

1.1 Humanly Modified and Unworked Stone

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Introduction

- 1.1.1 Thirty one pieces of stone were hand retrieved on site during the excavations at South of Snarkhurst Wood.
- 1.1.2 The stone was recovered in order to address the Fieldwork Event Aims for the project, which are set out in section 2 of the main report, above. The stone was retrieved in order to help determine the morphology and function of the late Iron Age and Romano-British settlement.
- 1.1.3 All retained stone was examined, in order to exclude unworked pieces from further consideration.
- 1.1.4 A large chunk of Greensand found in context 10 is the only piece of worked stone from the site. It was very worn on one side and its thickness suggests it may have been part of a threshold stone. One piece of burnt Greensand was also recovered from context 239. The remaining stone was unworked.
- 1.1.5 The stone is listed in Tables 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6. It is all of local provenance. The burnt and unworked stone has no potential to address the research aims of the project. All the unworked stone could be discarded at this stage. As a possible structural feature, the Greensand chunk should be retained at this stage.
- 1.1.6 Two small fragments of what may be Hassock sandstone from the Maidstone area were found in context 173. These were identified by Ian Betts during his assessment of the ceramic building material. They are too small to determine their purpose and have no potential for further study in pursuit of the research aims of the project.

Table 2.4: Catalogue of Worked Stone from South of Snarkhurst Wood, ARC 420 99, 66+800

| Context | Count | Material | Comments |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| 10 | 1 | Greensand | Large chunk, threshold stone? Smoothed on one surface |

Table 2.5: Catalogue of burnt stone from South of Snarkhurst Wood,

| Context | Count | Material | Comments |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 239 | 1 | Cherty Greensand | Burnt sub rounded chunk |

Table 2.6: Catalogue of Unworked Stone from South of Snarkhurst Wood, ARC SNK 99

| Context | Count | Material | Comments |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 138 | 9 | Ironstone | Small fragments |
| 138 | 2 | Greensand | Rounded fragment |
| 200 | 1 | Greensand | Rounded fragment |
| 128 | 2 | Cherty Greensand | Sub angular chunks |
| 151 | 2 | Greensand | Small sub rounded chunks |
| 173 | 4 | Ironstone | Sub rounded chunks |
| 174 | 2 | Ironstone | Angular chunks |
| 183 | 4 | Greensand | Small sub angular chunks |
| 236 | 1 | Greensand | Chunk |
| 186 | 1 | Ironstone | Small angular chunk |
| 238 | 1 | Ironstone | chunk |