

Assessment of the finds from St Peter's Grove, Clifton, York (OSA03 WB33)

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A small collection of finds was recovered during an archaeological watching brief at St Peter's Grove, Clifton, York, carried out by *On Site Archaeology* (Site Code OSA03 WB33). The finds include a sherd of late 12th or 13th-century pottery and a group of 19th-century pottery (Appendix 1). The finds were submitted for identification and assessment.

Description

Pottery

Medieval

A sherd of York Glazed ware (YORK) was recovered from context 2007. This ware was first produced in the late 12th century and was superseded by Brandsby-type ware in the mid to late 13th century. The sherd comes from a rod handled jug with a mottled copper-green glaze.

Early Modern

A small collection of pottery from context 2009 dates to the 19th century. It consists of two sherds of transfer-printed ware (TPW), both plate sherds. A third sherd is from a large wheelthrown red earthenware vessel (LPMLOC). The vessel is crudely made and is possibly a piece of garden furniture, such as a large flowerpot, a drain or a chimney. There is no sign of staining on the interior, which probably excludes the third option.

Assessment

The two contexts can be assigned *terminus post quem* dates of late 12th century (context 2007) and mid 19th century (context 2009). The latter group is probably a primary rubbish deposit whereas the medieval jug handle may have been recycled as there is some evidence for weathering. There is little potential for further study of the assemblage from 2009 but the jug handle should be retained pending further work on the York Glazed ware industry.

Appendix One

Context	Cname	Form	Description	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Part
2007	YORK	JUG	CUGL;ROD HANDLE	1	1	29	BS
2009	LPMLOC	CHIMNEY/FLP	KC INT;CRUDELY WT	1	1	93	BS
2009	TPW	PLATE		1	1	38	B
2009	TPW	PLATE	WILLOW PATTERN	1	1	5	BS