

## Post-medieval pottery and medieval ceramic building material from the County Hospital, Hereford: Assessment Report

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### Summary

A small collection of unstratified pottery and a single piece of ridge tile were recovered from the County Hospital (site chh97). The ridge tile was produced in the Malvern Chase (in the parish of Hanley Castle) during the later medieval or early post-medieval period (Vince 1977), whilst the pottery is a mixture of 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century types, probably ranging from c.1750 to c.1850.

### Aims and Objectives

To identify the pottery and tile and to use this information to assess the archaeological significance of the site.

### Description

The range of types present is shown in Table One.

**Table One: List of wares found and the codes used in the catalogue**

Commo n Name	full name	period	earliest date	latest date	broad source	narrow source	source
B4	Malvern Chase glazed ware	med	1250	1550	England	Worcestershire	Malvern Chase
STCOA R	Staffordshire coarseware	pmed	1650	1900	England/Wal es	Staffordshire/B uckley	various
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STMO	Staffordshire/Bristol mottled-glazed	pmed	1690	1800	England	Staffordshire	
TPW	Transfer printed ware	emod	1770	1900	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources
PEAR	Pearl ware	emod	1770	1900	England	Staffordshire/B ristol	various
TPW	Transfer printed ware	emod	1770	1900	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources
CONP	Continental Porcelain	emod	1770	1900	Imported		?
NCBW	19th-century Buff ware	emod	1800	1900	England	Staffordshire	? numerous sources

### Recommendations

The ridge tile suggests that the site is close to a medieval or early post-medieval building, although a single fragment could be carried some distance through manuring or other waste disposal. The pottery does not suggest that the site has any great archaeological potential.

### Bibliography

Vince, A G 1977, The Medieval and Post-Medieval Ceramic Industry of the Malvern Region: The Study of a Ware and its Distribution, in Peacock, D P S 1977, *Pottery and Early Commerce*, Academic Press, 257-305

## Catalogue

Context	class	Common Name	Form	Nosh	NoV
U/S	BM	B4	RIDGE	1	0
U/S	POT	STCOAR	BOWL	3	0
U/S	POT	STCOAR	BOWL	1	0
U/S	POT	STMO		1	0
U/S	POT	TPW	SAUCER	1	0
U/S	POT	PEAR	CUP	1	0
U/S	POT	TPW	PLATE	1	0
U/S	POT	CONP	DISH	2	1
U/S	POT	NCBW	BOWL	1	0