

Assessment of Finds from Ebor Carpet Warehouse, Acomb, York (OSA06 WB38)

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A small group of finds was recovered from a watching brief at Ebor Carpet Warehouse, 83a Front Street, Acomb, York (Site Code OSA06 WB38) carried out by on-Site Archaeology Ltd.

The finds form a small group of later medieval date of which the latest sherd dates to the later 15th century or later.

Description

Ceramic Building Material

Three fragments of flat roof tile were recovered. One of these has a salt-surface indicating that it was made from a briny clay. Such clays do not occur in the York area but are found in the lower reaches of the Ouse valley and it is likely that this tile, and probably all three, were produced at Cawood, which is documented as a source of tiles for construction work in York in the later medieval period and where production waste was found in 2004 (Vince and Steane 2004).

Pottery

One fragment of Brandsby-type ware (BRAN); two sherds of Humberware (HUM) and one fragment of Ryedale ware (RYEDALE) were present. The Brandsby-type ware and Ryedale ware were both produced in the Hambleton Hills area and the Humberware may have been a York product (where it is also known as Walmgate Ware, Brooks 1987). A kiln producing this ware was discovered at Blue Bridge Lane, Fishergate (Vince and Steane 2005).

Assessment

The finds all come from the same context, 109, and form an assemblage of late medieval date. The latest type present is the Ryedale ware, which is probably no earlier than the late 15th century.

Further Work

No further work is recommended.

Retention

The finds should be retained for future re-examination.

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Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Use
109	POTTERY	BRAN		JUG	BS	1	1	5	
109	POTTERY	HUM		JUG	BS	1	1	11	
109	POTTERY	HUM		JUG/JAR	BS	1	1	16	WHITE DEP INT
109	CBM	MTIL	FRAG	FLAT	BS	1	1	4	
109	CBM	MTIL		FLAT	BS	1	1	39	SALT SURFACING
109	CBM	MTIL		FLAT	BS	1	1	75	
109	POTTERY	RYEDALE		BOWL	B	1	1	52	

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