

**A Deserted Medieval Farmstead in Woodlands Field,
Earlswood**

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EARLSWOOD

Pottery From Woodlands Field, Earlswood: Catalogue

(Numbers in parentheses refer to illustrated sherds - Figs 4 and 5 - and numbers prefaced by WFE relate to markings added to the sherds themselves. Only a selection of the sherds is catalogued).

Shell Filled Ware

- (1) WFE S. 109 Rim of cooking pot. Dark grey ware, red surfaced on exterior, shell leached out. Approx $21\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($8\frac{1}{2}$ in) internal dia. Closely similar to Eynsford no. Z8 of early 12C date (Rigold 1971, 152) and Reigate no. 5 (Woods 1974, 90).

Pink and Red-Brown Surfaced Grey Fabrics & Related Pottery

- WFE S.81 Triangular rim on everted neck of cooking pot. 19 cm ($7\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Coarse sand filler up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm ($\frac{1}{16}$ in), cf. heavier rim of identical shape in shell-filled ware from Reigate (Woods 1974, no. 4).
- WFE S.27 Downturned triangular rim on thin-walled, necked cooking pot. Similar to rim and vessels found in fully oxidized fabrics at Hookwood (Turner 1977, no. 12).
- (2) WFE S.39 Rim of necked cooking pot in fabric similar to S.30. Short, flat flange, bevelled off on outer-edge. Form intermediate between those from Reigate (Woods 1974, nos. 6-11) and the fully flanged types.
- WFE S.71 Fragment of triangular section rim (cf. S.81), intermediate diameter, probably from necked cooking pot or jar. Surface of ware is grey to grey-pink but below this is the clear pink margin and grey core. Fine sand filler.

- (3) WFE S.108 Heavy thickened rim of storage jar strengthened round neck by applied strip. 20 cm (8 in) dia. Surface paler than usual with this class of ware.
- (4) WFE S.69 Plain rim of thin walled globular jar. Approx 15 cm (6 in) dia but distorted.
- WFE S.99 Flanged rim of dish (?) of brown surfaced grey ware. $22\frac{1}{2}$ cm (9 in) internal dia. Hard fabric.
- (5) WFE S.30 Thin, plain flanged rim of large bowl of uncertain diameter. Rather softer fabric more sparsely sand filled than usual for this category.
- WFE S.63 Body sherd of large vessel with intermittent applied clay girth strip.
- WFE S.10 Plain, slightly undercut, flat-flanged rim of bowl. Probably later in date than sherds of this fabric from Reigate (Turner 1970; Woods 1974) and Watendone (Turner 1973) as similar rims are found on fully oxidized vessels (e.g. Turner 1977, no. 13). However, plain flanged rims occur at Eynasford by the early 12th C (Rigold 1971, vessels 7-13; cf. S.26).
- (6) WFE S.106 Simple flat flanged rim of thin walled carinated dish (?), 35 cm (14 in) dia. Brown surfaced sandy grey ware.
- (7) WFE S.29 Slightly undercut and downturned sharply squared, flanged rim of bowl, approx 25 cm (10 in) dia. (Probably not truly circular). Grey cored brown sandy fabric with thin off-white slip internally; cf. S.32.
- (8) WFE S.32 Similar to S.29. Heavier rim on more bulbous bowl. Same fabric but no slip.
- (9) WFE S.26 Flanged rim of bowl, $21\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($8\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia (cf. S.10). Similar rims occur on vessels in fully oxidized fabrics (e.g. Turner 1977, no. 21).
- WFE S.33 Fragment of bridge spout. Bridge spouts were found in fully oxidized fabrics at the nearby Bushfield Shaw kiln (Turner 1974).

- (10) WFE S.42 Handle-body junction of large jug. Heavy strap handle $3\frac{3}{4}$ cm ($1\frac{1}{2}$ in) wide by $1\frac{1}{4}$ cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) deep, thickened at sides and with two rows of stabbing. Pinky-brown surfaced grey sandy ware.
- (11) WFE S.56 Upper (?) handle-body junction of heavy strap handle, $4\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($1\frac{3}{4}$ in) wide, 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in) deep, greatly thickened at sides. Single row of heavy stabbing on $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($\frac{5}{8}$ in) pitch.

Grey Reduced Fabrics

- WFE S.82 Plain flat-flanged rim of necked cooking pot or jar, 19 cm ($7\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Pale grey ware with coarse sand filler up to 1 mm ($\frac{1}{24}$ in).
- (12) WFE S.21 Weakly flanged rim of necked jar or cooking pot in black-surfaced grey fabric. Rim form found in early 13 C at Eynsford Castle (Rigold 1971, no. 5) and a heavier version in shell filled fabric at Reigate (Woods 1974, no. 5) where it could also have been early 13C.
- (13) WFE S.80 Upturned and slightly undercut flanged rim of thin-walled necked cooking pot. Approx 19 cm ($7\frac{1}{2}$ in) neck dia. Pale grey-brown surfaced grey ware with coarse sand filler up to 2mm ($\frac{1}{12}$ in).
- WFE S.20 Undercut flanged rim of necked cooking pot in grey-surfaced grey fabric. Rim diameter uncertain as sherd is severely distorted - apparently a 'second' but not likely to be a waster in view of the general nature of the pottery from the site. Base sherd with plain base angle possibly from the same vessel.
- WFE S.38 Simple rim of cooking pot or jar in Limpsfield type fabric. Rim rolled over rather than flanged 28 cm (11 in) dia; cf. Watts Hill no. 18 (Prendergast 1975, 67,69).
- WFE S.61 Body sherd of Limpsfield type ware. Vertical applied strip decoration.

- (14) WFE S.31 Strap handle-rim junction of large, Limpsfield type jug with short neck. Similar to Loampit Field 80 (Prendergast 1975) but with shorter neck and wider handle. Insufficient of the handle survives to tell whether it was slashed or stabbed.
- (15) WFE S.114 Body sherd of pale grey ware with fine sandy filler. Decorated with narrow sharply raised strips of white clay in diaper pattern. Thin patchy glaze over.
- WFE 111 Body sherd of large vessel (jug?) of medium grey sandy ware. Thin parallel slip trails under thin patchy clear glaze.

Pink Oxidized Sandy Fabrics

- WFE S.67 Plain rim on everted neck, approx 24 cm ($9\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Probably from a handled cauldron: cf. Alsted nos. 80, 86 (Ketteringham 1976, 35) & Hookwood no. 10 (Turner 1977, 79). Bright pink fabric with fine sand filler.
- WFE S.51 Fragment of handle of handled cooking pot (cauldron), cf. Alsted nos. 80 & 86 (Ketteringham 1976, 35) Dull pink fabric.
- WFE S.54 Fragment of a second cauldron handle.
- (16) WFE S.40 Plain rim on everted neck of heavy cooking pot. Incompletely oxidized pink fabric with coarse sand filler (up to 1.5 mm) ($\frac{1}{16}$ in). Late 12C form (in shelly fabric) at Eynsford (Rigold 1971, Phase Y) but no close local parallels.
- (17) WFE S.23 Rim and neck of cooking pot in partly oxidized fine sandy fabric with coarse sand applied to the outer surface. Vessels of similar flowing profile and T-shaped rim occur in early 13 C contexts at Eynsford (cf. Rigold 1971, no. A.8 in shell filled fabric).

- (18) WFE S.100 Heavy flanged rim, probably from necked cooking pot, approx 28 cm (11 in) dia. Rim flat, firmly squared and sharply undercut.
- (19) WFE S.88 Flat flanged rim on thickened neck of cooking pot, 21½ cm (8½ in) internal dia. Rim quarter-rounded externally. Pink ware with same very coarse sand temper - up to 2 mm (1/12 in).
- (20) WFE S.90 Flat flanged rim of necked cooking pot, approx 21½ cm (8½ in) internal dia. Pale pinky-buff.
- WFE S.86 Flat flanged rim of necked cooking pot, 21½ cm (8½ in) internal dia. Pinky buff ware.
- (21) WFE S.84 Stubby flanged rim of necked cooking pot 21½ cm (8½ in) internal dia. Buff surfaced pink sandy ware.
- WFE S.8 Flat-flanged rim of necked cooking pot 18 cm (7 in) internal dia. Similar to Alsted 56 (Ketteringham 1976). Possibly an earlier shape than any of this fabric from Hookwood.
- WFE S.4 Flat-flanged rim of necked cooking pot or jar, 18 cm (7 in) dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 11 (Turner 1977) but with outer edge of flange in two sharp planes (knife trimmed?). Grey exterior.
- (22) WFE S.113 Flat flanged rim, slightly undercut, on curving neck of cooking pot, 18 cm (7 in) internal dia. Pale pink sandy ware.
- WFE S.11 Club-shaped flanged rim, slightly undercut, of a necked cooking pot or jar, 18 cm (7 in) diameter. Similar to Alsted no. 62 (Ketteringham 1976) but with a more upright neck and less sharply undercut.
- WFE S.93 Slightly downturned rim of small cooking pot, squared and sharply undercut, 15 cm (6 in) internal diameter. Pinky-grey fabric with striated pinky brown surface, fine sand temper. The neckless form of cooking pot common in white and off-white pottery is here seen in oxidized ware.

- WFE S.97 Squared off and undercut flat flanged rim on thickened neck of jar, 15 cm (6 in) internal diameter. Grey-pink ware with fine sand temper and smoothed brown surface.
- WFE S.9 Rim of jar or cooking pot similar to Hookwood no. 12 (Turner 1977). Indeterminate dia.
- WFE S.28 Rim of jar 20 cm (8 in) dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 11 (Turner 1977).
- (23) WFE S.65 Club rim of cream slipped jar 17 cm ($6\frac{1}{2}$ in) internal dia. Thick slip has prevented complete oxidation of vessel.
- (24) WFE S.68 Plain rim on everted neck of globular (?) jar. Approx 15 cm
66 ($5\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Pinky-buff surfaced oxidized ware; cf.
70 Alsted no. 83 (Ketteringham 1976, 35) - a much larger vessel.
- (25) WFE S.49 Handle of pipkin. Pale pink sandy ware: cf. Alsted no. 84 (Ketteringham 1976, 35) in different fabric, & Hookwood no. 36 (Turner, 1977, 80).
- (26) WFE S.107 Pipkin handle, turned over at the end.
- WFE S.83 Flat flanged rim, undercut, of large bowl, 15 in dia. Pinky buff sandy ware with brown surface internally.
- (27) WFE S.89 Flat flanged rim of straight sided bowl, approx 35 cm (14 in) dia.
- (28) WFE S.94 Heavy flat flanged rim of large bowl approx 35 cm (14 in) dia. Slightly undercut. Pinky-buff surface to pinky-grey sandy body.
- (29) WFE S.85 Flat flanged rim of curving sided bowl, 28 cm (11 in) dia. Rim squared & slightly undercut. Pale pinky-buff sandy ware with some grits up to 1 mm ($\frac{1}{24}$ in).
- (30) WFE S.87 Flat flanged rim of curving sided bowl 19 cm ($7\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Pink sandy ware, brown on exterior.

- WFE S.5 Undercut flanged rim of bowl approx 15 cm (6 in) dia. Scaled down version of Hookwood no. 34 (Turner 1977).
- (31) WFE S.95 Simple flanged rim of delicate bowl, approx $4\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. Very thin walls but of coarse sandy fabric with grits up to 2 mm, ($\frac{1}{12}$ in).
- WFE S.98 Slightly undercut flanged rim of bowl of pinky-brown sandy ware with internal cream slip. No glaze remaining. Distorted sherd - presumably a 'second'.
- (32) WFE S.91 Flanged rim of shallow dish of pinky-buff sandy ware, smoke blackened on exterior. Approx $11\frac{1}{2}$ in dia.
- (33) WFE S.92 Flanged rim of carinated dish 29 cm ($11\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Rim rounded and expanded towards perimeter, undercut.
- WFE S.7 Dish or bowl rim similar to Hookwood no. 28 (Turner 1977). 28 cm (11 in) dia.
- WFE S.12 Plain flanged rims, probably of dishes, about 23 cm (9 in)
& S.13 dia. Closely similar to Hookwood 13 and 22 (Turner 1977).
- WFE S.14 Similar rim to S.12 & S.13 but of much smaller vessel.
- WFE S.15 Rim of bowl about 20 cm (8 in) dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 31 (Turner 1977).
- WFE S.24 Rim of bowl 18 cm (7 in) dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 25 (Turner 1977) but with a slightly more pronounced internal bead.
- (34) WFE S.25 Rim of bowl 28 cm (11 in) dia.
- WFE S.6 Dish rim similar in shape to Hookwood no. 31 but thinner and more delicate rim. 23 cm (9 in) dia.
- (35) WFE S.41 Skillet handle. Pale pink-sandy fabric. Skillets were evidenced at the nearby Bushfield Shaw kiln (Turner 1974, 50). c.f. Alsted no. 85 (Ketteringham 1976, 35).

- WFE S.101 Rim of thin walled vessel of pink ware with very little temper, probably a jug. Heavy brown glaze externally. Rim twisted, possibly fragment from adjacent to the pouring lip.
- WFE S.58 Body sherd of jug with near vertical strip of white slip. Clear glaze. Bushfield Shaw type.
- WFE S.36 Sherd of jug on pink fabric with coarse sand filler. Decorated in elongated scales of off-white slip, cf. Hookwood no. 47 (Turner 1977).
- WFE S.48 Handle-rim junction and much of strap handle of large jug. Handle $3\frac{3}{4} \times 2$ cm ($1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in), two rows of stabbing on irregular pitch, traces of glaze. Vessel incompletely oxidized.
- WFE S.52 Handle-rim junction of bright pink sandy ware. No glaze.
- WFE S.57 Lower handle-body junction of strap handle 3×1 cm ($1\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$ in). Single row of stabbing. No glaze. Pale pink sandy.
- WFE S.46 Fragment of rod handle approx 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) dia. Line of elongated stabbing (not slashing). Partly glazed.
- (36) WFE S.50 Unusual curled handle or tail of aquamanile.

Cream Slipped Jugs

- WFE S.59 Plain rim of cream slipped jug of partly oxidized ware with fine sand filler. 9 cm ($3\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. No glaze.
- (37) WFE S.64 Squared rim of jug $7\frac{1}{2}$ cm (3 in) dia. Heavy slip, no glaze, fabric only partly oxidized.
- WFE S.60 Jug rim with plain pouring lip. Patchy slip, no glaze.
- WFE S.34 Sherds of jug necks. Pink fabric with fine sand filler. White slip externally under mottled green glaze. Vertical sgraffito combing similar to Bushfield Shaw no. 8 (Turner 1974).

- (38) WFE S.35 Sherd of jug neck (?) of pale pink fabric with fine sand filler. White slip externally under mottled green glaze. Stamped rosette patterns similar to Bushfield Shaw no. 11 (Turner 1974).
- WFE S.62 Body sherd of large jug. Combed sgraffito through cream slip, no glaze. 8-toothed comb used to produce horizontal wave above horizontal band. Bushfield Shaw type (Turner 1974).
- WFE S.47 Handle body junction. Thin pale green glaze. Flat oval handle $2\frac{1}{2}$ cm (1 in) wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($\frac{5}{8}$ in) deep.
- (39) WFE S.45 Handle & rim junction of pinky-surfaced grey-ware jug with fragments of cream slip remaining. Strap handle of sub-rectangular section, 3 cm ($1\frac{1}{4}$ in) by $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($\frac{5}{8}$ in), with some stabbing.
- WFE S.43 Large fragment of oval-section strap handle 4 x 2 cm ($1\frac{1}{2}$ in by $\frac{3}{4}$ in). Partly glazed.
- WFE S.44 Large fragment of oval section strap handle 3 x 2 cm ($1\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ in). Patches of glaze, a little stabbing.

White or near White, Coarse Sandy Fabrics

- (40) WFE S.16 Rim of cooking pot identical to Hookwood no. 57. $21\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($8\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Vertical strip decoration as on Hookwood no. 55. Vessel profile intermediate between Hookwood nos. 54 & 57 (Turner 1977).
- (41) WFE S.18 Rim of cooking pot or jar, 18 cm (7 in) dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 59 (Turner 1977).
- (42) WFE S.78 Slightly undercut flanged rim of thin-walled necked cooking pot, or jar, $16\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($6\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Internal bead. Overfired white ware.
- (43) WFE S.73 Flanged and heavily beaded rim of jar, approx 14 cm ($5\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Rim similar to Hookwood no. 56 but flange not undercut. Patches of green glaze surviving internally and less extensively, externally.

- (44) WFE S.17 Rim of jar, 15 cm (6 in) internal dia. Similar to Hookwood no. 57 but with wider flange (Turner 1977).
- (45) WFE S.102 'Knob' of lid. Pottery lids are not usually found in contexts as early as this but c.f. S.75 & Hookwood no. 37 in oxidized fabric (Turner 1977, 80).
- (46) WFE S.74 Downturned and undercut flanged rim on thickened wall of bowl of approx 35 cm (14 in) dia.
- (47) WFE S.104 Flanged and beaded rim of bowl, 35 cm (14 in) dia. Rim similar to Hookwood no. 62 but wall of bowl thickened below as in Hookwood no. 67 (Turner 1977, 77, 81).
- WFE S.2 Bowl rim identical to Hookwood no. 57 (Turner 1977), approx 30 cm (12 in) dia. External applied vertical strip.
- (48) WFE S.72 Flanged and beaded rim of bowl approx 30 cm (12 in) dia; c.f. Hookwood no. 66 (Turner 1977). Burnt to grey colour on exterior.
- (49) WFE S.76 Flanged and beaded rim of large carinated bowl (c.f. Hookwood no. 64) of uncertain diameter. Sherd is uniformly dark grey but this is probably due to post-breakage burning.
- (50) WFE S.22 Downbent and heavily undercut flanged rim of bowl, 15 cm (6 in) dia. A rim form that would be more at home on a grey-ware vessel than on one of the near-white series.
- WFE S.3 Flanged bowl rim with large internal bead. About 18 cm (7 in) dia.
- WFE S.1 Flanged dish rim with small internal bead.
- (51) WFE S.19 Rim of dish, 18 cm (7 in) dia.
- (52) WFE S.77 Rim and part of neck of long necked jug, approx $7\frac{1}{2}$ cm (3 in) dia. No glaze.
- (53) WFE S.53 Fragment of strap handle 2 cm ($1\frac{5}{8}$ in) wide by 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in) deep. Central groove on outside between two rows of stabbing on approx 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) pitch.

WFE S.103 Upper handle & body junction of very large jug. Strap handle nearly 5 cm (2 in) wide by 1 cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) stabbing & central groove (?). Same vessel as S.53?

(54) WFE S.105 Fragment of wide strap handle $4\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 cm ($1\frac{7}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$) with three deep grooves, one wavy between two straight.

Pale Brown Wares

(55) WFE S.79 Slightly undercut flanged rim of thin walled necked cooking pot or jar, 17 cm ($6\frac{1}{2}$ in) diameter. Very similar to S.78 in over-fired white ware but with larger internal bead. Light brown sandy ware with pale grey patches externally.

(56) WFE S.37 Thin walled vessel, possibly jug, of fine grey-brown fabric with grey-buff internal surface & patchy external surface. Possibly burnt after being broken, altering nature of surface colouring.

Buff Surfaced Sandy Wares

(57) WFE S.110 Flanged rim of neckless cooking pot, approx 25 cm (10 in) dia. Buff surfaced pale grey sandy ware.

(58) WFE 112 Bifid rim of cooking pot, $21\frac{1}{2}$ cm ($8\frac{1}{2}$ in) dia. Thin-walled vessel of buff surfaced off-white sandy ware. Cf. Northolt nos. 75-6 (Hurst 1962, 274).

(59) WFE S.75 Bifid rim for lid seating. Jar or small cooking pot, approx 15 cm (6 in) rim dia. Thin walled pale pinky-buff ware with fine sand filler. Bifid rims have been thought to be L14th C development (e.g. see Hurst 1962, 274 & fig 69 nos. 75-6).

Miscellaneous

WFE S.55 Fragment of narrow strap handle of brown sandy ware with small pebble fired in. Possibly pipkin handle (cf. S.107).