

Latton Lands (LALA03) - Waterlogged Wood - Maisie Taylor

One worked timber was examined in detail.

Using the preservation scoring scale developed by the Humber Wetlands Project (Van de Noort, Ellis, Taylor and Weir 1995 Table 15.1) the piece scores 3, but most of the deterioration was on the surface. The piece had been in storage for too long and all surface detail lost.

	MUSEUM CONSERVATION	TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	WOODLAND MANAGEMENT	DENDRO- CHRONOLOGY	SPECIES IDENTIFICATION
5	+	+	+	+	+
4	-	+	+	+	+
3	-	+/-	+	+	+
2	-	+/-	+/-	+/-	+
1	-	-	-	-	+/-
0	-	-	-	-	-

The timber is oak (*Quercus* sp.), of reasonably good quality wood. The timber appears to have been split (roughly 1/8), but the lack of surface detail means that this cannot be confirmed. It was, however, taken radially out of a medium sized oak tree with reasonably straight grain.

The feather-edge of the timber is shaped but because of the deterioration it is impossible to say whether it has been intentionally shaped or simply decayed away.

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