

Assessment of the Pottery from 2, Lyngarth, Sowerby, North Yorkshire (OSA06 EV09)

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A small quantity of pottery from an archaeological evaluation at 2 Lyngarth, Sowerby, North Yorkshire, was submitted for identification and assessment. The finds range in date from the late 11th to 13th centuries up to the late 18th or 19th century.

Description

Pottery

Medieval

A single sherd of a York Gritty ware cylindrical-bodied jar was present. This type was produced in West Yorkshire using Coal Measures whiteware clays tempered with a Millstone Grit derived sand. Production probably started in the mid 11th century and continued into the 13th century.

Post-medieval

Two sherds of a brown-glazed earthenware jar (BERTH), a Cistercian ware cup (CSTN) and a Staffordshire Mottled ware jar (STMO) were recovered. The first two of these have a similar red-firing, fine sandy fabric and could have been produced at the same centre. The latter was made from Coal Measures clay with white-firing mudstone inclusions. It could have been made in the Staffordshire potteries but is more likely to be a West Yorkshire product.

Early Modern

Sherds of a Pearlware cylindrical cup with a band of light blue slip decoration and a plate with a blue feathered rim were recorded. Pearlware was produced in numerous factories throughout England in the late 18th and earlier 19th centuries.

Assessment

The sherd of medieval pottery is quite large and fresh and suggests that occupation took place on or near the site in the 11th to 13th centuries. There is then a gap until the later 16th or 17th centuries. All the post-medieval and early modern pottery also looks fresh and probably indicates occupation on or near the site.

Further Work

No further work is recommended.

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Retention

All of the pottery comes from stratified deposits and should therefore be retained for possible future study.

Appendix 1

Context	Form	Cname	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Trench	REFNO	Description	Use
1002	CUP	PEAR	BS	1	1	7			LTBL INDUSTRIAL SLIP EXT	
1002	JAR	BERTH	BS	2	1	17				
1003	JAR	STMO	BS	1	1	40				
1004	JAR	YG	BS	1	1	19				SOOTED EXT
2005	CUP	CSTN	BS	1	1	4				
2005	PLATE	PEAR	R	1	1	5				