

Assessment of the finds from Terry Avenue, York

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A small collection of finds from an archaeological evaluation at Terry Avenue carried out by On Site Archaeology was submitted for identification and assessment.

The finds range in date from the 12th century or later to the late medieval period, with a small quantity of late post-medieval material.

Description

Ceramic Building Material

A fragment of possible overfired Roman tile (an *imbrex*) was recovered from context 3006. The same context produced a fragment of medieval flat roof tile of mid 12th-century or later date. A possible pantile of late 17th century or later date was recovered from context 3007.

Clay Tobacco Pipe

A clay tobacco pipe stem was recovered from context 2008. The bore diameter suggests an 18th or 19th-century date.

Pottery

Eight sherds of pottery were recovered, representing no more than 6 vessels. The earliest types were a sherd of York Gritty ware jar and a sherd of splash-glazed white gritty ware, probably from a jug. Both sherds came from context 3006 and as a group they probably date to the 12th century. Both are in fresh condition. A sherd of Beverley ware from context 2008 is also probably of mid 12th-century or later date but is abraded. The remaining sherds are also from context 2008 but are in fresh condition. They consist of four sherds of Brandsby-type ware of late 13th to 14th-century date and a sherd of a Humber ware jug or jar, of later 14th-century or later date.

Assessment

Trench 2

The majority of the finds from context 2008 are of late medieval date. The exceptions are a mid 12th-century or later sherd which is clearly residual as it is abraded, whereas the other sherds are fresh, and a small fragment of clay tobacco pipe which is noted as coming from the top of the deposit.

Trench 3

The finds from context 3006 as a group are of mid/late 12th century date and are all in fresh condition. This suggests that they may have been deliberately dumped and quickly buried rather than being present in topsoil or river silt, both of which would have caused the finds to be abraded.

The fragment of tile from context 3007 might be as early as the later 17th century but appears to be of later date, perhaps even 19th or 20th century.

Appendix One: List of Finds

Context	class	Description	Trench	Cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Subfabric	Part	Use	Condition
3006	cbm		3	MTIL	FLAT	1	1	84	SALT-SURFACED	BS		
2008	POTTERY		2	HUM	JUG/JAR	1	1	16		BS		
2008	POTTERY		2	BRANDSBY	JUG	3	1	24		BS		
2008	POTTERY	RIBBED ROD HANDLE	2	BRANDSBY	JUG	1	1	71		H		
2008	POTTERY		2	BEVO	JUG	1	1	5		BS		ABR
3006	CBM		3	RTIL?	IMBR	1	1	46		BS	OVERFIRED	
3006	POTTERY		3	YG	JAR	1	1	29		BS		
2008	CTP		2	PIPECLAY	CTP	1	1	1		BS		
3006	POTTERY		3	YSPL	JUG	1	1	5	WHITE GRITTY FABRIC	BS		
3007	cbm		3	PMTIL	PANT	1	1	220		BS	SOOTED	