

## **Assessment of the finds from Sutton-upon-Derwent, North Yorkshire (OSA03 WB16)**

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Four sherds of pottery and two fragments of tile from an archaeological watching brief carried out at Sutton-upon-Derwent were submitted for identification and assessment (Table 1). They range in date from the Roman period to the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### Description

#### **Ceramic Building Material**

Two abraded fragments of flat roof tile were recovered from Plot 10. They cannot be closely dated since flat roof tiles were used in the Vale of York from the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

#### **Pottery**

##### Roman

A sherd from a jar in a sandy reduced fabric is tentatively identified as Eboracum greyware, produced in York from the later 1<sup>st</sup> to the early 3<sup>rd</sup> century. However, the sherd has a fresh appearance inconsistent with a Roman date. The vessel had horizontal grooved lines on the shoulder.

##### Medieval

A sherd of Yorkshire Gritty ware (YG) was recovered from Plot 3/4. This ware was produced from the later 11<sup>th</sup> to the early 13<sup>th</sup> century although its source is unknown.

##### Post-medieval

Two sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered. That from Plot 3/4 is the base of an internally-glazed red earthenware bowl (GRE). The base appears to have been ground down to form a large circular disk, perhaps used as a pot lid. That from Plot 10 is a body sherd from a Midlands Yellow ware vessel (MY). These vessels were produced in the midlands and Yorkshire (e.g. Wrenthorpe, West Yorkshire) in the late 16<sup>th</sup> to mid 17<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **Assessment**

The finds are consistent in quantity and character with material spread on the fields from rural farmyard middens and urban night soil. They do not therefore indicate occupation on the site. None of the finds has any potential importance in its own right although all could be

useful in the reconstruction of patterns of pottery trade and use. They should therefore be retained for potential future study.

*Table 1*

Trench	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Part	Description	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
PLOT 3/4	GRE		BOWL	B	RE-USED AS LID?	1	1	167	
PLOT 10	M-PMTIL		FLAT	BS		2	2	12	V ABRA
PLOT 3/4	YG		JAR	BS		1	1	4	
PLOT 10	RPOT	SANDY GREYWARE	JAR	BS	EBOR? HORIZ GROOVES	1	1	2	
PLOT 10	MY		?	BS		1	1	2	