

## YEARSLEY WATERMILL FINDS MAY-JUNE 2016

As before, all finds from the excavation were recorded on a HanDbase database and transferred to Excel for the convenience of other users. (YMRP\_finds240716.xls).

### POTTERY

A preliminary analysis, yet to be checked by a pottery specialist, is as follows:

Context	Types include	Total sherds	Location
(U/S)	1FREC, 1 STMO, RYDALE	36	Unstratified. .
(1)	1 BERTH, 7 BRANS, 2 BRANSC, RYDALE	67	Topsoil
(11)	?19 BRANS, 1 BRANSC, 2 FREC, 1? Thirlby, 1 green glazed	24	Silty clay in wheelpit
(15)	1 ?YORK, 1 ?BRANS, 4 RYDALE	9	Yellow brown sandy silt in wheelpit
(18)	6 ?FREC, 2 STSL, 1 TGW, RYDALE, 1 stoneware with zigzag pattern	77	Wheel pit area. Rubble above 16 and to the west of the mill building.
(30)	1 BERTH, 7 BRANS, 2 STMO, RYDALE, ?1 Hambleton, 1 decorated green glaze, 1 coarse decorated yellow glaze, 1 brown glazed bowl	70	Wheel pit area. Rubble under 15.
(34)	RYDALE	8	West facing rubble parallel to western wall
(36)	30+ BRANS, 6 ?YORK, RYDALE	82	Demolition rubble, mill building
(42)	2 ?YORK (pink gritty with splash glaze join)	4	Oven/kiln
(46)	1 ?BRANS, 1 BRANSC	4	Area 3. Fill of wheelpit wall excavation trench
(47)	Medieval (pers. comm. A Jenner)	1	Soil west of internal wall
(51)	Odd mixture of light green glazed and unusual fabrics	5	Fill of bedrock, west end of building
(55)	1BS, RYDALE	61	Revetment in 18
(58)	1 RYDALE	5	Rubble fill of wall trench cut into bedrock.
(62)	1 ?BRANS, RYDALE, 1 decorated grey fabric	7	Organic layer (possibly farmyard manure) in wheelpit and tailrace.
(65)	1 ?BRANS, RYDALE (some abraded)	75	Wheel pit area. Sedimentary deposit under 62.
(66)	2 BRANS, RYDALE, 1 stoneware with zigzag pattern	46	Trench 3. Stony fill east of cogpit/tail race
(71)	1 BRANS, RYDALE	3	Fill of post hole (70)
(72)	1 BERTH, 1 ?BRANS, 1 STSL, 1 BS, RYDALE	80	Trench 3A. Rubble fill under pathway (69)
(73)	58+ ?BRANS (2 with rouletting, 3 striped), 18+ BRANSC, 5+ YORK	195	Trench 3E. Test pit North of tail race. Rubble fill under (1).
(74)	2 ?BRANS (both decorated – stripes and rouletting)	2	Trench 3-3A. Wall foundation under (55) and (68).
(77)	?BRANS	1	Packing fill under millstone (17).

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(78)	8 BRANS (including 1 with rouletting), 3 BRANSC, 1 CIST, RYDALE, 1 green glazed and line decorated inside and out	74	Stony rubble east of building Trench 2B.
(80)	?RYDALE	5	Trench 3C. Fill of large post hole in cogpit (79).
(82)	1 ?YORK, 4 ?BRANS	12	Test pit Area 3. Trench 3E under 73.
(83)	Very stained	2	Post hole for wooden support

*Explanations for the pottery types are in Appendix 1.*

Rydale Ware continues to be found but some contexts, such as 73, contain mainly earlier pottery.

Some types of pottery seem to be appearing for the first time and it has not been possible to provisionally identify them.

## **GLASS**

58 pieces of curved (?bottle) glass and 77 pieces of flat (?window) glass were found in various contexts.

## **METAL**

The usual nails and unidentifiable pieces of rusty metal were found across the contexts. Two lead balls (14 mm diameter) – pistol balls? - were found along with a 17 mm diameter – musket? – ball by metal detectorists in the spoil heaps. Another 14 mm diameter ball was found in the rubble of Context 30.

Fragments of lead came from windows have been found again and two small pieces of copper were found in Contexts 62 and 73.

Another pick for dressing the millstones was found in Context 65. Also in Context 65 was a ?brass pin which matched two further ?brass pins in Context 62 being 23x1 mm.

## **STONE**

Eight pieces of flint were found in various contexts, the most impressive being a beautiful blade in light brown flint, 41x12x4 mm, from Context 30.

Another broken cobble bearing was found in Context 66. (*Figure 1*)



*Figure 1: Broken bearing*

## **WOOD**

Once again finds of wood were recorded in detail on the Wood Records Sheets. Forty fragments of wood were found in the tail race and thirty-four fragments in the wheelpit.

The most significant wooden finds – waterwheel and post with support – are described in ‘Interim 5.

## **OTHER FINDS**

Other finds include broken tiles, pipes, animal teeth/tusks and bones and a small piece of leather. Context 65 – the wheelpit – produced 925g of a greasy substance, not yet identified.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Pottery types

Codename	Full name	Earliest date	Latest date
BERTH	Brown glazed earthenware	1550	1800
BEVO1T	Beverley Orange-type ware Type 1	1100	1230
BRANS	Brandsby-type ware	1250	1350
BRANSC	Coarse Brandsby-type	1300	1400
BS	Brown stoneware	1680	1850
CIST	Cistercian-type ware	1480	1650
CMW	Coal Measures Whiteware	1250	1550
FREC	*Frechen stoneware	1530	1680
HUM	Humberware	1250	1550
MEDLOC	Medieval local fabrics	1150	1450
MEDX	Non Local Medieval Fabrics	1150	1450
MISC	Unidentified types	400	1900
NYW	North Yorkshire whiteware	1250	1550
RYDALE	Ryedale ware	1550	1750
SLIP	Unidentified slipware	1650	1750
STMO	Staffordshire/Bristol mottled-glazed	1690	1800
STSL	Staffordshire/Bristol slipware	1680	1800
SWSG	Staffordshire White Saltglazed stoneware	1700	1770
TGW	Tin-glazed Earthenware	1550	1750
YORK	York glazed ware/York White ware	1150	1300
YSLC	Yorkshire Slip-coated	1700	1770
YY	Yorkshire Yellow	1500	1650

*From 'A report on the pottery from Yearsley Moor wood, Park wood, Yearsley North Yorkshire (YMAP 12) by Jane Young*

\*It is now known (pers. comm.. John Hudson and Anne Jenner) that the sherds identified as 'FREC' for continuity are actually Fulham Ware.