

## Assessment of the Pottery from Eastington, Gloucestershire (MCE05)

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A handful of pottery sherds from a watching brief at Eastington, Gloucestershire, conducted by 110 Archaeology were submitted for identification and assessment. The sherds probably date to the later 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century.

### Description

#### Medieval Pottery

Three sherds of oolitic limestone-tempered ware, of Gloucester Fabric 41B, were recovered. This ware contains a rounded oolitic limestone sand and has a fine, micaceous groundmass. The sherds may come from a single vessel, a jar used for cooking. This ware was produced in the Harefield area, between Gloucester and Stroud, between the middle of the 11<sup>th</sup> and the middle of the 13<sup>th</sup> centuries (Vince 1983).

Four sherds of Malvern Chase ware, Gloucester Fabric 40, were recovered. These sherds come from handmade jars, which include sherds with a reduced grey firing. Vessels of this type were produced in the later 12<sup>th</sup> to mid 13<sup>th</sup> centuries (Vince 1977).

### Assessment

As an assemblage, the sherds date to the later 12<sup>th</sup> to mid 13<sup>th</sup> centuries although the limestone-tempered sherds might be earlier.

### Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Part	Description	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Use
US	POTTERY	HERB1		JAR	BS		4	3	7	SOOTED EXT
US	POTTERY	GLOS41B		JAR	BS		3	1	6	SOOTED EXT

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