

Assessment of pottery from 28 Marygate, York

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A small collection of pottery was submitted by On-Site Archaeology from a watching brief carried out at 28 Marygate, York. The pottery includes two sherds of Romano-British pottery and a collection of medieval and later pottery ranging in date from the late 11th to early 13th century through to the post-medieval period.

The Pottery

Roman

Two sherds of pottery were found, a Dales Ware jar rim (YATH1) and a calcite-tempered Huntcliff ware jar (YATK1). Neither sherd is particularly weathered and they might indicate settlement or rubbish dumping outside the fortress rather than agricultural activity.

Medieval

A small collection of pottery, mostly of later medieval date, was found. The earliest type was a gritty ware jar body sherd (YG) which could be as early as the late 11th century but could be as late as the 13th century. The remaining sherds are of Brandsby-type ware and Humber ware and probably of 14th/15th century date.

Post-medieval

Four sherds of post-medieval pottery were present. They include a sherd from a Tudor Green ware jug of 16th-century type and a body sherd from a Ryedale ware bowl of similar date together with a glazed red earthenware bowl and a sherd of a large London stoneware jar or bottle of late 17th-century or later date. A single clay tobacco pipe stem was also present.

Assessment

The pottery collection indicates activity on the site in the later part of the Romano-British period and in the medieval and post-medieval periods. The condition of the pottery does not give any clue as to the nature of this activity.

Appendix One

Context:	Description:	Cname:	Form:	Nosh:	NoV:	PART:
us		YATH1	JAR	1	1	BS
us		YATK1	JAR	1	1	BS
us		CTP	PIPE	1	1	BS
us	UNGLAZED NECK FRAG ID?	TUDG	JUG	1	1	BS
us		YG	JAR	1	1	BS
us		RYEDALE	BOWL	1	1	BS
us		GRE	BOWL	1	1	BS
us		LONS	BOT	1	1	BS
us		HUM	JUG/JAR	1	1	BS
us	BLACK CORE AND INT SURFACES	BRANDBSB Y	JUG	1	1	BS
us		BRANDBSB Y	JUG	1	1	R
us	SQUAT VESSEL WITH INTERMITTENT THUMBING	BRANDBSB Y	JUG	1	1	B
us		BRANDBSB Y	JUG/JAR	1	1	BS
us				1	1	BS
us				1	1	BS
us				1	1	BS
us				1	1	BS