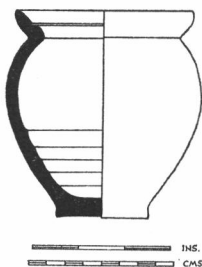


A DERBYSHIRE WARE JAR FROM HARVEY ROAD, DERBY

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In August 1973 a corporation workman, Mr. Gordon Smith, brought a Romano-British pot into Derby Museum. It had been found by him in the spoil heap of a machine trench on the northern side of Harvey Road, Derby, during alterations to the outer ring road (SK 373328).

The vessel is a complete but very small example of a Derbyshire ware jar, 11.2 cm. in height and 9.4 cm. in rim diameter. The jar is made of the hard, pimply fabric characteristic of Derbyshire ware, light brown but with patches of the outer surface fired to a grey colour. There is a crack down the rim.



A close inspection of the trench sections along Harvey Road failed to locate any archaeological features, and as the ground had in any case been much disturbed in the past by mains and cables, it is just possible that the pot had been redeposited and was not *in situ*. It does seem reasonable to assume, however, that it comes from the neighbourhood of Harvey Road.

The fact that the rim is cracked suggests the possibility of the jar having been discarded as a 'waster' from a kiln site in the locality. There are no previous records of any Romano-British finds in this part of Derby, but it may well be that Derbyshire ware kilns remain to be located there in the future.