

## Medieval Pottery from site HES97, Hereford

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### Introduction

A small collection of medieval pottery from site SMS97 was submitted for identification and assessment.

### Aims and Objectives

The aims of the assessment were to identify the finds, to establish their date range and their significance for the history of the site.

### Description

Five sherds were submitted. In chronological order, that from context 1017 is of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> century date (a G1 cooking pot, probably produced at Stafford), the two sherds from context 1012 are of later 11<sup>th</sup>- or 12<sup>th</sup>-century date (a D2 cooking pot and a small fragment tentatively identified as an A8 cooking pot. It is the latter type which suggests the slightly later date. The former could be of immediately pre-conquest date). Finally, another sherd of D2 cooking pot and sherd from an A3 tripod pitcher were unstratified. The tripod pitcher is of later 12<sup>th</sup> or, more probably, early 13<sup>th</sup>-century date and the sherd has a strap handle with a shallow groove running down its back.

Context	cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Action	TSNO	Photo	Description
u/s	A3	TP	1	1	PH			handle/body join. strap handle with shallow groove
u/s	D2	CP	1	1				sooted ext; depo int
1012	D2	CP	1	1				sooted ext
1012	A8	CP	1	1				small sherd so identification uncertain
1017	G1	CP	1	1				sooted ext;depo int

### Recommendations

If the dating of context 1012 is crucial then the identify of the A8 cooking pot could be confirmed by binocular microscope examination or thin-section. However, the use of a destructive technique on a small sherd is not recommended.