

1.1 Assessment of Mollusca

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Introduction

1.1.1 As noted above, bulk disturbed samples were taken for macroscopic plant remains and charcoal, no samples were specifically taken for Mollusca.

1.1.2 In terms of addressing fieldwork event aims, the recovery and assessment of these samples is primarily to establish the economic basis of agricultural communities, and to determine the local environment of the site through recovery of such palaeo-environmental data.

Methodology

1.1.3 Samples were selected for processing according to the following criteria;

- *A broad range of feature types was to be examined,*
- *Samples should be spatially arranged across the entire site, and*
- *Where possible, all chronological periods should be examined at the site*

1.1.4 Standard processing methods were used.

Quantifications

1.1.5 See **Table 15**.

Provenance

1.1.6 These data will provide good local evidence for the site environment.

Conservation

1.1.7 Analysis would include extraction and sorting of mollusc remains from residues, facilitating storage and archive compilation.

Comparative material

1.1.8 These data are site-specific; there is very little known in archaeological terms, particularly for the prehistoric periods, concerning mollusca in the general area to compare and contrast with Holm Hill.

Potential for further work

1.1.9 Analysis and identification will provide some detail of the local flooding/ water regimes contemporary with ditch **360303** and burnt-out tree stump **1009**.