

## Assessment of Stone from Land off Wellowgate, Grimsby (WEGY04)

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A small collection of stone from archaeological investigations carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology Lincolnshire at Land off Wellowgate, Grimsby (site code WEGY04) was submitted for identification and assessment.

### Description

Six fragments from four contexts were submitted (Table 1).

Context	Description	Cname	Form	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Subfabric
109	UNWORKED LUMP	STONE		1	1	144	CM SHALE
202		STONE		1	1	11	CM SHALE
202		STONE	PEBBLE	1	1	4	RED CHALK
202		STONE		1	1	6	SCHIST;MUSCOVITE/BIOTITE
208	LOOKS LIKE BROKEN PEBBLE RATHER THAN HONE	STONE		1	1	26	CF NORWEGIAN RAG
309	UNWORKED ROUNDED COBBLE	STONE	COBBLE	1	1	974	DARK IGNEOUS ROCK

Three fragments of igneous or metamorphic rock were present. Of these, two are clearly unworked erratics from the boulder clay (a muscovite/biotite schist from context 202 and an unidentified dark igneous cobble, possibly basalt, from context 309). The third fragment is probably Norwegian rag, a schist which outcrops in the Eidsborg area of southern Norway and which was extensively exploited for honestones in the Anglo-Scandinavian and medieval periods. However, the fragment has remains of a red-stained rounded surface which suggest that it too is an erratic rather than an artefact.

Two fragments of Coal Measure shale were identified, from contexts 109 and 202. Neither show any sign of use. They may be evidence for the use of coal on site but are more likely to be erratics from the Durham coalfield.

One rounded fragment of a pinkish chalk was present. It may be Red Chalk which outcrops at the base of the Upper Cretaceous sequence. The rounded nature of the fragment suggests that it comes from the chalky boulder clay and is unworked.

## Assessment

None of the stones submitted is certainly humanly worked and the likelihood is that all are erratics from the local boulder clay. The fragment from context 208 might be retained for a future second opinion but the remainder could now be discarded.