

# Medieval Shelly Coarsewares (330)

1100-1400

Pale buff to orange through to black fabric. Moderate to dense shelly limestone inclusions up to 3mm, as well as ironstone, quartz and flint. Large pieces of shell. Slow wheel made so vessels are big and thick but the walls are thinner than Roman shelly. Some kiln fired and produced on the Jurassic limestone of west Northants/East Bedfordshire. Early medieval shelly jugs often have highly decorated handles. Baggier and squatter than St. Neots ware. Jars and wide bowls with upright rims. 'Top Hat' jars. Potteries locally at Yardley Hastings, Olney Hyde, Harrold.



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