

Note – an unidentified object

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For the second year I was taking part in a Carshalton and District Archaeology dig led by John Phillips. We were digging on the site of the Portioner's House in Beddington Park.

We were hoping to find the remains of the medieval house which John hoped lay under the later house which had been demolished about 1848. We were working our way through deep layers of demolition rubble.

I was in a line of trowlers when I picked up what looked like a piece of rubble. For some reason I turned it over and found some carving on the other side. I took it to show John and he said it was Reigate stone and he thought it could be medieval.



I returned to the trench and the others asked what I had found I re-nacted the event and discovered another piece which joined onto the first piece.

John has not had time to research the piece but thought at the time that it may represent a 'cross in glory' and be graffiti rather than a carving. We rechecked the spoil heap but no further pieces were found there or on the site.

I wondered if anyone had come across anything similar.