EVALUATING AND ENHANCING THE GEOARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE OF THE LOWER SEVERN VALLEY (TABLES)

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| Field | Lab | Location | Overburden | Grain | Moisture | Nal γ- | spectrometry (| in situ) | γ D _r | Ge γ-sp | ectrometry (lab | b based) | αD_r | βD _r | Cosmic | Total D _r | Preheat | | |
|--------|---------|----------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Code | Code | | (m) | size | content | | | | (Gy.ka ⁻¹) | ka ⁻¹) | | (Gy.ka ⁻¹) | (Gy.ka ⁻¹) | D _r | (Gy.ka ⁻¹) | (00.5 40.) | D_e | Age | |
| | | | | (µm) | (%) | | | | | | | | | (Gy.ka ⁻¹) | | (℃ for 10s) | (Gy) | (ka) | |
| | | | | | | K (%) | Th (ppm) | U (ppm) | | K (%) | Th (ppm) | U (ppm) | | | | | | (0)) | (KU) |
| CLIF04 | GL08060 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 0.5 | 5-15 | 18 ± 5 | 1.48 ± 0.03 | 8.26 ± 0.26 | 3.49 ± 0.17 | 1.15 ± 0.04 | 2.32 ± 0.10 | 11.69 ± 0.70 | 2.35 ± 0.13 | 0.44 ± 0.05 | 1.88 ± 0.19 | 0.19 ± 0.02 | 3.66 ± 0.20 | 200 | 2.9 ± 0.1 | 0.78 ± 0.06 (0.05) |
| CLIF03 | GL08059 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 1.7 | 125-180 | 16 ± 4 | 0.84 ± 0.02 | 3.89 ± 0.19 | 1.90 ± 0.13 | 0.60 ± 0.03 | 1.41 ± 0.07 | 5.44 ± 0.41 | 1.24 ± 0.08 | - | 1.03 ± 0.11 | 0.16 ± 0.01 | 1.79 ± 0.11 | 240 | 4.4 ± 0.5 | 2.5 ± 0.3 (0.3) |
| CLIF01 | GL08057 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 5.0 | 125-180 | 8 ± 2 | 0.98 ± 0.02 | 3.43 ± 0.18 | 1.57 ± 0.12 | 0.58 ± 0.02 | 1.22 ± 0.06 | 3.89 ± 0.36 | 0.89 ± 0.07 | - | 1.00 ± 0.08 | 0.09 ± 0.01 | 1.67 ± 0.08 | 220 | 11.0 ± 1.6 | 6.6 ± 1.0 (0.9) |
| CLIF05 | GL10021 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 3.5 | 125-180 | 5 ± 1 | 0.88 ± 0.02 | 2.48 ± 0.15 | 0.98 ± 0.09 | 0.44 ± 0.02 | 1.16 ± 0.06 | 2.54 ± 0.30 | 0.60 ± 0.06 | - | 0.93 ± 0.07 | 0.12 ± 0.01 | 1.49 ± 0.08 | 240 | 24.6 ± 2.4 | 16 ± 2 (2) |
| CLIF06 | GL10022 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 3.5 | 180-250 | 4 ± 1 | 0.86 ± 0.02 | 2.13 ± 0.12 | 1.25 ± 0.09 | 0.45 ± 0.02 | 1.18 ± 0.06 | 2.42 ± 0.31 | 0.66 ± 0.06 | - | 0.94 ± 0.07 | 0.12 ± 0.01 | 1.51 ± 0.08 | 240 | 22.9 ± 2.1 | 15 ± 2 (1) |
| CLIF07 | GL10023 | 52°N, 2°W, 10m | 3.0 | 125-180 | 8 ± 2 | 1.17 ± 0.02 | 4.02 ± 0.15 | 2.35 ± 0.10 | 0.74 ± 0.03 | 1.30 ± 0.06 | 4.12 ± 0.39 | 0.87 ± 0.07 | - | 1.05 ± 0.08 | 0.13 ± 0.01 | 1.92 ± 0.09 | 260 | 22.8 ± 3.7 | 12 ± 2 (2) |
| FRAM01 | GL10017 | 52°N, 2°W, 20m | 0.9 | 125-180 | 11 ± 3 | 0.17 ± 0.01 | 1.49 ± 0.11 | 1.41 ± 0.09 | 0.27 ± 0.01 | 0.54 ± 0.03 | 2.02 ± 0.26 | 0.72 ± 0.06 | - | 0.46 ± 0.04 | 0.18 ± 0.02 | 0.91 ± 0.05 | 240 | 16.4 ± 6.1 | 18 ± 7 (7) |
| FRAM02 | GL10018 | 52°N, 2°W, 20m | 0.9 | 125-180 | 11 ± 3 | 0.19 ± 0.01 | 1.23 ± 0.10 | 1.30 ± 0.08 | 0.25 ± 0.01 | 0.53 ± 0.03 | 1.69 ± 0.30 | 0.64 ± 0.06 | - | 0.44 ± 0.04 | 0.18 ± 0.02 | 0.87 ± 0.05 | 240 | 8.5 ± 0.9 | 9.7 ± 1.2 (1.1) |
| BMIL01 | GL10024 | 52°N, 2°W, 30m | 0.7 | 125-180 | 16 ± 4 | 1.00 ± 0.02 | 3.73 ± 0.16 | 1.85 ± 0.11 | 0.63 ± 0.02 | 1.48 ± 0.07 | 7.10 ± 0.48 | 1.45 ± 0.09 | - | 1.17 ± 0.11 | 0.18 ± 0.02 | 1.98 ± 0.11 | 260 | 181.3 ± 25.9 | 92 ± 14 (13) |
| BMIL02 | GL10025 | 52°N, 2°W, 30m | 1.0 | 125-180 | 8 ± 2 | 0.93 ± 0.02 | 2.42 ± 0.14 | 1.42 ± 0.10 | 0.50 ± 0.02 | 1.34 ± 0.06 | 2.79 ± 0.27 | 0.70 ± 0.06 | - | 1.04 ± 0.08 | 0.18 ± 0.01 | 1.71 ± 0.09 | 280 | 161.6 ± 22.1 | 94 ± 14 (13) |
| BMIL04 | GL10027 | 52°N, 2°W, 30m | 4.5 | 125-180 | 5 ± 1 | 0.94 ± 0.02 | 1.93 ± 0.12 | 0.95 ± 0.08 | 0.43 ± 0.02 | 1.11 ± 0.05 | 2.68 ± 0.31 | 0.62 ± 0.06 | - | 0.90 ± 0.07 | 0.10 ± 0.01 | 1.43 ± 0.07 | 280 | 118.8 ± 16.7 | 83 ± 12 (12) |
| BMIL03 | GL10026 | 52°N, 2°W, 30m | 2.0 | 180-250 | 14 ± 4 | 0.91 ± 0.02 | 2.61 ± 0.13 | 1.49 ± 0.09 | 0.51 ± 0.02 | 1.05 ± 0.05 | 2.48 ± 0.33 | 0.59 ± 0.06 | - | 0.73 ± 0.07 | 0.15 ± 0.01 | 1.40 ± 0.08 | 280 | 151.3 ± 18.2 | 108 ± 14 (13) |

Table 1: D_r , D_e and Age data of submitted samples, listed in stratigraphic order at each site. Uncertainties in age are quoted at 1σ confidence, are based on analytical errors and reflect combined systematic and experimental variability and (in parenthesis) experimental variability alone (see 6.0). Blue indicates samples with accepted age estimates, red, age estimates with caveats (see Appendix 3: Table 2).

| Depth below | Sedimentary description |
|-----------------------|---|
| ground surface (m) | |
| 0 | ground surface |
| 0-0.15 | dark brown sandy loam with a stone-rich A horizon (largely overburden and made ground) |
| 0.15-0.30 | brown silty sandy loam (undisturbed other than by normal pedogenesis and bioturbation) |
| 0.30-0.70 | abrupt wavy boundary to fine to medium matrix supported gravels dipping (17° – 19° to the south, sub-beds alternating imbricated with bedding, occasional pebbles. Matrix coarse to medium sand. (FRAM02/GL10018. In sand lens in lower part of this bed. 18.43m AOD) |
| 0.70-0.90 | finely bedded medium sand with very well sorted sand in weak bands (FRAM01/GL10017. At top of bed. 17.83m AOD) |
| 0.90-1.15 | S dipping fine to medium clast supported imbricated gravels (with charcoal) |
| 1.15 | abrupt boundary to light grey clay (weathered Lias mudstone) |

Table 2: Sedimentary log of Section 1 at Frampton-on-Severn Quarry

| Depth below | Sedimentary description |
|----------------|---|
| ground surface | |
| (m) | |
| 0-1 | graded face |
| c. 1-1.90 | red silty-fine sand planar bedded unit (1.85m; CLIF01/GL08057) |
| 1.90-2.5 | X-laminated sands of very well sorted medium sand with a trace of silt. Some |
| | internal grading to c-m sands also some wavy bedding with silt flasers within |
| | ripples (Unit 1) |
| 2.52-2.55 | Mn coated c-sand |
| 2.55-2.62 | red X-bedded c-sand |
| 2.62-2.74 | poorly sorted rounded gravel m-supp in c-sand (5cm max axis) |
| 2.74-2.92 | clast-bedded planar sand (2.80m CLIF02) |
| 2.92-2.95 | matrix supported fine gravel |
| 2.95-3.00 | flaser-bedded fine to medium sand with silt |
| 3.00-3.10 | grey wavy-bedded silty medium sand with clay lenses, drapes & flaser/lenticular |
| | beds |
| 3.10-3.15 | X-bedded medium brown medium sand with small Xsets |
| 3.15-3.23 | course sand-supported fine gravel |
| 3.23-3.26 | red coarse to medium sand lens |
| 3.26-3.55 | coarse to medium sand supported fine to medium gravel planar bedded units 1cm |
| | thick |

Table 3: Sedimentary log of Clifton Quarry Section 1

| Depth below | Sedimentary description |
|-------------|--|
| ground | |
| surface (m) | |
| 0m: | ground (real) level – grass turf |
| 0-0.10m: | medium-brown sandy fine silt, homog. structure with B pedofeatures |
| 0.10-0.50 | (CLIF04/GL08060) |
| | red blocky to prismatic silty clay with fine sand, gradual lower wavy boundary (0.5m |
| 0.50-0.65 | below ground surface) |
| | compressed fibrous & woody peat with some fine sand (incl. wood fragments, bark, |
| 0.72-1.05 | leaves, twigs, stem macros) |
| | grey mottled silty fine sand with vertical mottling, occasional rounded stones (sub- |
| 1.05-1.23 | angular to angular)(BCLIF03/GL08059) |
| 1.23-1.40 | laminated sand and sandy fine-gravel with Fe staining |
| 1.40-1.60+ | medium to coarse bedded grey-red sand (1.25m below ground surface) |
| | sharp boundary dipping to the west with fine to medium sandy gravel with weak |
| | horizontal bedding. Base not seen |

Table 4: Sedimentary log of Clifton Quarry Section 2

| Depth below | Sedimentary description | | | |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|
| ground | | | | |
| surface (m) | | | | |
| 0 | made ground (bund material) | | | |
| 0-1.10 | red matrix supported clay rich gravel with wavy lower boundary $(1.10 = \text{datum } 123)$ | | | |
| 1.10-1.40 | cemented red coarse sand with weak bedding | | | |
| 1.40-1.67 | horizontally bedded dipping (10° to west) fine to medium matrix supported gravels | | | |
| 1.67-1.75 | cross-bedded sand with stones forming the upper contacts of dipping beds | | | |
| | (CLIF05/GL10021, CLIF06/GL10022) | | | |
| 1.75-2.35 | cross-bedded sands with stone laminae (edge of bedrock channel) | | | |
| 2.35-2.55 | bedded sand and medium gravel (CLIF07/GL10023 revealed in comparable | | | |
| | sequence in Section 4 opposite) | | | |
| 3.05 | bedrock | | | |

Table 5: Sedimentary log of Clifton Quarry 2010 Section 3

| Depth below | Sedimentary description | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| ground | | | | |
| surface (m) | | | | |
| 0-0.40 | made ground (bund material) | | | |
| 0.12-0.60 | matrix supported fine planar (low angle) cross-bedded sandy (medium) fine gravel | | | |
| 0.60-0.7 | red medium & fine sand with a trace of silt (laterally the same unit as | | | |
| | BMIL01/GL10024) | | | |
| 0.70-0.77 | olive silt with fine sand (loess) | | | |
| 0.77-0.80 | red medium to coarse sand | | | |
| 0.80-0.83 | red sandy silt grading into red silt | | | |
| 0.83-0.86 | dark red silty sand (BMIL02/GL10025) | | | |
| 0.86-1.10+ | 0.86-1.10+ low angle cross-bedded coarse sand, frequent comminuted coal increasing in lo | | | |
| | coarser cross bedded sands | | | |

Table 6: Sedimentary log of Ball Mill Quarry Section 1

| Depth below | Sedimentary description |
|-------------|--|
| ground | |
| surface (m) | |
| 0-3.40 | cross-bedded well sorted medium sand with the upper gravel seen in section 1 at 0- |
| | 0.5m depth (BMIL04/GL10027) |
| 3.40-6.05 | a wavy abrupt boundary overlying dark red silty sand with uniform planar bedding |
| | medium to fine sand sub-beds sands (BMIL03/GL10026 at 6m) |
| 6.05-7.00 | medium to fine sand with weak horizontal bedding |
| 7.00+ | Triassic mudstone bedrock |

Table 7: Sedimentary log of Ball Mill Quarry Section 2

| δ18) (Maddy 1999) | Member | BGS No. | Field code (this study) | Lab Code (this study) | OSL Ages (Ka) | Proposed MIS Stage |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Elmore | alluvium | CLIF04 | GL08060 | 0.78 ± 0.06 | 1 |
| | | | CLIF03 | GL08059 | 2.5±0.3 | 1 |
| | | | CLIF01 | GL08057 | 6.6±1.0 | 1 |
| 2 | Power | 1 | FRAM01 | GL10017 | 18±7 | 2-1 |
| | House | | FRAM02 | GL10018 | 9.7±1.2 | |
| 2 | Worcester? | 2 | CLIF07 | GL10023 | 12±2 | 2 |
| | | | CLIF06 | GL10022 | 15±2 | 2 |
| | | | CLIF05 | GL10021 | 16±2 | 2 |
| 2 | Holt Heath | 4 (Kidderminster) | BMIL04 | GL10027 | 83±14 | 5a-d |
| | | | BMIL01 | GL10024 | 92±14 | 5a-d |
| | | | BMIL02 | GL10025 | 94±14 | 5a-d |
| | | | BMIL03 | GL10026 | 108±14 | 5d |

Table 8: Correlation of terrace sequence and OSL dates

Names, chronological ascription from Maddy (1999), BGS terrace number and new OSL dates from Frampton (FRAM), Clifton (CLIF) and Grimley (Ball Mill Quarry, BMIL).

Note. Colour refers to the caveats on dating described in the OSL report (Appendix 3, table 2).

| Depth | Context | Sedimentary description | Interpretation |
|-------------|---------|--|-----------------------------|
| below | | | - |
| ground | | | |
| surface (m) | | | |
| 0 | | undisturbed ground level – grass turf | Turf |
| 0-0.10 | 1000 | medium-brown sandy fine silt | Topsoil/subsoil |
| 0.10-0.92 | 1001 | mid to dark brown fine red prismatic silty | Alluvium |
| | | clay (no inclusions) | |
| 0.92-1.08 | 1002 | grey silty clay with green/blue mottling | Channel infill |
| 1.08-1.14 | 1003 | very dark brown, organic rich (felted | Channel infill (alder carr) |
| | | compressed peat) | |
| 1.14-1.28 | 1004 | organic clay | Channel infill |
| 1.28-1.40 | 1005 | dark brown organic | Channel infill |
| 1.40-1.54 | 1006 | dark grey/blue clay | Alluvium |
| 1.54-1.59 | 1007 | v dark brown, organic, peaty clay | Channel infill (alder carr) |
| 1.59-1.67 | 1008 | mid brown, slightly organic, clay | Channel infill |
| 1.67-1.77 | 1009 | light brown-grey, silty clay | Channel infill |
| 1.77-2.04 | 1010 | blue grey sandy silt | Alluvium |
| | | | |

Table 9: Sedimentary log of Clifton Quarry Section 5

| Laboratory code | Sample | Identification | δ ¹³ C (‰) | Radiocarbon age (BP) | Calibrated date (95% confidence) |
|-----------------|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SUERC-32235 | 1002a | plant macrofossil, <i>Rubus</i> Sect <i>Glandulosus</i> (seed) | -28.6 | 1285 ± 30 | cal AD 660-780 |
| OxA-23547 | 1002b | Sediment (humic acid) | -28.5 | 1338 ± 25 | cal AD 650-770 |
| OxA-23546 | 1002b | sediment (humin) | -28.5 | 1338 ± 24 | cal AD 650-765 |
| OxA-23548 | 1005a | plant macrofossil, <i>Potamogeton</i> sp. (seed) | -23.7 | 1729 ± 26 | cal AD 240-400 |
| OxA-23549 | 1005d | plant macrofossil, Sagittaria sagittarifolia (seed) | -26.5 | 1748 ± 27 | cal AD 230-390 |
| SUERC-32236 | 1005b | sediment (humic acid) | -29.7 | 1980 ± 30 | 50 cal BC–cal AD 80 |
| SUERC-32240 | 1005b | sediment (humin) | -29.6 | 2065 ± 30 | 180 cal BC–cal AD 10 |
| SUERC-32241 | 1008c | plant macrofossil : Schoenoplectus lacustris (seed) | -24.9 | 3660 ± 30 | 2140–1940 cal BC |
| OxA-23552 | 1008b | sediment (humic acid) | -28.7 | 3718 ± 30 | 2210-2020 cal BC |
| OxA-23586 | 1008b | sediment (humin) | -29.9 | 3812 ± 33 | 2400-2130 cal BC |
| OxA-23550 | 1009c | plant macrofossil, Schoenoplectus lacustris (seed) | -23.2 | 3712 ± 30 | 2200–2020 cal BC |
| SUERC-32242 | 1009b | sediment (humic acid) | -29.2 | 3850 ± 30 | 2470–2200 cal BC |
| SUERC-32243 | 1009b | sediment (humin) | -25.0 | 4000 ± 30 | 2580–2460 cal BC |

Table 10: Clifton Quarry. Radiocarbon dates from palaeochannel deposits recorded in Section 5