lancashire, SD 71 08
Date  1866-1976
Description  Cinder tap?
Discussion  Slag tapped from a puddling furnace. This was the last site to commercially forge wrought iron; some equipment was reconstructed at Ironbridge Museum.
Online images
NSC002B.01.JPG

NSC Box 002C
Site  unknown
Date  unknown, but 1780–1970s
Description  Shingled iron
Discussion  Iron which been produced in the puddling furnace and which has undergone hammering but which has not been rolled.
Online images
NSC002C.01.JPG
**NSC Box 002D**
*Site*  
Blist's Hill, Shropshire, SJ 695 036

*Date*  
1832–1912

*Description*  
Pig iron

*Discussion*  
Card preserved with the sample: “A fragment of iron from Blist’s Hill. Collected 1955”.

**Online images**
NSC002DE.01.JPG (right)

**NSC Box 002E**
*Site*  
Priorslee, Shropshire, SJ 695 036

*Date*  
1959

*Description*  
Pig iron

*Discussion*  
Card preserved with the sample: “This fragment of pig-iron was taken when the last cast was made at Priorslee furnace, 27th March 1959. The last pig-iron made in Shropshire. W. Howard-Williams”

**Published Reference**
Gale, W K V and Nicholls, C R 1979 *The Lilleshall Company Ltd. - A History 1764–1964* (publ. by the Lilleshall Co. Ltd)

**Online images**
NSC002DE.01.JPG (left)

**NSC Box 003A**
*Site*  
Eardington Lower Forge, Shropshire, SO 726 898

*Date*  
1777–1820

*Description*  
Cinder tap?

*Discussion*  
Forge

**Online images**
NSC003A.01.JPG

**NSC Box 003B**
*Site*  
Eardington Upper Forge, Shropshire, SO 733 896

*Date*  
1782–1869

*Description*  
Cinder tap?

*Discussion*  
Forge

**Online images**
NSC003B.01.JPG

**NSC Box 003C**
*Site*  
Cleobury Forge, Main Road, Shropshire, SO 688 748

*Date*  
c1563-c1815

*Description*  
Cinder tap?

*Discussion*  
Forge

**Online images**
NSC003C.01.JPG
### NSC Box 003D
**Site** Duncote, Northamptonshire, SP 67 50  
**Date** unknown  
**Description** ND, Crucible  
**Discussion** An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Also some crucible fragments.

**Online images**  
NSC003D.01.JPG

### NSC Box 003E
**Site** Willey Valley, Shropshire, SJ 674 006  
**Date** 1757?–1804  
**Description** Blast furnace?  
**Online images** NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### NSC Box 004A
**Site** Beeston Castle, Cheshire, SJ 541 592  
**Date** unknown  
**Description** Unusual dense fayalitic ironworking slag.  
**Discussion** Possibly a bloomery smelting slag.

**Online images**  
NSC004A.01.JPG

### NSC Box 004B
**Site** Ashburnham, East Sussex, TQ 688 139  
**Date** C16-C18  
**Description** Green glassy blast-furnace slag  
**Discussion** Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace.

**Online images**  
NSC004B.01.JPG

### NSC Box 004C
**Site** Boulden, Shropshire, SO 548 850  
**Date** <1644-1790+  
**Description** Green glassy blast-furnace slag  
**Discussion** Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace.

**Online images**  
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<td><strong>Site</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Date</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Green, blue and grey glassy blast furnace slag</td>
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<td><strong>Discussion</strong></td>
<td>Bloomery smelting slag, cited by Morton &amp; Wingrove 1972 as medieval.</td>
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<td>Morton, GR and Wingrove, J 1972 ‘Constitution of bloomery slags: Part II: Medieval’. <em>Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute</em> 210, 478–488</td>
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<td><strong>Date</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Crucible, and glassy slags</td>
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<td><strong>Discussion</strong></td>
<td>A stamping and potting forge.</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Discussion</strong></td>
<td>Lorn = Bonawe Furnace - but Duddon also produced 'Lorn' brand pig in the 19th century. Whichever site, it is likely that this is charcoal pig iron.</td>
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*Site*  
unknown

*Date*  
Post-Medieval (19th century?)

*Description*  
Dense, dark green glassy slag which has been tapped or cast.

*Discussion*  
This is recorded as cupola slag. The cupola furnace (used for re-melting cast iron in foundries) is largely a 19th century phenomenon.

**Online images**

NSC007B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 007C**

*Site*  
Millom, Cumbria, SD 182 801

*Date*  
20th century?

*Description*  
Dark blue-grey (fayalitic?) slag

*Discussion*  
Recorded as being associated with spray steel process.

**Online images**

NSC007C.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 008**

*Site*  
Horsehay, Shropshire, SJ 686 071

*Date*  
Post-Medieval

*Description*  
Crucible

*Discussion*  
Foundry

**Online images**

NSC008.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 009A**

*Site*  
Water Newton, Northamptonshire, TL 10 97

*Date*  
Roman?

*Description*  
ND

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. The absence of tap slag suggests it is probably iron smithing.

**Online images**

NSC009A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 009B**

*Site*  
Bix, Oxfordshire, SU 73 85

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
ND

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. The absence of tap slag suggests it might be iron smithing.

**Online images**

NSC009B.01.JPG
**NSC Box 010A**

*Site* High Cross, Leicestershire, SP 470 880  
*Date* Roman  
*Description* ND  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. The absence of tap slag suggests it might be iron smithing.

**Published References**

**Online images**  
NSC010A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 010B**

*Site* Thurgarton, Nottinghamshire, SK 691 491  
*Date* 12th century  
*Description* Ceramic mould  
*Discussion* Bell-casting mould

**Online images**  
NSC010B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 010C**

*Site* Duddon, Stone Star, Cumbria  
*Date* Possibly medieval  
*Description* Tap slag  
*Discussion* Bloomery smelting

**Online images**  
NSC010C.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 011A**

*Site* Tamworth, Staffordshire, SK 21 04  
*Date* Possibly Anglo-Saxon or medieval  
*Description* Smithing Hearth Bottom  
*Discussion* Iron smithing

**Online images**  
NSC011A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 011B**

*Site* Ariconium, Herefordshire, SO 640 240  
*Date* 2nd century AD  
*Description* Tiny fragments of iron working slag  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. The site is well known for bloomery smelting.

**Online images**  
NSC011B.01.JPG; NSC011B.02.JPG
**NSC Box 012**
*Site* Harwich, Suffolk, TM 25 32  
*Date* Possibly Medieval  
*Description* ND  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.

**Online images**  
NSC012.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 013**
*Site* Duddon, Cumbria, SD 197 883  
*Date* 1736–1866  
*Description* Green glassy blast-furnace slag  
*Discussion* Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace. Morton and Wingrove 1969

**Published References**
Bowden, M (ed) *Furness Iron*. Swindon: English Heritage  

**Online images**  
NSC013.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 014A**
*Site* unknown  
*Date* Post-Medieval (probably 20th century)  
*Description* Puddled iron  
*Discussion* Label with the sample: “Once worked puddle”.

**Online images**  
NSC014A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 014B**
*Site* unknown  
*Date* Post-Medieval  
*Description* Pig iron  

**Online images**  
NSC014B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 014C**
*Site* unknown  
*Date* Post-Medieval  
*Description* Pig iron  

**Online images**  
NSC014C.01.JPG
### NSC Box 015
- **Site**: Old Sleaford, Lincolnshire, TF 077 458
- **Date**: Iron Age?
- **Description**: Smithing Hearth Bottom
- **Discussion**: Iron smithing

**Online images**
- NSC015.01.JPG; NSC015.02.JPG; NSC015.03.JPG;

### NSC Box 016
- **Site**: Old Sleaford, Lincolnshire, TF 077 458
- **Date**: Iron Age?
- **Description**: ND
- **Discussion**: An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Probably iron smithing.

**Online images**
- NSC016.01.JPG

### NSC Box 017A
- **Site**: Unknown
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Cast iron
- **Discussion**: Cast iron

**Online images**
- NSC017A.01.JPG

### NSC Box 017B
- **Site**: Unknown
- **Date**: Post-Medieval (20th century ?)
- **Description**: Worked bar iron
- **Discussion**: Worked bar iron

**Online images**
- NSC017B.01.JPG

### NSC Box 017C
- **Site**: Unknown
- **Date**: Post-Medieval (20th century ?)
- **Description**: Pig iron
- **Discussion**: Pig iron

**Online images**
- NSC017C.01.JPG
NSC Box 017D
Site Unknown (various?)
Date Post-Medieval (20th century ?)
Description Samples of ferrous alloys
Discussion
Online images
NSC017D.01.JPG

NSC Box 018
Site Catholme, Nottinghamshire, SK 197 163
Date Anglo-Saxon
Description Smithing Hearth Bottom, hearth lining, crucible
Discussion
Online images
NSC018.01.JPG; NSC018.02.JPG

NSC Box 019–20
Site Haverholme Priory, Lincolnshire, TF 109 493
Date Medieval
Description Smithing Hearth Bottom, bloom
Discussion Iron smithing. Excavated by Glyn Coppack
Online images
NSC019.01.JPG; NSC019.02.JPG; NSC020.01.JPG

NSC Box 021A
Site Bere Regis, Dorset, SY 847 945
Date Roman (second century)
Description ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Possibly bloomery smelting
Online images
NSC021A.01.JPG

NSC Box 021B
Site Brough, Yorkshire, SE 93 26
Date RB
Description ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Possibly iron smithing.
Published References
Online images
NSC021B.01.JPG
NSC Box 021C
Site Little Sombourne, Hampshire, SU 389 329
Date IA/RB
Description ND?
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Probably iron smithing.
Published References
Neal, D S 1980 ‘Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman settlement sites at Little Somborne and Ashley, Hampshire’. *Proc Hampshire Fid Club Archaeol Soc*, 36, 91–143
Online images
NSC021C.01.JPG

NSC Box 022A
Site Hatton Rock, Warwickshire, SP 232 575
Date Anglo-Saxon?
Description ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Probably iron smithing.
Online images
NSC022A.01.JPG

NSC Box 022B
Site Saffron Walden, Essex, TL 539 387
Date Medieval?
Description Smithing Hearth Bottom
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Probably iron smithing.
Published References
Online images
NSC022B.01.JPG

NSC Box 023
Site Maxey, Northamptonshire, TF 12 08
Date Anglo-Saxon?
Description Furnace
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process, but rather dense and possibly bloomery smelting.
Published References
Addyman, P V 1964 'A Dark-Age settlement at Maxey, Northants', *Medieval Archaeol* 8, 20–73.
Online images
NSC023.01.JPG
NSC Box 024A

Site: Goscote, Staffordshire, SK 022 013
Date: Medieval?
Description: Tap slag with conventional flow texture on surface but ‘honeycomb’ porous internal texture.
Discussion: Probably a water-powered bloomery smelting site. Appears to be the same as Rushall see below NSC066A.

Published References

Online images
NSC024A.01.JPG

NSC Box 024B

Site: Finsthwaite, Cumbria, SD 367 879
Date: Medieval?
Description: Very weathered slag
Discussion: Chapman House bloomery reported by Mike Davies-Shiel and David Cranstone. See also NSC032A below.

Published References

Online images
NSC024B.01.JPG

NSC Box 025

Site: Whiston, Froghall, Staffordshire, SK 04 47
Date: (1768–1912+)
Description: Tap slag
Discussion: Copper smelting slag

Online images
NSC025.01.JPG

NSC Box 026

Site: Whiston, Froghall, Staffordshire, SK 04 47
Date: (1768–1912+)
Description: Unusual slag with powdery surface
Discussion: Copper or zinc smelting

Online images
NSC026.01.JPG
NSC Box 027
Site Whiston, Froghall, Staffordshire, SK 04 47
Date (1768–1912+)
Description Tap slag
Discussion Copper smelting slag
Online images NSC027.01.JPG

NSC Box 028
Site Bilston, Staffordshire, SO 950 964
Date c.1830–1977
Description Grey porous blast furnace slag
Discussion Hot-blast coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC028.01.JPG

NSC Box 029
Site Brough, Yorkshire, SE 94 26
Date Roman
Description Smithing Hearth Bottom
Discussion See also NSC021B (above).
Online images NSC029.01.JPG

NSC Box 030A
Site Norwich, St Benedicts, Norfolk, TG 232 073
Date c.850–c.1150
Description ND very weathered.
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process, probably iron smithing.
Published References Hurst, J G and Golson, J 1957 ‘Excavations at St Benedict's Gates, Norwich 1951 and 1953’. Norfolk Archaeology 31, 4–112
Online images NSC030A.01.JPG

NSC Box 030B
Site Bledisloe Castle, Gloucestershire, SO 683 081
Date Medieval
Description Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting slag
Published References Dornier, 1966 'Bledisloe excavations, 1964'. Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society 85, 57–69
Online images NSC030B.01.JPG; NSC030B.02.JPG
### NSC Box 031

**Site** Thistleton, Rutland, SK 91 18  
**Date** Medieval  
**Description** Tap, Smithing Hearth Bottom  
**Discussion** Bloomery smelting and iron smithing  
**Published References**  
**Online images**  
[NSC031.01.JPG; NSC031.02.JPG; NSC031.03.JPG]

### NSC Box 032A

**Site** Chapman House, Cumbria, SD 367 879  
**Date** Med  
**Description** Vitrified ceramic (furnace lining?)  
**Discussion** Bloom smelt see NSC024B  
**Online images**  
[NSC032A.01.JPG]

### NSC Box 032B

**Site** Stubbsgill Distington, Cumbria, NY 00 23  
**Date** unknown  
**Description** Smithing Hearth Bottom  
**Discussion** Iron smithing  
**Online images**  
[NSC032B.01.JPG]

### NSC Box 032C

**Site** Sedgwick, Cumbria, SD 514 871  
**Date** Post-Medieval  
**Description** Cinder tap?  
**Discussion** Forge  
**Online images**  
[NSC032C.01.JPG]

### NSC Box 032D

**Site** Low Dale Park, Cumbria, SD 35 92  
**Date** medieval?  
**Description** Pale blue glassy slag  
**Discussion** Identified by Michael Davies-Shiel and described by David Cranstone as a 'Megabloomery'. The slag resembles some blast furnace slags.  
**Online images**  
[NSC032D.01.JPG]
**NSC Box 032E**

*Site*  
Stone Star, Dunnerdale, Cumbria, SD 21 93

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
Vitrified ceramic (furnace lining), possible tap slag some of which is green and glassy

*Discussion*  
Identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. The slag does not look like bloomery slag. Morton & Wingrove 1972 suggest that the slag was produced by copper smelting.

**Published References**

*Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute* 210, 478–488

**Online images**

[NSC032E.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 032F**

*Site*  
Lower Bouth, Cumbria, SD 33 85

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
Small fragment of porous olive green slag

*Discussion*  
The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 suggested that the slag was produced by copper smelting.

**Published References**

*Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute* 210, 478–488

**Online images**

[NSC032F.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 032G**

*Site*  
Cleator Forge, Cumbria, NY 014 131

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
Black Tap slag

*Discussion*  
The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. This may be the Cleator blast furnace site which made an attempt to smelt iron with coke in the 1690s (Journal note, c 1983)

**Online images**

[NSC032G.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 032H**

*Site*  
Yosgill, Brough, Cumbria

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
Vitrified ceramic (possible furnace lining)

*Discussion*  
The absence of diagnostic slags makes it impossible to identify any particular metal working processes.

**Online images**

[NSC032H.01.JPG](#)
**NSC Box 032I**

*Site*  
Hacket Forge, Little Langdale, Cumbria, NY 322 030

*Date*  
c.1623/1630–18th century

*Description*  
Dark grey-green tapped/cast slag

*Discussion*  
A bloomery until c.1710 then finery/chafery. The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 suggest that the slag was produced by copper smelting.

**Published References**

Bowden, M (ed) *Furness Iron*. Swindon: English Heritage

*Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute* 210, 478–488

**Online images**

NSC032I.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 032J**

*Site*  
Coniston, Cumbria, SD 301 976

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
Amorphous lumps of slag with distinctive green copper corrosion.

*Discussion*  
Possibly copper smelting slag.

**Online images**

NSC032J.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 032K**

*Site*  
Levisham Moor, Yorkshire, SE 830 922

*Date*  
Iron Age (or medieval?)

*Description*  
Tap slag

*Discussion*  
Bloomery smelting slag.

**Published References**


**Online images**

NSC032K.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 032L**

*Site*  
Carter Ground, Cumbria, SD 228 923

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
small fragments of fayalitic slag

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.

**Online images**

NSC032L.01.JPG
**NSC Box 032M**

*Site* Arrad, Ulverston, Cumbria, SD 308 802  
*Date* unknown  
*Description* small fragments of fayalitic slag  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process  

**Online images**  
NSC032M.01.JPG

**NSC Box 032N**

*Site* Harkness Beck, Crummock Water, Cumbria  
*Date* unknown  
*Description* small fragment of porous grey-green slag  

**Online images**  
NSC032N.01.JPG

**NSC Box 032O**

*Site* Score Bank, Town Head, Grasmere, Cumbria, NY 34 07  
*Date* unknown  
*Description* small fragment of fayalitic slag  
*Discussion* Probably an iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process  

**Online images**  
NSC032O.01.JPG

**NSC Box 032P**

*Site* Beckfoot Bridge, Cumbria, NY 168 005  
*Date* unknown  
*Description* small fragments of dark grey-green slag  
*Discussion* Probably iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process  

**Online images**  
NSC032P.01.JPG; NSC032P.02.JPG

**NSC Box 032R**

*Site* East Cinderdale Beck, Cumbria, NY 168 192  
*Date* unknown  
*Description* small fragment of porous fayalitic slag  
*Discussion* Probably iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process  

**Online images**  
NSC032R.01.JPG
NSC Box 032S
Site  Skow Barrow Beck, Cumbria, SD 345 885
Date  unknown
Description  Some black tap slag and some pale blue glassy slag
Discussion  The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 analysed some slag. David Cranstone identifies it as a 'Megabloomery'. The pale blue glassy slag resembles blast furnace slag.

Published References

Online images
NSC032S.01.JPG; NSC032S.02.JPG

NSC Box 032T
Site  West Cinderdale, Crummock Water, Cumbria, NY 164 194
Date  unknown
Description  Tap slag
Discussion  The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 analysed some slag and suggested that it was copper smelting.

Published References

Online images
NSC032T.01.JPG

NSC Box 032U
Site  Parkamoor, Cumbria, SD 310 926
Date  unknown
Description  Tap slag?
Discussion  The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 analysed some slag. David Cranstone suggests that this may be Black Knotts (SD 330 865) which may be an interesting water-powered bloomery.

Published References

Online images
NSC032U.01.JPG
NSC Box 032V
Site Little Mill, Bouth, Cumbria, SD 33 86
Date unknown
Description small fragment of grey-green slag
Discussion The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 analysed some slag and suggested it was produced by copper smelting.
Published References
Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute 210, 478–488
Online images
NSC032V.01.JPG

NSC Box 032W
Site Black Beck, Bouth, Cumbria, SD 356 840 ?
Date unknown
Description small fragment of black slag
Discussion The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 analysed some slag and suggested it was produced by copper smelting.
Published References
Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute 210, 478–488
Online images
NSC032W.01.JPG

NSC Box 032X
Site Kershope, Cumbria, NY 48 83
Date unknown
Description small fragment of black slag
Discussion
Online images
NSC032X.01.JPG

NSC Box 032Y
Site Witherslack Park, Cumbria, SD 44 84
Date unknown
Description black slag some of which may be tapped and some of which is porous
Discussion Probably iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process (water-powered bloomery is a possibility)
Online images
NSC032Y.01.JPG
**NSC Box 032Z**

*Site*  
Haverigg Holme, Woodland Grove, Cumbria, SD 16 79

*Date*  
unknown

*Description*  
black tap slag with abundant internal porosity

*Discussion*  
Possible water-powered bloomery slag

*Online images*

[NSC032Z.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 033A**

*Site*  
Winterton, Lincolnshire, SE 911 182

*Date*  
Iron Age or Roman

*Description*  
ND, crucible

*Discussion*  
Iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. The crucible indicates the melting of copper alloys.

*Published References*


*Online images*

[NSC033A.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 033B**

*Site*  
Brigstock, Northamptonshire, SP 951 850

*Date*  
Roman

*Description*  
Tap

*Discussion*  
Bloom smelt

*Published References*


*Online images*

[NSC033B.01.JPG](#); [NSC033B.02.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 033C**

*Site*  
Thrang Moss, Cumbria, SD 277 923

*Date*  
Roman or 14th century (!?)

*Description*  
Tap

*Discussion*  
Bloomery smelting.

*Online images*

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<td>Jackson, D A 1982 ‘Great Oakley and other Iron Age sites in the Corby area’. <em>Northamptonshire Archaeology</em> 17, 3–23</td>
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**NSC Box 045**

*Site* Cannock, Staffordshire, SJ 98 10  
*Date* c.1600-1650  
*Description* Green glassy blast furnace slag, Sandstone  
*Discussion* cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace. Morton and Wingrove 1969

**Published References**  

**Online images**  
NSC045.01.JPG; NSC045.02.JPG; NSC045.03.JPG

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**NSC Box 046–047**

*Site* Backbarrow, Cumbria, SD 356 847  
*Date* 1711–1966  
*Description* Green glassy blast furnace slag, Charcoal, Mosser  
*Discussion* Cold-blast(?), charcoal-fuelled blast furnace, Forge  
Morton and Wingrove 1969

**Published References**  
Bowden, M (ed) *Furness Iron*. Swindon: English Heritage  

**Online images**  
NSC046.01.JPG; NSC046.02.JPG; NSC047.01.JPG; NSC047.02.JPG; NSC047.03.JPG

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**NSC Box 048A**

*Site* Longnor Forge, Shropshire, SJ 485 015  
*Date* 1605–1801  
*Description* Porous fayalitic slag  
*Discussion* Forge

**Online images**  
NSC048A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 048B**

*Site* Hampton Loade, Shropshire, SO 747 864  
*Date* Post-Medieval  
*Description* Tapped fayalitic slag  
*Discussion* Forge?

**Online images**  
NSC048B.01.JPG
NSC Box 048C
Site Cleobury, Lower Forge, Shropshire, SO 67 75
Date Post-Medieval
Description ?
Discussion Forge
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 049
Site Old Park, Shropshire, SJ 704 095
Date 1790–1871
Description grey-blue blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC049.01.JPG

NSC Box 050–051
Site Caerwent, Monmouthshire, ST 339 906
Date 4th century
Description Smithing Hearth Bottom, Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting and iron smithing
Online images NSC050.51.01.JPG; NSC050.51.02.JPG; NSC050.51.03.JPG; NSC050.51.04.JPG;

NSC Box 052–55
Site Wakerley, Northamptonshire, SP 941 983
Date Iron Age and Roman
Description Tap, Ore, Daub
Discussion Bloom smelt
Published References
Online images NSC052.55.01.JPG; NSC052.55.02.JPG; NSC052.55.03.JPG; NSC052.55.04.JPG; NSC052.55.05.JPG; NSC052.55.06.JPG; NSC052.55.07.JPG; NSC052.55.08.JPG;
**NSC Box 056A**

**Site**  
Hackett Forge, Little Langdale, Cumbria, NY 322 030

**Date**  
17th century?

**Description**  
Tap slag

**Discussion**  
The site was identified by Michael Davies-Shiel. Morton & Wingrove 1972 suggest that the slag was produced by copper smelting. see NSC032I

**Published References**  

**Online images**  
NSC056A.01.JPG

**NSC Box 056B**

**Site**  
Rockley, Yorkshire, SE 340 023

**Date**  
15th to 17th century

**Description**  
Tap

**Discussion**  
Water-powered bloomery smelting.

**Published References**  
Crossley, D and Ashurst, D 1968 ‘Excavations at Rockley Smithies, a water-powered bloomery of the 16th and 17th centuries’. *Post-Medieval Archaeology* 2, 10–54

**Online images**  
NSC056B.01.JPG

**NSC Box 056C**

**Site**  
Cefn Graenog, Gwynedd

**Date**  
Roman?

**Description**  
ND?

**Discussion**  
Iron working slag but lacking clear diagnostic features which would allow the definite identification of particular process. Some signs of flow (prills) suggests bloomery smelting. ask Peter Crew

**Online images**  
NSC056C.01.JPG; NSC056C.02.JPG

**NSC Box 057**

**Site**  
Castle Lane, Warwick (1975), Warwickshire, SP 285 648

**Date**  
11th century

**Description**  
Smithing Hearth Bottom

**Discussion**  
Iron smithing

**Online images**  
NSC057.01.JPG; NSC057.02.JPG
NSC Box 058A
Site Mancetter, Staffordshire, SP 31 96
Date Roman
Description Vitrified ceramic, FAS
Discussion Possibly metalworking slags
Online images NSC058A.01.JPG; NSC058A.02.JPG

NSC Box 058B
Site Tallington, Lincolnshire, TF 105 091
Date Iron Age or Roman
Description Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting
Online images NSC058B.01.JPG

NSC Box 058C
Site Northchurch, Hertfordshire, SP 958 089
Date Iron Age, Roman or medieval?
Description Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting. Also known as Bulbourne and Dellfield. The excavators recovered no dating evidence for the furnaces but assumed they were contemporary with the late Iron Age ditches. The form of the furnaces and slag were taken to indicate that they were actually Roman, however, medieval features were also excavated.
Published References Thompson, A and Holland, E 1976 ‘Excavation of an Iron Age site at Delfield, Berkhamsted’. Hertfordshire Archaeology 4, 137–148
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 059
Site Rievaulx, Yorkshire, Yorkshire, SE 575 840
Date 1577–1647
Description Pig iron, glassy green blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace.
Online images NSC059.01.JPG; NSC059.02.JPG; NSC059.03.JPG; NSC059.01.JPG
NSC Box 060

Site: Little Aston, Staffordshire, SK 082 009
Date: 1574–1798
Description: ND, Vitrified brick
Discussion: Stamping and potting forge.

Published References

Online images
NSC060.01.JPG; NSC060.02.JPG; NSC060.03.JPG;

NSC Box 061A

Site: Himley Hall, Staffordshire, SO 876 912
Date: 1622–1638
Description: Black or very dark green glassy blast furnace slag.
Discussion: One specimen is accompanied by a card which reads: “Dud Dudley. Coke embedded in blast furnace slag, and pieces of furnace structure found near the Lower Pool at Himley Hall”.

Online images
NSC060A.01.JPG; NSC060A.02.JPG; NSC060A.03.JPG; NSC060A.04.JPG

NSC Box 061B

Site: Cunsey Forge, Cumbria, SD 377 936
Date: Post-Medieval (<1623–c.1750)
Description: Tap slag
Discussion: Forge (bloomery up to 1715 then finery).

Published References
Bowden, M (ed) Furness Iron. Swindon: English Heritage

Online images
NSC061B.01.JPG; NSC061B.02.JPG

NSC Box 061C

Site: Clee Hll, Shropshire, SO 59 75
Date: Post-Medieval
Description: Grey-green blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast coke-fuelled blast furnace

Online images
NSC060C.01.JPG; NSC060C.02.JPG; NSC060C.03.JPG
**NSC Box 062A**

*Site*  
Willey, Shropshire, SO 672 981  

*Date*  
c1618-1774  

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled (?) blast furnace. There were two furnaces here (Old and New) and it is not clear which furnace the slag came from.

*Online images*  
NSC062A.01.JPG


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**NSC Box 062C**

*Site*  
Horsehay, Shropshire, SJ 686 071  

*Date*  
1826–1873  

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, coke-fuelled (?) blast furnace.

*Online images*  
NSC062C.01.JPG


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**NSC Box 062D**

*Site*  
Longnor, Shropshire, SJ 483 022  

*Date*  
1605–1801  

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC062D.01.JPG


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**NSC Box 062E**

*Site*  
Leighton, Shropshire, SJ 610 055  

*Date*  
c.1640–1746  

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC062E.01.JPG


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**NSC Box 062F**

*Site*  
Shifnal, Shropshire, SJ 742 067  

*Date*  
1564–1604  

*Description*  
Dark grey-green glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC062F.01.JPG
NSC Box 062G
Site: Calcutts, Shropshire, SJ 686 030
Date: 1775–1828
Description: Pale blue or green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast, coke-fuelled (?) blast furnace.
Online images
NSC062G.01.JPG

NSC Box 062H
Site: Kenley, Shropshire, SO 587 998
Date: 1591–1708
Description: ND and tapped fayaltic (?) slag
Discussion: Forge?
Online images
NSC062H.01.JPG

NSC Box 062I
Site: Lawley, Shropshire, SJ 672 093
Date: 1824–1863
Description: Pale green-blue glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images
NSC062I.01.JPG

NSC Box 062J
Site: Lightmoor, Shropshire, SJ 683 053
Date: 1758–1878
Description: Pig iron (with adhering slag) and pale green-blue glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast coke-fuelled (?) blast furnace
Online images
NSC062J.01.JPG

NSC Box 062K
Site: Langley Field, Shropshire, SJ 690 072
Date: 1824–1870
Description: Pale green-blue glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images
NSC062K.01.JPG
NSC Box 063
Site: Chew Valley Lake, Somerset, ST 457 532
Date: Roman or Medieval
Description: Smithing Hearth Bottom and vitrified ceramic (hearth lining)
Discussion: Iron smithing.
Online images: NSC063.01.JPG

NSC Box 064
Site: Tern Forge, Shropshire, SJ 552 098
Date: Post-Medieval
Description: Pig iron
Discussion: A forge site so this presumably represent pig iron produced elsewhere but the raw material used here.
Online images: NSC064.01.JPG

NSC Box 065A
Site: Charlcotte, Shropshire, SO 638 861
Date: c1670–1777
Description: BFS: Charcoal
Discussion: Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace. Mutton 196?
Published References: Mutton, N 1967 ‘Charlcotte furnace’. *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society* 58,
Online images: NSC065A.01.JPG; NSC065A.02.JPG; NSC065A.03.JPG; NSC065A.04.JPG;

NSC Box 065B
Site: Sharpley Pool, Worcestershire, SO 794 666
Date: c.1652-late 17th century?
Description: Green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion: Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace.
Published References: Brown, P 1982 ‘The early industrial complex at Astley, Worcestershire’. *Post-Medieval Archaeology* 16, 1–19
Online images: NSC065B.01.JPG; NSC065B.02.JPG; NSC065B.03.JPG
NSC Box 066A
Site Rushall, Staffordshire, SK 022 013
Date Medieval?
Description Tap slag (highly porous)
Discussion Probable water-powered bloomery. Also known as Goscote (see NSC024A above).
Online images NSC066A.01.JPG; NSC066A.02.JPG; NSC066A.03.JPG; NSC066A.04.JPG

NSC Box 066B
Site Lilleshall, Shropshire, SJ 73 15
Date Post-Medieval (19th century?)
Description Pale green-blue glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC0.01.JPG

NSC Box 066C
Site Bourne Pool, Staffordshire, SK 088 019
Date c.1500
Description Tap, charcoal
Discussion Water-powered bloomery smelting
Published References
Online images NSC066C.01.JPG; NSC066C.02.JPG; NSC066C.03.JPG

NSC Box 067A
Site Ipsley Forge, Worcestershire, SP 07 67
Date Post-Medieval
Description Hambone
Discussion Forge.
Published References
Online images NSC067A.01.JPG
**NSC Box 067B**

*Site*  
Halesowen, Worcestershire, SO 965 846

*Date*  
Post-Medieval

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC067B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 067C**

*Site*  
Worcester, Vulcan Ironworks, Worcestershire, SO 855 551

*Date*  
Post-Medieval

*Description*  
Green glassy blast furnace slag

*Discussion*  
? (Donated by Paul Belford?)

*Online images*  
NSC067C.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 068A**

*Site*  
Hinksay, Shropshire, SJ 694 072

*Date*  
1826–1873

*Description*  
Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC068A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 068B**

*Site*  
Benthall, Shropshire, SJ 667 075

*Date*  
Post-Medieval

*Description*  
Grey-green matt slag

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast(?), coke-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC068B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 068C**

*Site*  
Coalbrookdale (Old Furnace), Shropshire, SJ 667 040

*Date*  
18th century

*Description*  
Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag

*Discussion*  
Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace

*Online images*  
NSC068C.01.JPG
NSC Box 068D
Site  Dawley Castle, Shropshire, SJ 688 062
Date  1810–1883
Description  Small fragments of black slag
Discussion  Hot-blast(?), coke-fuelled blast furnace (?)
Online images  NSC068D.01.JPG

NSC Box 068E
Site  Stirchley, Shropshire, SJ 700 074
Date  1827–c.1885
Description  Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion  Hot-blast(?), coke-fuelled blast furnace (?)
Online images  NSC068E.01.JPG

NSC Box 068F
Site  Worcester Wharf
Date  Post-Medieval
Description  Small fragment of grey-green slag
Discussion  ? (Donated by Paul Belford?)
Online images  NSC068F.01.JPG

NSC Box 068G
Site  Grindle Forge, Shifnall, Shropshire, SJ 753 034
Date  17th to 18th centuries
Description  Cinder tap?
Discussion  Forge
Online images  NSC068G.01.JPG

NSC Box 068H
Site  Barnatt's Leasow, Shropshire, SJ 678 032
Date  Post-Medieval
Description  Black to green-blue and light grey blast furnace slag
Discussion  Cold-blast, coke-fuelled blast furnace
Online images  NSC068H.01.JPG
**NSC Box 069A**

*Site*  Wall, Staffordshire, SK 10 07  
*Date*  Roman  
*Description*  Smithing Hearth Bottom  
*Discussion*  Iron smithing  
*Online images*  NSC069A.01.JPG; NSC069A.02.JPG

**NSC Box 069B**

*Site*  Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, TL 169 587  
*Date*  possibly Anglo-Saxon  
*Description*  tiny fragment of ND  
*Discussion*  An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.  
*Online images*  NSC069B.01.JPG

**NSC Box 069C**

*Site*  Struntrey Carr Farm  
*Date*  Medieval?  
*Description*  Tap  
*Discussion*  Bloomery smelting  
*Online images*  NSC069C.01.JPG

**NSC Box 069D**

*Site*  Hoarthorns Farm, Coleford, Gloucestershire, SO 594 133  
*Date*  unknown  
*Description*  Tap  
*Discussion*  Bloomery smelting  
*Online images*  NSC069D.01.JPG

**NSC Box 069E**

*Site*  Twyford, Hampshire, SU 484 243  
*Date*  Roman  
*Description*  ND, Litharge  
*Discussion*  The iron working slag lacks diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; probably iron smithing. The litharge is greenish and indicates cupellation of scrap (debased) silver.  
*Online images*  NSC069E.01.JPG
**NSC Box 069F**

*Site* Stonegate Mill, Yorkshire, NZ 778 090  
*Date* Medieval  
*Description* Tap (somewhat porous)  
*Discussion* Bloomery smelting (possibly water-powered)  

**Online images**  
[NSC069F.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 069G**

*Site* Lechlade, Gloucestershire, SP 218 008  
*Date* Iron age or Roman  
*Description* small fragment of ND slag with some ceramic adhering  
*Discussion*  

**Online images**  
[NSC069G.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 069H**

*Site* Barnsley Park, Gloucestershire, SP 08 06  
*Date* Roman  
*Description* small fragment of ND slag  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.  

**Published References**


**Online images**  
[NSC069H.01.JPG](#)

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**NSC Box 069I**

*Site* Bordesley Abbey, Worcestershire, SP 048 687  
*Date* Medieval  
*Description* Tap slag?  
*Discussion* Bloomery smelting?  

**Online images**  
[NSC069I.01.JPG](#)
### NSC Box 070A

**Site**  
South Witham, Lincolnshire, SK 929 205

**Date**  
unknown

**Description**  
ND, Cu

**Discussion**  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process. Metallic copper fragments of what might be an ingot.

**Online images**  
[NSC070A.01.JPG](#)

### NSC Box 070B

**Site**  
South Lothian, Scotland

**Date**  
unknown

**Description**  
Smithing Hearth Bottom (?)

**Discussion**  
Iron smiting (?)

**Online images**  
[NSC070B.01.JPG](#)

### NSC Box 070C

**Site**  
St Albans, Park St, Hertfordshire, TL 138 039

**Date**  
Roman

**Description**  
Smithing Hearth Bottom (?)

**Discussion**  
Iron smiting (?)

**Published References**  
O'Neil, H E 1945 ‘The Roman villa at Park Street near St Albans, Herts’. *Archaeological Journal* 102, 31–110

**Online images**  
[NSC070C.01.JPG](#)

### NSC Box 071A

**Site**  
Asheldham, Essex, TL 973 011

**Date**  
Anglo-Saxon?

**Description**  
Furnace bottom fragments? Plus possible ore

**Discussion**  
Bloomery smelting

**Published References**  

**Online images**  
[NSC071A.01.JPG](#)
NSC Box 071B
Site North Elmham Park, Norfolk
Date Anglo-Saxon
Description Small fragments of ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.
Published References
Online images
NSC071B.01.JPG

NSC Box 071C
Site Aldborough, Yorkshire, ?
Date Anglo-Saxon?
Description Fragments of ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; possibly iron smithing.
Online images
NSC071C.01.JPG; NSC071C.02.JPG

NSC Box 072A
Site Corby Glen, Northamptonshire, TF 00 25
Date unknown
Description Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting
Online images
NSC072A.01.JPG

NSC Box 072B
Site Martinsthorpe, Rutland, SK 867 047
Date Medieval
Description Tap
Discussion Bloomery smelting
Online images
NSC072B.01.JPG

NSC Box 072C
Site Hardknott Fort, Cumbria, NY 218 014
Date RB
Description ND
Discussion An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; possibly iron smithing.
Online images
NSC072C.01.JPG; NSC072C.02.JPG; NSC072C.03.JPG
### NSC Box 072E
- **Site**: Appletreeworth Beck, Torver, Cumbria, SD 284 941
- **Date**: unknown
- **Description**: Smithing Hearth Bottom
- **Discussion**: Iron smithing. Morton & Wingrove 1972

**Published References**

**Online images**
NSC072E.01.JPG

### NSC Box 072F
- **Site**: Woodland Grove, Cumbria, SD 16 79
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: ND
- **Discussion**: Card with the samples reads: “White iron. Woodland Grove.”

**Online images**
NSC072F.01.JPG

### NSC Box 072G
- **Site**: Red Bank, Ickenthwaite, Cumbria, SD 3182 8981
- **Date**: Medieval
- **Description**: Tap (some of which is highly porous)
- **Discussion**: Possible water-powered bloomery smelting. Morton & Wingrove 1972

**Published References**

**Online images**
NSC072G.01.JPG

### NSC Box 072H
- **Site**: Portathwaite Woods, Miterdale, Eskdale, Cumbria, NY 14 02
- **Date**: unknown
- **Description**: Tap and vitrified ceramic
- **Discussion**: Possibly bloomery smelting

**Online images**
NSC072H.01.JPG

### NSC Box 073A
- **Site**: Reading
- **Date**: Modern experiment
- **Description**: Ceramic mould
- **Discussion**: A partially illegible card with the sample has the initials JWA (John Anstee?)

**Online images**
NSC073A.01.JPG
**NSC Box 073B**
*Site*  
unknown

*Date*  
Modern experiment

*Description*  
Bloom

*Discussion*  
?

**Online images**
NSC073B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 073C**
*Site*  
Reading

*Date*  
Modern experiment

*Description*  
Fayalitic slag prills

*Discussion*  
Card with the sample reads: “Drip slag (from bloom) from bottom of JA’s bloomery shaft”. JA probably stands for John Anstee

**Online images**
NSC073C.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 074A**
*Site*  
Kilmagoura, Cork, Ireland

*Date*  
Medieval?

*Description*  
ND, vitrified ceramic

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; possibly iron smithing

**Online images**
NSC074A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 074B**
*Site*  
Nunney, Somerset, ST 735 458

*Date*  
Medieval

*Description*  
ND

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; possibly iron smithing

**Online images**
NSC074B.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 074C**
*Site*  
Therfield, Hertfordshire, TL 333 372

*Date*  
Twelfth century

*Description*  
Vitrified ceramic

*Discussion*  
?

**Online images**
NSC074C.01.JPG
NSC Box 074D

Site  Ratcliffe on Soar, Nottinghamshire, SK 497 290
Date  Medieval?
Description  tiny fragments of rather porous slag
Discussion  
Online images  NSC074D.01.JPG

NSC Box 074E

Site  Halewood, Old Hut, Lancashire, SJ 452 846
Date  unknown
Description  tiny fragments of slag with corrosion salts at surface
Discussion  probable copper smelting slag
Online images  NSC074E.01.JPG

NSC Box 074F

Site  Denton, Lincolnshire, SK 874 313
Date  unknown
Description  ND
Discussion  An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.
Online images  NSC074F.01.JPG

NSC Box 074G

Site  Nun’s Well, Staffordshire. SK 043 137
Date  Medieval?
Description  Tap
Published References
Online images  NSC074G.01.JPG
NSC Box 075A
Site Kemberton, Shropshire, SJ 744 044
Date 17th and 18th centuries
Description Green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC075A.01.JPG

NSC Box 075B
Site Newland, Cumbria, SD 299 797
Date 1747–1891
Description Green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC075B.01.JPG

NSC Box 075C
Site Cyfarthfa, Glamorganshire, SN 04 06
Date Nineteenth century?
Description Pale grey matt slag
Discussion Bessemer Slag
Online images NSC075C.01.JPG

NSC Box 075D
Site Cradley Heath, Staffordshire, SO 935 856
Date 17th century
Description Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag
Discussion Cold-blast, charcoal-fuelled blast furnace
Online images NSC075D.01.JPG

NSC Box 075E
Site Alrewas, Wychnor Forge, Staffordshire, SK 172 138
Date 1770–1830
Description ND
Discussion Forge
Online images NSC075E.01.JPG
**NSC Box 075F**

*Site*  
Furnace Farm, ?, Cumbria  

*Date*  
Post-Medieval  

*Description*  
Green, glassy blast furnace slag  

*Discussion*  
Possibly Little Clifton (NY 058 279), in which case an important early coke furnace  

**Online images**  
NSC075F.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 076A**

*Site*  
Derby Race Course, Derbyshire, SK 362 375  

*Date*  
Roman  

*Description*  
Smithing Hearth Bottom  

*Discussion*  
Iron smiting  

**Online images**  
NSC076A.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 076B**

*Site*  
Little Chester, Derby, Derbyshire, SK 353 376  

*Date*  
Roman  

*Description*  
Smithing Hearth Bottom  

*Discussion*  
Iron smithing  

**Online images**  
NSC076B.01.JPG; NSC076B.02.JPG; NSC076B.03.JPG; NSC076B.04.JPG

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**NSC Box 077**

*Site*  
Brampton, Norfolk, TG 224 238  

*Date*  
Roman  

*Description*  
ND, vitrified ceramic  

*Discussion*  
An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process; probably iron smiting.  

**Online images**  
NSC077.01.JPG

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**NSC Box 078A**

*Site*  
Tudeley, Kent, TQ 620 447  

*Date*  
14th century  

*Description*  
Amorphous, weathered lumps of slag  

*Discussion*  
Known as a bloomery in the first half of the 14th century from historical documents (Giuseppi 1913).  

**Published References**  
Giuseppi, M S 1913 'Some fourteenth-century accounts of iron-works at Tudeley, Kent'. Archaeologia 64, 145–164  

**Online images**  
NSC078A.01.JPG
**NSC Box 078B**
*Site* Mount Grace Priory  
*Date* medieval?  
*Description* Charcoal, fired clay  
*Discussion* Excavated by Glyn Coppack?  
*Online images* [NSC078B.01.JPG](#)

**NSC Box 079A**
*Site* Hazledine Foundry, Bridgnorth, Shropshire  
*Date* Post-Medieval  
*Description* iron concretion? and brick?  
*Discussion* ?  
*Online images* [NSC079A.01.JPG](#)

**NSC Box 079B**
*Site* Little Waltham, Essex  
*Date* Iron Age or Roman  
*Description* ND  
*Discussion* An iron working slag but lacking diagnostic features which would allow the identification of particular process.  
*Online images* NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

**NSC Box 079C**
*Site* Walsall, Staffordshire, SP 02 98  
*Date* Medieval?  
*Description* Smithing Hearth Bottom?  
*Discussion* Iron smithing?  
*Online images* [NSC079C.01.JPG](#)

**NSC Box 080A**
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*Date* Modern experiment?  
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*Discussion* GHR ??????  
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- **Site**: Haybone or Maybone
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Heavily vitrified crucible
- **Discussion**: Foundry?
- **Online images**: [NSC081.01.JPG](#)

### NSC Box 082A
- **Site**: Grangarde, Sweden
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag
- **Discussion**: Blast Furnace
- **Online images**: NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### NSC Box 082B
- **Site**: Dannemora, Sweden
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Ore
- **Discussion**: Blast Furnace
- **Online images**: NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### NSC Box 082C
- **Site**: Avesta, Sweden
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag
- **Discussion**: Blast Furnace
- **Online images**: NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### NSC Box 082D
- **Site**: Ingelsberg, Sweden
- **Date**: Post-Medieval
- **Description**: Blue-green glassy blast furnace slag
- **Discussion**: Blast Furnace
- **Online images**: NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
NSC Box 082E
Site: Sweden
Date: Modern experiment
Description: Ore
Discussion
Online images
NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 083A
Site: unknown
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Description: Zinc sulphide
Discussion
Online images
NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 083B
Site: Weardale, Durham
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Description: Galena
Discussion
Online images
NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 083C
Site: Force Crag, Cumbria
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Description: Barytes with cerrusite
Discussion
Online images
NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 084A
Site: Oxfordshire
Date
Description: Ironstone
Discussion
Online images
NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
NSC Box 084B
Site Wigpool Common, Forest of Dean
Date
Description Iron ore
Discussion
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 084C
Site Duckhill, Forest of Dean
Date
Description Iron ore
Discussion
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 084D
Site Pickworth, Lincolnshire
Date
Description Iron ore
Discussion Possibly collected during the excavation of the iron smelting sites (Tylecote)
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 084E
Site Simonside
Date
Description Bog ore?
Discussion Northumberland - NZ 02 98 (+- 3km on easting - it's a long ridge)
Online images NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NSC Box 084F
Site
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*Description* Iron ore

**Discussion**


**Online images**

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*Site*  
Claxby, Nettleton, Lincolnshire

*Date*

*Description*  
Iron ore

*Discussion*

*Online images*

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**NSC Box 085G**

*Site*  
Rushall, Staffordshire

*Date*

*Description*  
Iron ore (bloomery)

*Discussion*  
Possible collected during the archaeological excavation of the bloomery smelting site. See also Goscote.

*Online images*

NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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**NSC Box 086A**

*Site*  
Dragonby, Lincolnshire

*Date*

*Description*  
Iron ore

*Discussion*

*Online images*

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**NSC Box 086B**

*Site*  
Broseley, Shropshire

*Date*

*Description*  
Iron ore

*Discussion*

*Online images*

NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE