

## Assessment of the Pottery from Doncaster (PWD04)

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Four sherds of pottery from geo-technical test pit 1 were submitted for identification and assessment. One is of late medieval or early post-medieval date (context 6) and the remainder are of 17<sup>th</sup>-century date (context 2).

### Description

The sherd from context 6 is of Coal Measures Whiteware (CMW) and of the variant probably produced at Rawmarsh in the later 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. The vessel is a large jar, the most common Rawmarsh form.

The sherds from context 2 include two sherds of Brown-glazed earthenware (BERTH), with a fine red-firing fabric similar to that of Humberware. This ware is common in the Doncaster area in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and was probably made somewhere in the Humber wetlands or lower Don valley. The sherds are both from internally- and externally-glazed jars, one of which has traces of a handle. The remaining sherd is from a black-glazed globular jar or chamber pot made from Coal Measures Redware (STRE). Such vessels were exported from Staffordshire in large quantities from the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards but similar wares were produced elsewhere and Coal Measures clays outcrop extensively.

### Assessment

The pottery is fresh and probably indicates occupation on or near the site in the late medieval/early post-medieval period and in the mid/late 17<sup>th</sup> century. None of the finds requires immediate treatment or further study at present. However, they should be retained for future study.

### Appendix 1

Trench	Context	REFNO	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Description	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Part
TP1	06		CMW	RAWMARSH	JUG/JAR	EXT PLAIN LEAD GLAZE;INT GLAZE WITH IRON BLEEDING	1	1	48	B
TP1	02		BERTH		HANDLED JAR	INT AND EXT BROWN GL;ROUNDED EXT BEADED RIM;TRACES OF HANDLE	1	1	37	R
TP1	02		STRE		CHP/JAR	INT AND EXT BLACK GL;GLOBULAR BODY	1	1	22	BS
TP1	02		BERTH		JAR	INT AND EXT BROWN GL	1	1	3	BS

