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MEDIAEVAL STAIPED VESSEL FROM HALLIGEY FOGOU, CORNWALL

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Hard, fairly rough fabric, dark grey (Munsell 10YR 4/1) throughout with small angular inclusions of white felspar. Examination in thin section under the petrological microscope showed that the most prominent inclusions are made up of angular grains of altered felspar, some fresher plagioclase and colourless grains of amphibole, many of which appear as fibrous aggregates. This assemblage of minerals closely resembles Peacock's (1969) description of the gabbroic clays of the Lizard, just to the south of Halligey Pogou, and this is likely to be the source of the clay.

Reference

Peacock, D.P.S. (1969) 'A contribution to the study of Glastonbury ware from south-western Britain', Ant. J., 49 (1969), 41-61.