

## Tables and captions

| Artefact # | Dimensions (mm) | Description | Cross-section Shape | End Condition                      |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 95         | 72x5x5          | Bar         | Square              | Hot Cut both ends                  |
| 115        | 51x1x0.9        | Bar         | Square              | One tapered end                    |
| 120        | 28x6x1          | Bar         | Rectangular         | One tapered end                    |
| 260        | 49x5x3          | Strip       | Rectangular         | One tapered end, cut               |
| 299        | 89x6x3          | Strip       | Rectangular         | Tapered both ends, hot cut one end |
| 320        | 158x2x1         | Bar         | Rectangular         | One end drawn to a point           |
| 364        | 94x6x4          | Curved Bar  | Rectangular         | One tapered end                    |
| 369        | 80x4x4          | Bar         | Round               | One end thinned to a rod           |
| 547        | 62x9x3          | Bar         | Rectangular         | One tapered end                    |

Table 7.3.1. Summary description of the iron bars recovered from the smithy.

| Artefact # | Phosphoric Iron Hv | Ferritic Iron Hv | Steel Hv | Predominant Alloy | Average Grain Size | Clean/Dirty |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 95         | 166                | n/a              | n/a      | phosphoric iron   | 3                  | clean       |
| 115        | 136                | 151              | 157      | phosphoric iron   | 4                  | dirty       |
| 120        | 174                | 166              | 226      | composite         | 6                  | dirty       |
| 260        | 140                | 127              | 108      | composite         | 7                  | dirty       |
| 299        | n/a                | 116              | 207      | ferrite           | 5                  | dirty       |
| 320        | 205                | n/a              | n/a      | phosphoric iron   | 7                  | clean       |
| 364        | n/a                | 90               | 130      | low carbon steel  | 7                  | clean       |
| 369        | n/a                | n/a              | 239      | steel             | n/a                | clean       |
| 547        | 138                | 125              | 143      | composite         | 6                  | clean       |

Table 7.3.2. Summary details of the metallurgy of the iron bars. (Artefacts – Finds Number; Phosphoric iron Hv – average micro-hardness of the phosphoric iron; Ferritic iron Hv - average micro-hardness of the ferritic iron; Steel Hv - average micro-hardness of the steel; Predominant Alloy – dominating microstructure; Average Grain Size – ASTM Grain Size; Clean/Dirty – clean implies low slag inclusion content. Dirty implies high slag inclusion content.

| Site                 | Hearth Bottom |                 | Smithing Slag Lumps |                 | Hearth Lining |                 | Total |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
|                      | (kg)          | % of assemblage | (kg)                | % of assemblage | (kg)          | % of assemblage |       |
| Wharram Percy Smithy | 12.9          | 12              | 78.8                | 74              | 14.2          | 13              | 105.9 |
| Hamwih (Site 31)     | 84.8          | 13              | 540.7               | 85              | 13.3          | 2               | 638.8 |
| Mucking              | 69            | 33              | 115.4               | 56              | 22.3          | 11              | 206.7 |
| West Heslerton       | 43.2          | 40              | 62.9                | 58              | 2.9           | 3               | 109   |
| Yarnton              | 6.7           | 60              | 2.6                 | 23              | 1.8           | 16              | 11.1  |
| Flixborough          | 11.3          | 84              | 0                   | 0               | 2.2           | 16              | 13.5  |
| Burton Dassett       | 34.5          | 10              | 310.3               | 90              | 1.1           | <1              | 345.9 |

Table 7.3.3. Comparison of smithing slag debris from a range of sites. Mucking (McDonnell 1993), West Heslerton (Cowgill, J. and McDonnell G. forthcoming), Yarnton (Hey 2004), Flixborough (Starley 1999) and Burton Dassett (McDonnell 1992a). Note Burton Dassett is Medieval in date rather than Saxon.

| Sites              | Year of Excavation  | Number of Hones Found |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 44, 59 and 76*     | 1977/78 and 1981-90 | 32                    |
| 81*                | 1981-90             | 14                    |
| 84, 85, 90 and 93* | 1981-90             | 26                    |
| Churchyard**       | 1962-73             | 6                     |

Table 7.3.4. Distribution of hones at other sites excavated at Wharram Percy. Source: Wharram VIII and Wharram XI

| Site       | Smithing Slag Lumps | Hearth Bottoms | Hearth Lining | Smelting Slag | Other        |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Churchyard | 3.3                 | 1.4            | 0.1           | -             | 0.1 (cinder) |

Table 7.3.5. Distribution of slag at other sites excavated at Wharram Percy. Source: Anne Clarke

|                                | Class 1                  |                          |         | Class 2                  |                          |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                | Smithing Slag<br>Average | Hearth Bottom<br>Average | Average | Smithing Slag<br>Average | Hearth Bottom<br>Average | Average |
| MgO                            | 0.9                      | 0.6                      | 0.8     | 0.4                      | 0.3                      | 0.3     |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 5.4                      | 4.5                      | 4.9     | 2.6                      | 3.3                      | 2.9     |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 58.3                     | 52.9                     | 55.6    | 37.4                     | 29.7                     | 33.6    |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.7                      | 0.5                      | 0.6     | 0.7                      | 0.8                      | 0.7     |
| SO <sub>3</sub>                | 0.1                      | 0.1                      | 0.1     | 0.1                      | 0.2                      | 0.1     |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 3.7                      | 3.7                      | 3.7     | 1.6                      | 1.3                      | 1.4     |
| CaO                            | 6.3                      | 5.0                      | 5.6     | 3.0                      | 2.4                      | 2.7     |
| MnO                            | 0.1                      | 0.1                      | 0.1     | 0.1                      | 0.1                      | 0.1     |
| FeO                            | 24.6                     | 32.6                     | 28.6    | 54.1                     | 62.1                     | 58.1    |
| FeO /SiO <sub>2</sub>          | 0.4                      | 0.7                      | 0.5     | 1.4                      | 2.3                      | 1.9     |

Table 7.3. 6. The archaeometallurgical analysis of the slag showed that both the hearth bottoms and the smithing slag lumps have similar compositions with two broad compositional groups emerging (after Daoust 2007)

| <b>Finds From the Smithy, other than iron</b> |    |
|---|----|
| <b>Domestic finds</b>                         |    |
| stone and glass beads                         | 2  |
| loom weight                                   | 1  |
| spindle whorl                                 | 2  |
| glass jar                                     | 1  |
| palm cup                                      | 1  |
| Copper alloy hair pin                         | 1  |
| Copper alloy ring                             | 1  |
| antler combs                                  | 12 |
| bone pins                                     | 8  |
| bone whistle                                  | 1  |
| bone buzzer                                   | 1  |

Table 7.3.7. Domestic finds from the smithy (Sites 44, 59 and 76).

| <b>Smithy associated finds</b> |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Copper alloy strips</b>     | 4 |
| <b>lead lump</b>               | 1 |
| <b>mould fragments</b>         | 2 |

Table 7.3.8. *Non-ferrous finds from the smith* (Sites 44, 59 and 76).

| <b>Ferrous Finds From the Smithy</b> |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Wood working</b>                  |        |
| <b>wood working tools</b>            | 2      |
| <b>wire</b>                          | 4      |
| <b>Specialty tools</b>               |        |
| <b>knives</b>                        | 12     |
| <b>Building ironwork</b>             |        |
| <b>staples</b>                       | 1      |
| <b>hinges</b>                        | 4      |
| <b>lock</b>                          | 1      |
| <b>key</b>                           | 1      |
| <b>ring</b>                          | 1      |
| <b>strips</b>                        | 3      |
| <b>handle</b>                        | 1      |
| <b>nails</b>                         | 376    |
| <b>Dress fittings</b>                |        |
| <b>dress pins</b>                    | 5      |
| <b>strap ends</b>                    | 2      |
| <b>belt pins</b>                     | 1      |
| <b>hilt guard</b>                    | 1      |
| <b>Smithy finds</b>                  |        |
| <b>bars</b>                          | 9      |
| <b>Hone Stones</b>                   | 32     |
| <b>slag plates</b>                   | 23     |
| <b>slag</b>                          | 91.7kg |

Table 7.3.9. *Iron working related finds from the Smithy*(Sites 44, 59 and 76).

| Site                      | Date                             | A  | B  | C  | D  | U/C | Total | Reference                       |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Settlements</b>        |                                  |    |    |    |    |     |       |                                 |
| West Stow, Suffolk        | 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | 14 | 18 | -  | 6  | 12  | 50    | (West 1985)                     |
| Poundbury, Dorset         | 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | 3  | 4  | -  | 1  | 1   | 9     | (Green <i>et al.</i> 1987, 101) |
| Wharram Percy             | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | 6  | 3  | -  | -  | 3   | 12    | (Stamper & Croft 2000, 133-135) |
| Six Dials, Hamwic         | 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> | 42 | 66 | -  | -  | 24  | 132   | (McDonnell <i>et al.</i> 1991)  |
| Fishergate, York          | 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> | 1  | 15 | -  | -  | 13  | 29    | (Rogers 1993, 1273-1276)        |
| Coppergate, York          | 9 <sup>th</sup>                  | 11 | 20 | -  | -  | 10  | 41    | (Ottaway 1992, 584)             |
| <b>Cemeteries</b>         |                                  |    |    |    |    |     |       |                                 |
| Cannington, Somerset      | 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | -  | 18 | -  | 10 | 5   | 33    | (Rahtz <i>et al.</i> 2000, 326) |
| Beringfield, Oxfordshire  | 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> | -  | 20 | -  | 24 | 8   | 52    | (Boyle 1995, 73-74)             |
| Mucking, Essex            | 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | 17 | 91 | -  | 29 | 21  | 158   | (Starley 1996)                  |
| Empingham II, Rutland     | 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | 8  | 13 | -  | 18 | 30  | 69    | (Timby & Bartlett 1996, 65-66)  |
| Buckland, Dover           | 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | 34 | 47 | 5  | 5  | 42  | 133   | (Evison 1987, 113-117)          |
| Alton, Hampshire          | 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | 6  | 18 | -  | 4  | 3   | 31    | (Evison 1988)                   |
| Norton, Cleveland         | 6 <sup>th</sup>                  | 11 | 8  | 11 | 15 | 13  | 58    | (Sherlock & Welch 1992, 51)     |
| Edix Hill, Cambridgeshire | 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | 3  | 44 | -  | 6  | 2   | 55    | (Malim <i>et al.</i> 1998, 217) |
| Didcot, Oxfordshire       | 7 <sup>th</sup>                  | -  | 8  | -  | -  | 3   | 11    | (Boyle 1995, 222)               |

Table 7.3.10. Table summarising the knife back shapes at both cemetery and settlement sites over time. U/C indicates where a knife fragment was unclassifiable. The knives from Wharram Percy have been shaded to allow easier comparison.

| Knife | Knife Form |                     | Manufacture<br>Typology | Cutting Edge                             |            | Heat<br>Treated | Back   |                   | Notes  |
|-------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|--|
|       | Shape      | Tang interface      |                         | Microstructure                           | Hv         |                 | Microstructure   | Hv                |  |
| 134   | B          | Distinct both sides | 0                       | -  | -          | Unknown         | Ferrite<br>Ferrite with<br>pearlite<br>Phosphoric iron | 193<br>218<br>187 | Heterogeneous iron                           |
| 159   | A          | -                   | 2                       | Tempered<br>martensite                   | 524        | Yes             | Ferrite<br>Phosphoric iron                             | 170<br>197        | Piled iron back<br>Multiple white weld lines |
| 176   | B          | Distinct both sides | 2                       | Ferrite with<br>pearlite                 | 121        | Unknown         | Phosphoric iron  | 197               | One piece of iron                            |
| 237   | A          | Distinct both sides | 2                       | Pearlite                                 | 172        | No              | Ferrite  | 99-120            | Piled iron back                              |
| 278*  | B          | -                   | 2                       | Ferrite cutting<br>edge<br>Fine pearlite | 155<br>391 | No              | Ferrite with<br>pearlite                               | 138-<br>187       | Piled iron back<br>Repair?                   |
| 307   | -          | Distinct both sides | 0                       | -  | -          | Unknown         | Ferrite<br>Phosphoric iron                             | 186<br>156        | Heterogeneous iron                           |
| 308   | A          | -                   | 2                       | Pearlite                                 | 216        | No              | Ferrite  | 125-<br>199       | Piled iron back                              |
| 442   | -          | Distinct both sides | 3                       | Pearlite                                 | 314        | No              | Pearlite with<br>ferrite<br>Phosphoric iron            | 203<br>146        | Piled iron back                              |
| 472   | A          | -                   | 2                       | Pearlite                                 | 296        | No              | Phosphoric iron  | 179-<br>202       | Two pieces of iron in back                   |
| 502   | A          | Distinct one side   | 2                       | Pearlite                                 | 235        | No              | Pearlite with<br>ferrite<br>Ferrite                    | 245<br>120        | Heterogeneous iron<br>White weld line        |

*Table 7.3.11. Summary of the ten knives analysed. This includes the archaeological typologies assigned to the ten knives. It also shows the manufacturing typology, cutting edge and back microstructures along with their average hardness values (or in some cases ranges).*

|  |                 | <b>Manufacturing Typology and Cutting Edge Data</b> |                |                 |                |                |                |                 |
|--|-----------------|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sites</b>   |                 | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>       | <b>2</b>        | <b>3</b>       | <b>4</b>       | <b>5</b>       | <b>Overall</b>  |
| Poundbury, Dorset <sup>1</sup><br>5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | Number          | 1   | 1              | 4               | 1              |                |                | 7               |
|  | Avg HV          | 210   | 245            | 505             | 214            |                |                | 384             |
|  | Range HV        | 210   | 245            | 330-615         | 214            |                |                | 210-615         |
| Wharram Percy<br>7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>                  | Number          | 2   |                | 7               | 1              |                |                | 10              |
|  | Avg HV          | 185   |                | 279             | 314            |                |                | 264             |
|  | Range HV        | 171-199   |                | 121-524         | 314            |                |                | 121-524         |
| Flixborough <sup>2</sup><br>7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>      | Number          | 2   |                | 11              |                | 1              |                | 14              |
|  | Avg HV          | 204   |                | 556             |                | 479            |                | 500             |
|  | Range HV        | 139-268   |                | 379-650         |                | 479            |                | 139-650         |
| Six Dials, Hamwic <sup>3</sup><br>8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> | Number          |   |                | 12              |                |                | 1              | 13              |
|  | Avg HV          |   |                | 430             |                |                | 607            | 444             |
|  | Range HV        |   |                | 153-813         |                |                | 572-642        | 153-813         |
| Fishergate, York <sup>4</sup><br>8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>  | Number          |   |                | 5               |                |                |                | 5               |
|  | Avg HV          |   |                | 445             |                |                |                | 445             |
|  | Range HV        |   |                | 314-630         |                |                |                | 314-630         |
| Coppergate, York <sup>5</sup><br>9 <sup>th</sup>                   | Number          |   | 1              | 5               |                | 1              |                | 7               |
|  | Avg HV          |   | 407            | 708             |                | 309            |                | 608             |
|  | Range HV        |   | 407            | 244-927         |                | 309            |                | 244-927         |
| <b>Settlement Total</b>  | <b>Number</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>2</b>       | <b>44</b>       | <b>2</b>       | <b>2</b>       | <b>1</b>       | <b>56</b>       |
|  | <b>Avg HV</b>   | <b>198</b>  | <b>215</b>     | <b>477</b>      | <b>264</b>     | <b>394</b>     | <b>607</b>     | <b>439</b>      |
|  | <b>Range HV</b> | <b>139-268</b>                                      | <b>245-407</b> | <b>121-927</b>  | <b>214-314</b> | <b>309-479</b> | <b>572-642</b> | <b>121-927</b>  |
| <b>Cemetery Total<sup>6</sup></b>                                  | <b>Number</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>12</b>      | <b>7</b>        | <b>3</b>       | <b>6</b>       | <b>8</b>       | <b>43</b>       |
|  | <b>Avg HV</b>   | <b>159</b>  | <b>304</b>     | <b>686</b>      | <b>189</b>     | <b>551</b>     | <b>255</b>     | <b>363</b>      |
|  | <b>Range HV</b> | <b>144-208</b>                                      | <b>125-724</b> | <b>258-1000</b> | <b>181-196</b> | <b>433-775</b> | <b>116-650</b> | <b>125-1000</b> |

Table 7.3.12. Table showing the number of each knife manufacturing types at each of the different settlement sites including the 10 Wharram Percy knives (shaded). It also shows the average hardness value and the range of hardness values (HV) for the cutting edges for each manufacturing type at the settlement sites. <sup>1</sup>(Tylecote 1987), <sup>2</sup>(Starley 1999), <sup>3</sup>(McDonnell 1987c, 1987d), <sup>4</sup>(Rogers 1993), <sup>5</sup>(Ottaway 1992) and <sup>6</sup>(Blakelock & McDonnell 2007).

| <b>Artefact #</b> | <b>Length (mm)</b> | <b>Complete?</b> | <b>Used?</b> | <b>Typology</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 160               | 35                 | without point    | used         | unknown         |
| 218               | 27                 | yes              | used         | oval head       |
| 219               | 63                 | yes              | unused       | spike           |
| 394               | 36                 | yes              | unused       | offset head     |
| 398               | 33                 | yes              | used         | fiddle key      |
| 550               | 29                 | yes              | used         | horseshoe       |
| 556               | 20                 | without point    | used         | unknown         |

Table 7.3.13. Classification of analysed nails (Source Watt this volum)

| <b>Artefact #</b> | <b>Phosphoric Iron Hv</b> | <b>Ferritic Iron Hv</b> | <b>Steel Hv</b> | <b>Predominant Alloy</b> | <b>Average Grain Size</b> | <b>Clean/dirty</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 160               | 202                       | n/a                     | n/a             | phosphoric iron          | 3                         | clean              |
| 218               | 224                       | n/a                     | n/a             | phosphoric iron          | 5                         | clean              |
| 219               | 168                       | 86                      | n/a             | phosphoric iron          | 2                         | dirty              |
| 394               | 162                       | 120                     | 141             | combination              | 3                         | clean              |
| 398               | n/a                       | 130                     | 168             | ferrite                  | 7                         | clean              |
| 550               | 177                       | n/a                     | 164             | combination              | 6                         | dirty              |
| 556               | 177                       | n/a                     | 208             | phosphoric iron          | 4                         | dirty              |

Table 7.3.14. Metallography summary of the nails. (Artefacts – Finds Number; Phosphoric iron Hv – average micro-hardness of the phosphoric iron; Ferritic iron Hv - average micro-hardness of the feritic iron; Steel Hv - average micro-hardness of the steel; Predominant Alloy – dominating microstructure; Average Grain Size – ASTM Grain Size; Clean/Dirty – clean implies low slag inclusion content. Dirty implies high slag inclusion content.



|                                | Wharram Slag<br>Composition<br>Type 1<br>(average) | Wharram Slag<br>Composition<br>Type 1 (average) | Flixborough | West Heselerton | Bestwall | Average |
|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| MgO                            | 0.8  | 0.3   |             |                 |          |         |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 4.9  | 2.9   |             |                 |          |         |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 55.6   | 33.6  |             |                 |          |         |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.6  | 0.7   |             |                 |          |         |
| SO <sub>3</sub>                | 0.1  | 0.1   |             |                 |          |         |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 3.7  | 1.4   |             |                 |          |         |
| CaO                            | 5.6  | 2.7   |             |                 |          |         |
| MnO                            | 0.1  | 0.1   |             |                 |          |         |
| FeO                            | 28.6   | 58.1  |             |                 |          |         |
| FeO /SiO <sub>2</sub>          | 0.5  | 1.9   |             |                 |          |         |

Table 7.3.15. Wharram analyses compared to data from other Saxon sites

| Site  | Knives<br>Analysed | Average<br>Hardness | Number of<br>Butt-welded<br>knives | Number of<br>Heat<br>Treatments | Number of<br>White<br>Weldlines |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wharram Percy 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>                  | 10                 | 246                 | 7                                  | 1                               | 3                               |
| Flixborough 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> <sup>1</sup>       | 6                  | 473                 | 4                                  | 5                               | 4                               |
| Six Dials, Hamwic 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> <sup>2</sup> | 14                 | 517                 | 11                                 | 10                              | 5                               |

Table 7.3.16. Table showing the knife quality based on the average hardness of the cutting edge, the presence of heat treated steel and white weldlines for the Wharram Percy knives compared to other knives from Middle Saxon sites. <sup>1</sup>(Starley 1999) and <sup>2</sup>(McDonnell 1987c, 1987d).