

EAST HOLTON, WAREHAM ST. MARTIN - NGR SY 9610 9130

An archaeological investigation was undertaken by volunteers of the Sandford Heritage Project, supported by EDAS members, in October 2011. Three offset trenches measuring 5m long and 2m wide were hand dug and five features were identified in the central trench. These comprised a gravel spread, three discrete deposits of pottery and remnants of a possible hearth. The pottery (349 sherds weighing 4249g) was all quartz tempered and consisted of fragments, many of them large, from pitchers, jugs, cooking jars and bowls dating to the mid- to late-12th century. It is likely that contemporary settlement is in the near vicinity.

Lilian Ladle