

Pottery from Toft Green Assessment Report

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Introduction

An unstratified sherd of late medieval pottery was recovered from Toft Green Lift Pit.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of the assessment were

- to identify and record all the material
- to provide a date-range for the finds
- to use these to infer previous land use
- to recommend and justify any further necessary work on the finds
- to identify any aspects of the site's archaeology recognisable from the ceramic finds which require further study or preservation

Description

All items were recorded to common name and form level and any significant details of manufacture, decoration or use were recorded as comments. Quantification was by sherd/fragment count alone and the data was entered into a MS Access 7 database.

Medieval

The sherd is a reduced sandy ware with a glossy green/brown glaze coloured by iron uptake from the body. The vessel is the rim of lobed cup and was fired upside-down. Such vessels were produced in small numbers in the later 13th and early 14th centuries but are much more common in the later 14th and 15th centuries. Even then, lobed cups are not widely used and were probably a relatively high status item. Some examples, for instance, were imported from southeastern England (Pearce & Vince 1988, Nos 388, 514-9, 589-97) but the vessels were also produced locally.

Recommendations

The vessel should be retained and deposited in an archaeological store.

Bibliography

Pearce, J & Vince A 1988, *Surrey Whitewares* LAMAS Special Paper 10