

VESSEL

Unique ID: HESH-108A8B

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Two undiagnostic sherds from the bodies of local earthenware pottery vessel most probably from a thin walled table vessel or cooking pots. From the size of the sherd the size and capacity cannot be estimated. The sherd is most likely to date from the late 12th - 14th centuries (AD1150 - c.1350). The kiln site is unknown. The two sherds have been bagged by the finder and the fabric is broadly similar - however, one sherd is heavily sooted whilst the other has heavily scratched lines on its exterior surface - these lines could be decorative - although could equally be due to movement in the ploughsoil.

The fragments measure:

Larger: 55.5 mm length, 44.9mm wide, 6.9mm thick on the side wall and weighs 20.5 grams.

Smaller: 31.3mm length, 30.4mm wide, 6.8mm thick on the side wall and weighs 9.7 grams.

Sherd specific details:

Vessel Form: Thin walled vessel domestic vessel.

Fabric Type: Local sandy ware.

Sherd type: Body sherds

Method of Manufacture: Wheel thrown

Inclusions: Frequent rounded quartz, Profuse / rich mica grains sparse angular crushed coal measure grit

Fabric Condition: Hard

Firing Condition: Reduced cream interior, light grey exterior, grey core.

Surface Texture: Sandy

Colour: Grey

Surface treatment: None

Decoration: One sherd sooted other scratched

Condition of sherds: Slightly abraded

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1150

Date to: Exactly AD 1350

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 2

Weight: 30.2 g

Personal details

Recorded by: Mr Peter Reavill

Identified by: Mr Peter Reavill

Materials and construction

Primary material: Ceramic

Manufacture method: Wheel made

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Staffordshire](#) (County)

District: [Stafford](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Forton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ7521

Four figure Latitude: 52.78599047

Four figure longitude: -2.37212056

1:25K map: SJ7521

1:10K map: SJ72SE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m