

Herefordshire ceramics iron age fabric series

iron age D: mudstone tempered ware

Near its source in east Herefordshire/west Worcestershire this fabric seems to have been produced from the mid 5th century to the latest iron age. R S Tomber says this pottery was not made into the Romano-British period.¹

However, below is some pottery found at the Gillow Farm excavation south of Hereford. The fabric appears to be iron age D: mudstone, but it was found in a ditch with several large sherds of oxidised Severn Valley ware. This vessel was complete, although broken, and is not likely to have been very old when it was broken and discarded. It seems likely that a local tradition of pottery manufacture continued after the new pottery from kilns in eastern Herefordshire was introduced.



fabric in section



internal surface of fabric



external surface of fabric

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¹ R S Tomber, 1985, Pottery - in Tony Wilmott and Sebastian P Q Rahtz, An Iron Age and Roman Settlement Outside Kenchester, (Magnis), Herefordshire: Excavations 1977-1979, *Transactions of the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club*, Volume XLV, part I, pp 36-185.