

Shelly Ware from Harrold (Bedfordshire)

Late C3-early C5

Fairly hard, slightly soapy fabric with irregular texture. Dark grey or black core with brown or grey margins and black to light brown surfaces (frequently patchy). Lots of fine or medium flakes of shell, with occasional fine black and red iron ores and white mica, and rare coarse flint and limestone particles. Wheel-thrown. Surfaces smoothed, and often with horizontal rilling. Sometimes with scored wavy-lines.

Distinctive undercut rims which can be decorated with slashing. Frequently found sooted which gives their exterior surface a dark colour. Necked jars, flanged bowls and plain dishes.



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