

Midland Purple Ware

Mid 14th to 16th Centuries

Manufactured at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton,
Ticknall in Derbyshire, and elsewhere



In the 14th Century advances in pottery firing techniques allowed higher temperatures to be used. These produced harder fabrics

This jar and jug were found when the moat at Kirby Muxloe Castle was drained in 1912.

Changes in cooking and eating habits prompted new vessel types.

Lids, cups, pipkins (cooking pots with a handle and a pouring lip); dripping dishes (for catching juices during roasting); and cisterns (handled jars with a bung hole which were used in brewing or for storing ale and beer) all appeared.



This jug was found in Ratby



The handle and the potter's finger marks.



A jug found in the well at Ashby de la Zouch Castle

Reference: - http://www.le.ac.uk/ulas/services/ceramic_analysis.html
All the pottery is in the Leicestershire Museums collection.



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