## Herefordshire ceramics iron age fabric series

## iron age B1: palaeozoic limestone ware

Classified by Peacock (1968). White grits of palaeozoic limestone and occasional fragments of pre-Cambrian Malvernian rocks. Usually hand-made with well-finished surfaces. The source may be in the Woolhope area of Herefordshire and it is most commonly found within a 40 mile radius of this part of Herefordshire. It is much less common to the east of the Malvern Hills than to the west, although it is found on sites in the central Cotswolds (Morris, 1982). Although no pottery of this type was found among the 30kg of Iron Age pot excavated at Midsummer Hill, on the Malverns, it is quite common elsewhere.

At Croft Ambrey decorated with stamped designs normally between two linear-tooled grooves. At Ariconium too the fabric was common, occurring in predominantly handmade jars, hemispherical cups, small and large bowls and lids.

## forms

jars - medium mouthed jars, slack profiled jars, storage jars; hemispherical cups, small necked bowls, very large bowls, lids.

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