

Regional Group Reports 2005

East Midlands Pottery Research Group

No meetings were held in 2005.

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No meetings were held by the London Group in 2005.

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Scottish Group of Medieval Ceramicists

Derek Hall reports on several projects:

Redware sourcing

Historic Scotland commissioned this follow-on to the pilot study of 1997, and project members have submitted the results of the ICPS analysis of brick, tile, pottery and clay samples, and produced a vessel typology.

Perth High Street excavations

A seminar was held on the imported pottery from the site in October 04, with several members of MPRG holding a round-table discussion on this important assemblage. Research continues.

Monastic industrial sites

A Historic Scotland funded gazetteer of potential monastic industrial sites across Scotland has concentrated on locating industrial production centres, including tileworks, and this will hopefully aid the future location of pottery production sites, as it appears to be possible that Scottish pottery manufacture started with the introduction of the major monastic orders in the 12th century.

Ceres, Fife

A potential pottery production centre making Scottish White Gritty Ware has been identified near Ceres, following a geophysical survey and thin-sectioning of sherds. Further fieldwork may take place later this year.

Reid's Pottery, Newbigging, Musselburgh

George Haggerty has completed the catalogue of the products of this 19th century pottery, and has produced a visually illustrated catalogue of the assemblage from the site which should be seen as the way forward as regards the archiving of industrial ceramics. The disc is available from haggartyg@aol.com at the price of postage.

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South East Midlands Pottery Research Group (SEMPER)

East Anglian Pottery Research Group

SEMPER is a thriving regional group, working closely with the East Anglian group. We try to hold two meetings a year, one of which is regularly held at the Buckinghamshire County Museum in Aylesbury and the other at various venues in the region. One meeting was held in 2004 and included talks on the medieval pottery of Hertfordshire; late medieval pottery kilns at Higham Ferrers, Northants, and Italian imports to Narrow Street, London.

If anyone in the region (or outside!) has any ideas for themes for meetings, or perhaps would like to host a meeting, or would like to be put on the mailing list, please contact:

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South West Region Medieval Pottery Research Group

Mike Ponsford for the South-West group reports that the annual experimental kiln project at Bickley ran, as usual, in August, organised by Oliver Kent and David Dawson. The most important project for future work is the publication of the Barnstaple kilns and pottery and this has been selected as of the highest importance, nationally and internationally, in the Regional Framework for the south-west.

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