

## **Assessment of Pottery from Lord Mayors Walk, York (OSA04 WB35)**

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A small collection of pottery was recovered from the fill of a grave observed during an archaeological watching brief by On-Site Archaeology Ltd. The pottery dates to the late 1<sup>st</sup> or early 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

### **Description**

#### **Pottery**

##### Roman

Four sherds of pottery were recovered from context 2001, the fill of a grave. The sherds consists of Eboracum ware (Monaghan 1997 #113, E1); Local Greyware (G1) and two sherds of South Gaulish Samian ware (S1).

The Eboracum ware sherd comes from the turned base of a jar or flagon. The local greyware comes from a jar, used for cooking and having soot on the exterior. One of the Samian sherds comes from a bowl of form Dr 37.

The four sherds could all have been in contemporary use at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD or early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. All the sherds are fresh and therefore probably have not been exposed to weathering. the fragmentary nature of the pottery, and the fact that inhumation is an uncommon burial method in the late 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries suggests that the sherds were present in the soil through which the grave was dug and then included in the backfill.

### **Assessment**

The pottery requires no further study at present but should be retained for future study since it comes from a stratified context. No special storage requirements are needed.