

Herefordshire ceramics iron age fabric series

iron age: Droitwich briquetage

Two types of fabric - sandy and organic. The sandy briquetage is soft to hard-fired with quartz inclusions up to c.0.5mm. The organic briquetage is soft fabric with numerous voids of all sizes up to c.20.0mm, where the organic material has burnt out on firing.

Briquetage (an unfortunate term, as it is French for 'brickwork') is the English archaeological word for coarse pottery bars and vessels used in the production by evaporation of salt. This coarse material was once, perhaps more accurately, described as VCP - 'very coarse pottery'.

Briquetage is found a long way from salt production sites and it is believed that it was use to transport salt as well as to produce it. As such, it is a good indicator of local trade routes.

Sandy Droitwich briquetage is [Worcestershire fabric 1](#).

[Worcestershire fabric 2](#) is Organic Droitwich briquetage.

7th century BC to 1st century AD

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