

Additional comments on the tile from JSAC 1097

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Following the supply of phasing and dating evidence for this site through Jane Young, the following additional comments can be made:

The thirteen tiles with traces of use come from contexts 200, 201 and 203 and contexts labelled Lower kiln fill, Upper kiln fill and sump. These contexts are all either associated with later 13th-century or later medieval pottery or are structural elements of the cave.

No used tiles were found in association with pure assemblages of later 12th to mid 13th-century pottery whereas 27 tile fragments were recovered from such contexts. Two of the latter tiles are warped and probably waste (from context 119).

It is therefore likely that the tile waste is of late 12th to mid 13th-century date, contemporary with Nottingham Splashed ware rather than the later green glazed ware. Should any further work take place on this collection, it would be useful to compare the fabrics of the tile waste with that of the probably contemporary pottery.