

## Assessment of Finds from Goldsborough, North Yorkshire (OSA03 EV03)

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One hundred and six finds from an archaeological evaluation at Goldsborough, North Yorkshire, were submitted for identification and assessment (Sitecode OSA03 EV03). One sherd of Romano-British pottery was present (in Trench 1, 1002). With this exception, the earliest pottery is probably of mid 12<sup>th</sup> century or later date. Other finds include ceramic building material, clay tobacco pipes and post-medieval glass. Two fragments were dismissed as being unworked stone.

**Table 1**

Context	CBM	CERAMIC	CTP	PMGL	STON	Grand Total
1000			14			14
1002			16		1	17
1004			4	1	1	6
1006			5	1		6
1008	1		5		1	7
1010			6	1		7
1012			4			4
2000				1		1
2001			13			13
2003	2					2
2005			1	3	1	5
2007			1			1
2009			18		1	19
2013			2			2
3001			1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>105</b>

### Description

#### **Ceramic Building Material**

Three fragments of pantile were recovered, from contexts 1008 and 2003. They appear to be of the same fabric and probably come from the same roof. Such tiles were introduced into Eastern England from the Low Countries in the 17<sup>th</sup> century but were particularly common in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Given the dating of the associated pottery, this is probably the date of these pieces.

## Clay Tobacco Pipe

Four fragments of clay tobacco pipe were present (contexts 2000 and 2005). One pipe had a bowl decorated with Masonic symbols. Such pipes were common in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and presumably used by Freemasons. The others are all probably of 19<sup>th</sup>-century date.

## Glass

Five fragments of glass were recovered (Table 2). All are probably of 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century date.

These include two joining fragments of a single vessel made of a cloudy glass (contexts 1004 and 2005). The vessel has a thin wall and appears to have had a globular body with wide curved ribs.

**Table 2**

Context	REFNO	Description	Form	Nosh	NoV	Subfabric
1006			BOT	1	1	CLEAR
2009			BOT	1	1	DKBL
1010		CODD BOTTLE	BOT	1	1	LTGR
1004	SV2005	CORRUGATED/RIBBED GLOBULAR FORM	JAR	1	1	WHITE
2005	SV1004	CORRUGATED/RIBBED GLOBULAR FORM	JAR	1	1	WHITE

## Pottery

Ninety-one sherds of pottery were recovered (Table 3).

**Table 3**

Context	Roman	12.2	14.2	19	Grand Total
1000		11		3	14
1002	1	16			17
1004				4	4
1006		2		3	5
1008				5	5
1010		3		3	6
1012		4			4
2001		10	3		13
2005				1	1
2007		1			1
2009				18	18
2013				2	2
3001		1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>91</b>

## Roman

A single sherd of Romano-British greyware was found.

## Medieval

Forty-eight sherds of pottery dating between the mid 12<sup>th</sup> and the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century were found. Most of these were North Yorkshire Whitewares, made somewhere around the rim of the North Yorkshire Moors but not attributable with certainty to a particular source. Many of these sherds were made by hand and have a plain splash glaze. These features suggest a 12<sup>th</sup>-century date. Nineteen of these sherds come from contexts 1000 and 1001 and are probably from a single vessel. The remaining sherds come from contexts 1010, 1012, 2001 and 3001. The jars are visually similar in fabric to pottery made at Ruswarp Bank, Whitby.

Only three whiteware sherds were not definitely handmade, and one of these (2007) appears to be of late medieval date since it has a distinctive black core and inner margin common at this date.

Two sherds of Staxton-type ware jar were found. Neither is likely to come from the Staxton potteries themselves but are similar to material found in Hartlepool, Cleveland. Six sherds of Yorkshire Gritty ware were found. One of these was handmade and another has a splash of glaze, neither features noted on this type in the York area. It is likely that these sherds too are locally made. Finally, two further handmade sherds were found in context 1002. These were made from a red-firing ware, although the vessel surfaces were black. The vessels were tempered with a coarse gravel which appears under x20 magnification to be a mixed gravel including rounded fragments of Jurassic light-firing shale or mudstone. This gravel is very similar to that found in boulder clay along the Yorkshire Coast, from Robin Hoods Bay southwards and it is likely that this clay was used to make these sherds, which are therefore also likely to be locally made.

## Late Medieval

Three sherds of definite late medieval date were found, all from context 2001. These are a sherd of a Coal Measures Whiteware, similar in appearance to those from Rawmarsh in south Yorkshire, a sherd of Low Countries Red Earthenware and a sherd of Hambleton ware. Production waste for the latter type has recently been found at Castle Howard at the west end of the Vale of Pickering.

## Modern

Thirty-nine sherds of modern pottery were recovered. They are all fresh and include several sherds from the same vessels. They are therefore likely to be domestic debris used and discarded on site. There are no sherds of late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup>-century date and the pottery probably dates to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century or later.

## Stone

Three fragments of stone were submitted. Two of these were natural pebbles and the third is a fragment of burnt Coal Measure shale, indicating the use of coal as fuel.

## Assessment

The sherd of Roman pottery is probably not evidence for occupation in the vicinity. Its condition and size are consistent with it being present in ploughsoil and it is likely to indicate the cultivation of the site during the Roman period. The medieval pottery, on the other hand indicates domestic occupation on site. Furthermore, the quantity of glazed sherds in the collection is unusual and may indicate a relatively high status. However, a much larger collection of pottery is required to test this. The small quantity of late medieval pottery may suggest that the site was still occupied in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century or later period. However, there is no pottery of 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>-century date and the site was therefore probably abandoned during this period. The modern finds are consistent with domestic occupation sometime in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century or later onwards.

## Appendix One

Contextclass	Cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Subfabric	Part Use	Description
1000	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	11	1		BS	HM SPLASH GL;HORIZ GROOVES
1000	CERAMICREFR	TPOT	1	1		B	
1000	CERAMICSUND	BOWL	2	1		B	WHITE-SLIPPED INT
1000	comment ZDATE		0	0		BS	12th c + 19th c
1002	CERAMICMEDLOC	JAR	2	1	MIXED GRAVEL TEMPER;RED FIRING CLAY;ROUNDED JURASSIC SHALES	BS	HM
1002	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	1	1		BS	HM SPLASH GL
1002	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	1	1		B	
1002	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	8	1		BS	HM SPLASH GL;HORIZ GROOVES
1002	CERAMICRPOT	BOWL	1	1	BURNISHED GREYWARE	R	
1002	STON STONE	GEOL	1	1	DOLERITE	BS	BROKEN BOULDER WITH BROWN WEATHERING CRUST ON ORIGINAL FACES
1002	CERAMICYG	JAR	4	4		BS	
1002	comment ZDATE		0	0		BS	1 sh Roman, med 12th c
1004	PMGL PMGL	JAR	1	1	WHITE	BS	CORRUGATED/RIBBED GLOBULAR FORM
1004	STON STONE	GEOL	1	1	FLINT	BS	
1004	CERAMICSUND	BOWL	1	1		BS	WHITE-SLIPPED INT
1004	CERAMICTPW	PLATE	1	1		BS	
1004	CERAMICWHITE	CUP	1	1		BS	
1004	CERAMICWHITE	PLATE	1	1		R	
1004	comment ZDATE		0	0		BS	19th c
1006	CERAMICBL	BOWL	2	1		BS	
1006	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	1	1		BS	
1006	CERAMICPEAR	PLATE	1	1		BS	
1006	PMGL PMGL	BOT	1	1	CLEAR	BS	
1006	CERAMICYG	JAR	1	1		BS	HM
1006	comment ZDATE		0	0		BS	19th c
1008	CBM PMTIL	PANT	1	1		BS	
1008	STON STONE	WASTE1	1	1	BURNT COAL/CM SHALE	BS	
1008	CERAMICTPW	CUP	1	1		BS	
1008	CERAMICTPW	BOWL	1	1		BS	
1008	CERAMICTPW	PLATE	3	3		BS	
1008	comment ZDATE		0	0		BS	19th c
1010	CERAMICNCBW	TANK	1	1		BS	
1010	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	1	1		BS	HORIZ GROOVES/COMBING
1010	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	2	2		BS	SOOTEDHM SPLASH GL EXT
1010	PMGL PMGL	BOT	1	1	LTGR	BS	CODD BOTTLE
1010	CERAMICSUND	JAR	2	1		R	

Contextclass	Cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Subfabric	Part Use	Description	
1010	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	19th/20th c	
1012	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	1	1		BS	SOOTEDHM SPLASH GL EXT	
1012	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	3	1		BS	SOOTEDHM SPLASH GL EXT	
1012	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	12th c	
2000	CTP	PIPECLAY	PIPE	1	1	BS	MASONIC SPURRED BOWL	
2001	CERAMICCMW	JUG	1	1	COAL INCLUSIONS CF RAWMARSH	BS		
2001	CERAMICDUTR	JAR	1	1		BS		
2001	CERAMICHAMBLETON	JUG	1	1		H	RIBBED HANDLE	
2001	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	1	1		BS	HM SPLASH	
2001	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	7	7		BS	HM SPLASH	
2001	CERAMICSTAXT	JAR	1	1		BS		
2001	CERAMICYG	JAR	1	1		BS	SPLASH	
2001	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	12th c plus one 14th/15th c	
2002	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	19th c	
2003	CBM	PMTIL	PANT	2	1	BS		
2003	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	post-med	
2005	CTP	PIPECLAY	PIPE	1	1	BS	C19 BORE DIAM	
2005	CTP	PIPECLAY	PIPE	1	1	BS	GLAZE MOUTHPIECE	
2005	CTP	PIPECLAY	PIPE	1	1	BS	DECORATED BOWL C19	
2005	PMGL	PMGL	JAR	1	1	WHITE	BS	CORRUGATED/RIBBED GLOBULAR FORM
2005	CERAMICTPW	PLATE	1	1		BS		
2005	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	19th c	
2007	CERAMICNYWW	JUG	1	1		BS	?LATE MED (BLACK CORE +INT)	
2007	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	12th c	
2009	CERAMICNCBW	BOWL	3	1		R		
2009	CERAMICPEAR	PLATE	1	1		BS		
2009	CERAMICPEAR	CUP	1	1		BS		
2009	CERAMICPEAR	DISH	1	1		R	SPONGED DEC	
2009	CERAMICPEAR	BOWL	6	6		R	SPONGED DEC	
2009	PMGL	PMGL	BOT	1	1	DKBL	BS	
2009	CERAMICSUND	BOWL	1	1		BS		
2009	CERAMICSUND	BOWL	1	1		B	SOOTEDWHITE- EXT SLIPPED;TURNED BASE	
2009	CERAMICSUND		1	1		H	OVAL HANDLE	
2009	CERAMICSUND	BOWL	2	1		BS	WHITE-SLIPPED	
2009	CERAMICTPW	PLATE	1	1		B		
2009	comment	ZDATE	0	0		BS	19th c	
2013	CERAMICBL	BOWL	1	1		R		
2013	CERAMICPEAR	PLATE	1	1		BS		

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Contextclass	Cname	Form	NoshNoV	Subfabric	Part Use	Description
2013	comment ZDATE		0	0	BS	19th c
3001	CERAMICNYWW	JAR	1	1	BS	SOOTEDHM SPLASH GL EXT
3001	comment ZDATE		0	0	BS	12th c