

## ELMS FARM TILE FABRICS

- A This is a group of fabrics rather than a single fabric, and covers the material which is likely to be local, but which does not have any very noticeable distinguishing features when examined macroscopically, such as sandiness.  
Usually well fired and hard.  
Colour variable, red to brownish orange, sometimes grey or with a grey core.  
Sparse to medium sand.  
Sometimes has sparse iron-rich flecks.
- B Colour tends to be reddish.  
Common sand.  
Rough fracture.
- C Fine textured, well-fired.  
Sparse sand.  
Sparse to fairly sparse small fragments of calcareous material (chalk)
- D Fine textured  
Inclusions almost absent to the naked eye  
Smooth fracture
- E Distinctive fabric, usually brown or pale  
Large blobs of paler clay  
Sparse sand, occasional pebbles
- F Brown fabric with slightly soapy feel  
Fairly common sand  
Occasional blobs of paler clay  
Occasional iron-rich inclusions up to 3mm diam.  
Occasional very sparse small chalk flecks
- G Off-white  
Sparse sand  
Sparse small voids  
Fine sanding on the back
- H Pale pink, pale buff surface  
Inclusions as G, and possibly the same fabric
- J Typically orange core, creamy orange surface, but may be all one colour  
Sparse sand  
Common iron rich inclusions up to 7mm diam.  
Sparse voids
- K Buff or other pale colour - possibly an underfired version of E  
Fairly sparse paler clay inclusions  
Sparse iron rich flecks  
Sparse sand