

Assessment of the Pottery from Barrowby Hall, Garforth, West Yorkshire (OSA06 WB07)

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A small assemblage of pottery was recovered from a watching brief at Barrowby Hall, Garforth, West Yorkshire, undertaken by On-Site Archaeology Ltd (Site Code: OSA06 WB07).

The finds come from context 102, the fill of a furrow forming part of a wider ridge and furrow system. Two parallel furrows were visible within the excavated area and others are indicated through aerial photos. They are all of post-medieval date and can be dated to the mid 17th century or later.

Description

Pottery

Three sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered. Two are of glazed red earthenware, GRE, of unknown but probably local origin. One of these comes from a jar with an internal glaze and the scar from a luted-on handle and the other is from an unknown vessel form, probably an internally-glazed bowl. Both are small and slightly abraded sherds. The third sherd is the rim of a slip-trailed redware dish, probably of Staffordshire origin. This too has some slight abrasion. Such vessels were first produced in the mid 17th century and continued to be produced throughout the 17th and into the 18th centuries but were probably not produced by c.1720 since they rarely occur with white salt-glazed stoneware.

Table 1

| Context | Description | Cname | Form | Condition | Part | Nosh | NoV | Weight |
|---------|---------------------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|-----|--------|
| 102 | WHITE SLTR | STRE | DISH | ABR | R | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| 102 | B/H HANDLE SCAR? | GRE | JAR | ABR | BS | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 102 | | GRE | BOWL | ABR | BS | 1 | 1 | 4 |

Assessment

The finds are probably present as a result of manuring and therefore indicate that the system was still in use in the mid 17th century. The condition of the slipware dish is consistent with being in the plough zone and therefore exposed to weathering.

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Further Work

No further work is recommended.

Retention

The sherds should be retained for potential future study.