

# **Pottery from Eggborough (Site OSA 99:WB03): Assessment Report**

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## **Introduction**

A small quantity of Roman and medieval pottery was recovered from this site. The Roman sherds include a substantial fragment of greyware bowl worthy of illustration.

## **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.

## **Prehistoric**

None

## **Roman**

Sherds of two greyware vessels were recovered from context 1012, one of which is a substantial fragment of a type not represented in Monaghan's York Roman pottery corpus. They probably date to the mid to late 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

A sherd of Dressel 20 amphora was found in context 1009. Such vessels have a long period of use, starting in the later 1<sup>st</sup> century and continuing into the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

## **Medieval**

A single sherd of a York Gritty ware jar is present. This vessel dates from the late 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century. Kilns producing such wares were probably widespread in northern England and Scotland.

### **Post-medieval**

None

### **Recommendations**

The greyware bowl from context 1009 requires illustration. No other work is envisaged at this stage but the material should be retained in an archaeological store for future study.

### **Acknowledgements**

Roman pottery was identified by Barbara Precious.

### **Costings**

The greyware bowl requires drawing by Zoe Pattinson, freelance illustrator: £5.00.

## Appendix One

Sitecode	Context	cname	Form	Nosh	Action	Description
OSA:99:WB03	1009	DR20		1		flake
OSA:99:WB03	1012	GFIN	BWNN	1	draw	35% E;18 D;spalled
OSA:99:WB03	1012	GREY	open	1		coarse fabric