

CTRL Flint Database

Starting

The database has been designed to contain multiple event codes. You will not be able to enter data into the database until you have selected the event code for the archaeological event which covers the finds that you are about to record. This is done by selecting the event code from the drop-down list in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Baseline Flint data

The baseline flint data is organised by context within each site code. Enter the context number then describe each of the flints within that context number. The context date is based on the the likely date for the context based on all the flints within the context.

The minimum and maximum date fields are numeric and a negative number should be used for dates BC. The table below lists suggested ranges for each of the periods. It is acceptable where a date spans more than one period to use the earliest date from the earliest period and the latest date from the latest period. More precise numbers may be assigned where appropriate to indicate a greater certainty in the dating decision.

PX_Period	Date_Min	Date_Max	SortOrder
Late Glacial	-12999	-9000	100
Early Mesolithic	-8999	-6500	110
Late Mesolithic	-6499	-4000	120
Early Neolithic	-3999	-3300	200
Middle Neolithic	-3299	-2800	210
Late Neolithic	-2799	-2200	220
Early Bronze Age	-2199	-1600	230
Middle Bronze Age	-1599	-1100	300
Late Bronze Age	-1099	-700	310
Early Iron Age	-699	-300	320
Middle Iron Age	-299	-100	400
Late Pre-Roman Iron Age	-99	43	410
Early Roman	44	120	420
Middle Roman	121	250	430
Late Roman	251	410	440
Early Anglo-Saxon	411	650	500
Middle Anglo-Saxon	651	850	510
Late Anglo-Saxon	851	1000	520
Early Medieval	1001	1350	600
Late Medieval	1351	1500	610
Post-Medieval	1501	1800	620
Modern	1801	2000	630

Wordlists

The flint catalogue word list is currently incomplete, since entries are awaited to cover mesolithic flint in greater detail. Now added

Free text fields

Free text fields should be completed appropriately. The data collected by specialists will be posted on the Archaeological Data Service website and abbreviations should therefore be kept to an absolute minimum.

Burnt Unworked Flint

For each event code, the project extranet should be consulted for the existence of a burnt unworked flint assessment. Where this exists there is no need to re-enter the data for this type of material. The data will be incorporated at a later date with the specialist recorded flint records.

Transfer of data to Oxford Archaeology

Once the finds for an event have been recorded, the database should be copied, renamed to the event code and given a Final suffix. The capital letters in the middle of the filename (as received) should be added to the very end of the renamed file.

Example:

ARC AWC 98_Final_KC.mdb

The database should then be returned to:

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