

## **Assessment of Pottery from Corse Lawn, Tirley, Gloucestershire (BRT-54)**

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A single sherd of pottery was recovered from archaeological fieldwork at Corse Lawn, Tirley, Gloucestershire, carried out by Network Archaeology Ltd.

### Description

#### **Iron Age or Medieval Pottery**

The single sherd is a fresh fragment from a vessel with a black core, dark brown exterior surface and abundant angular temper. The tempering consists of a mixed assemblage of rocks which include acid igneous rocks and is derived from the Malvern Hills.

Fabrics containing this suite of rocks occur in the Iron Age, early Roman period and the medieval period, from the early 12<sup>th</sup> century to the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century (Peacock 1967; Peacock 1968; Vince 1979). Thin section analysis of samples of Iron Age and medieval vessels indicates that both groups have similar quantities of Malvernian rock and rounded quartz sand (Vince 1977, Fig 1).

The thickness of the sherd also gives no clear distinction between an Iron Age/Early Roman and medieval date, although it is at the higher end of the medieval range. This thickness, and the firing, suggests that the sherd is no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

### Assessment

The sherd is either of Iron Age/early Roman or 12<sup>th</sup> century date.

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