

Glass



Two Victorian glass tear drop dump weights, layered floral decoration, with six smaller. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



Three green 'End of Day' glass dumps inset with cone shaped bubbles, 5.25in high, 6in high and 6.5in high. £115, £160 and £170 respectively. *Tring Market Auctions, Herts. Sep 02. HP: £445. ABP: £523.*



Composite of nine graduated clear glass tall footed dump weights, each with tiered floral decoration. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £420. ABP: £494.*



Three Victorian green glass dumps of graduated form, each with flower inclusions, 6.5in to 4.5in high. *Andrew Hartley, Ilkley. Apr 06. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*



Group of 3 assorted Victorian glass dump weights, with trailed/bubble decoration. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £280. ABP: £329.*



Large 19thC blue glass dump doorstop, with bubble decoration, a similar clear glass and a green glass example. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



Group of 3 Victorian green glass dump weights, floral tiered decoration, with six smaller. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



Pair of Victorian Stourbridge green glass dumps, ovoid form with silvered flower inclusions, 4in high. (2) *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Jul 10. HP: £240. ABP: £282.*



Set of 3 green glass dumps, slender tapering form with flower pot inclusions, 4.5in - 5.5in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 07. HP: £220. ABP: £258.*



Three Victorian green Stourbridge dumps, with foil flower inclusions, 6in, 5.5in and 5in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Feb 09. HP: £220. ABP: £258.*



Two bottle-green glass dump door-stops, each with internal three-tiered flower, (latter chipped) 7.5in & 5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 03. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*



Two Victorian green bubble glass dump weights, tallest 13cm. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Sep 03. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*



Large Victorian dump, green glass with bubble inclusions. 9.5in high. *Thom Wm Gaze & Son., Diss. Oct 10. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*



Pair of Victorian glass dumps. *Stroud Auctions, Glos. Jul 05. HP: £155. ABP: £182.*



Victorian Stourbridge green glass dump, domed form with teardrop inclusions, 6.75in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Jul 10. HP: £150. ABP: £176.*



Pair of Victorian Stourbridge green glass dumps, domed form with teardrop inclusions, 5.5in high. (2) *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Jul 10. HP: £150. ABP: £176.*



Victorian green glass dump, arched form with bubble inclusions, 4.75in high, and a similar dump with flower-head inclusion, 3.5in high. (2) *Hartleys, Ilkley. Feb 07. HP: £140. ABP: £164.*



19thC three tier glass dump doorstop, with bubble decoration, with two smaller. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £140. ABP: £164.*

A Solid Collecting Area

by John Ainsley

I have studied books on English glass for years but none have contained information on Victorian bottle glass dumps, clearly the poor relation of the industry. And yet about ten years or more ago, they began to appear regularly in the Trade, and more importantly began to go up quickly in price to about what they fetch today: the market has levelled off. It's like that with glass, and other things too, because there are no external factors, other than the market in dumps that could influence their value. Today the best of dumps fetch about £200 but there are rarer examples that may fetch more. I think this is modest considering the quality of many examples. And their production period is well defined being from about 1820 to around the end of the nineteenth century, about eighty years, and as far as I know there are no reproductions, although I am willing to be corrected.

Now glass dumps are firmly related to the bottle glass industry and are frequently appended in their auctions description by the misnomer, 'end-of-day' glass. I am not saying they were not a bi-product of the industry, produced from glass that would otherwise have been 'dumped' or turned into dumps at the end of the day, but rather that they seem to have more purpose and art than that. And in any case unused glass was never wasted as it was easy to re-use, unlike pottery shards. The dates tie up with the bottle industry, whose output multiplied in the late Georgian period and about 1900 saw the bottle industry becoming mechanised.

There is something satisfying and tactile about these objects. I recently did a valuation on a collection of silver in a private house, and on the marble hearth of the fireplace was a collection of glass dumps. They seemed so admirably suited to their position, so solid and so reassuring and so warm. I've searched the Web to find out more. Here I discovered that a quite recent book has been published, written by a Peter Sellers entitled *Victorian English Bottle Glass Dumps*, but copies do not seem to be available. And then I found a review of an even more recent book, *English Bottle Glass Dumps*, by Mary Skotnicki and Gregory Warren. This book is apparently the result of more than thirty years of research and includes chapters on the variety of glass dumps made, their use, an assessment of their collectibility, with a price guide and many photographs from their collection of bubble dumps, floral dumps, dumps which include dates within the glass, basal seals from the Kilner and Redfearn factories and a wide variety of floral and bubble Kilner dumps with butterflies, a honey bee, a blue and silver flowered dump as well as a gold petalled floral dump. The ISBN is 978-1844-26-8801 and it is selling at about £49 including p&p. I have managed to get a copy and it is reviewed on page 85. Here I have downloaded from our **Gold Services Database** forty six sales from auction over the last few years. The descriptions themselves offer an intriguing study. For example about a third are described as Stourbridge without apparently any evidence whatsoever. Certainly the Kilner and Redfearn factories were in Yorkshire and I know that the North East could also make a strong claim. Notice also that 46 is ascribed to Norfolk. Perhaps I can return to this subject when I have studied the book. If any reader has



19 Large green glass dump door stop, 14cm high. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Jun 03. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*



20 Pair of green glass dumps, tapering form with bubble inclusions, 4.25in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 07. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*



21 Two Victorian green Stourbridge dumps, with tear drop inclusions, 6.25in and 3.25in high. (2) *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Feb 09. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*



22 Victorian green glass dump, ovoid form with flower pot inclusion, 6in high, another with bubble inclusions, 5.75in high. (2) *Hartleys, Ilkley. Apr 08. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*



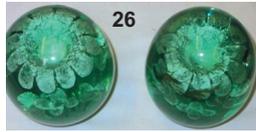
23 Two 19thC green Stourbridge dumps, with teardrop inclusions, 5.25in high and 4.5in high. (2) *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 08. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*



24 Victorian green glass dump, with flower enclosed, 6in tall. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £110. ABP: £129.*



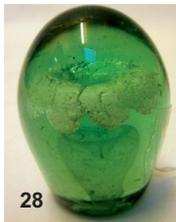
25 Victorian green glass dump, with flower enclosed, 5in tall. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



26 Pair of Victorian green glass dumps with flower pot inclusions, 4.5in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Jun 07. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



27 Victorian glass Kilner dump weight, with three tier floral decoration, 9.25in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



28 Small Victorian green glass dump, typical form centred by a single flower issuing from a conical pot, 2.5in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



29 Large Victorian green Stourbridge dump, of domed form with bubble inclusions, 5.5in high. *Dee Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Sep 09. HP: £95. ABP: £111.*



30 Pair of Victorian floral dumps, green glass, 4in high. *Thom Wm Gaze & Son, Diss. Oct 10. HP: £90. ABP: £105.*



31 Two green dumps, tapering form each with flower pot inclusions, 4.5in high and 6in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 07. HP: £85. ABP: £99.*



32 19thC green Stourbridge dump, pointed ovoid form with floral inclusion, 5in high, with a Victorian green Stourbridge teardrop dump, 5.25in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Apr 09. HP: £80. ABP: £94.*

The prices quoted are actual Hammer Prices (HP) followed by the Approximate Buyer's Price (ABP) which includes an average buyer's premium of 15% + VAT.



33 Pair of Victorian dumps, green glass with bubble inclusions. 5in high. *Thom Wm Gaze & Son, Diss. Oct 10. HP: £80. ABP: £94.*



34 19thC Stourbridge tear drop dump, 7in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Feb 06. HP: £75. ABP: £88.*



35 Victorian green glass dump, with flowers enclosed, 5in tall. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £75. ABP: £88.*



36 Victorian Stourbridge green glass dump, domed form with teardrop inclusions, 6.25in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £75. ABP: £88.*



37 Victorian green Stourbridge dump, domed form with flowerhead and teardrop inclusions, 4.75in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £70. ABP: £82.*



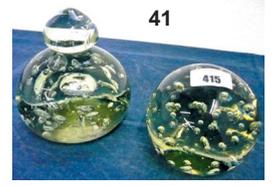
38 Victorian green Stourbridge dump, of domed form with teardrop inclusions, 4.5in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £70. ABP: £82.*



39 19thC Stourbridge green dump, opaque with floral inclusion, 4.5in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Jul 08. HP: £68. ABP: £79.*



40 Small glass dump by J Kilner & Sons with central trumpet flowers. 8cm high. *Boldon Auction Galleries, Tyne & Wear. Sep 04. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



41 Two green glass 'dump' paperweights both with internal bubbles. *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. Mar 08. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



42 19thC Stourbridge teardrop dump, 5.5in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Feb 06. HP: £55. ABP: £64.*



43 Victorian green glass dump, squat form with bubble inclusions, 5in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Aug 06. HP: £50. ABP: £58.*



44 Green glass dump. *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. Sep 07. HP: £50. ABP: £58.*



45 Victorian green glass dump, with flower enclosed, 4in tall. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £45. ABP: £52.*



46 Norfolk glass dump. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Dec 04. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*