between Hightown and Blundell, Merseyside

Record ID 362

Authors Year

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954

Location description Deposit location

[SD 298 014 - midpoint on

coast]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Outcrop of submerged forest.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Pg 74. Probably Mesolithic. Indicates period of low sea level, preceding formation of the 25ft Neolithic-age raised beach.

Bibliographic reference

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954 'British regional geology: the Pennines and adjacent areas', British Geological Survey, HMSO: London

Birkenhead Docks, Merseyside

Record ID 621

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

[c. SJ 319 899]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

On the sloping sides of the Pool, was a natural surface covered with large trees.

On bouldor clay.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Excavation of the docks in 1858.

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

[Near Bidston Moss]

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

Burbo Bank, Merseyside

Record ID 238

Authors Year Adams, M. 2002

Location description Deposit location

Off north Wirral coast

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Buried organic-rich silt/clay, possibly peaty. Between Boulder Clay and overlying sands.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

10 m below the sands comprising the bank No

Notes

[Adams (2002) is publicly available online]. [Also refers to Titan (2002)].

Bibliographic reference

Adams, M. 2002 'Burbo offshore windfarm, Archaeological report', Liverpool Museum Field Archaeology Unit.

Crosby, Merseyside

Record ID 620

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description

Nearly opposite Crosby beach mark and near mid-channel.

Deposit location

[c. SJ 303 961]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Peat and tree stumps.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Dredging channel, by Mersey Docks

Board.

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

Dee Estuary, Merseyside

Record ID 360

Authors Year

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954

Location description Deposit location

[SJ 202 820]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest; peaty deposits with trunks and stools of oak, alder, willow.

Marshy vegetation.

Associated artefacts Early work

Animal bones e.g. red deer.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954 'British regional geology: the Pennines and adjacent areas', British Geological Survey, HMSO: London.

Record ID 243

Authors Year

ADS NONE

Location description Deposit location

SJ 2316 9066

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest bed on foreshore.

Associated artefacts Early work

Neolithic' flints (arrowheads, scrapers, flakes); perforated circular stone (?quern).

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

record NMR_NATINV-66295 in ADS

Bibliographic reference

ADS NONE 'Archaeology Dataservice', http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/.

Record ID 357

Authors Year

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Outcrop of submerged forest.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Probably Mesolithic. Pg 74

Bibliographic reference

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954 'British regional geology: the Pennines and adjacent areas', British Geological Survey, HMSO: London.

Record ID 539

Authors Year
Tooley, M. 1985b

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Tidal flat/lagoon deposit.

Bibliographic reference

Tooley, M. 1985b 'Sea level changes and coastal morphology in North-west England' in 'The Geomorphology of North-west England', (ed.s) Johnson, R., 94-121, Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Record ID 679

Authors Year

Smith, H. Ecroyd April 1865

Location description Deposit location

Western side of Dove Marks.

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Forest bog soil on shore.

Associated artefacts Early work

Roman artefacts found on top of the bog soil.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

[See Waddelove and Waddelove (1990) (page 262) for a discussion of subsequent changes in high water mark].

Bibliographic reference

Smith, H. Ecroyd April 1865 'A record of the archaeological products of the sea-shore of Cheshire, in 1864', The Reliquary: Quarterly Archaeological Journal and Review, V, 212.

Record ID 216

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

Off Formby Point

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

1.25 miles [2.01 km] NW of Formby Point, stumps of at least 1 dozen trees. Area 300 yards [250.84 m] square.

Associated artefacts Early work

First identified by Mr D.Pennington of Birkdale, 1906 - investigating reasons for

catching fishermens' nets.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Mentioned in Ashton (1920).

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

Record ID 217

Authors Year

NONE

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Fossilised Neolithic human and animal footprints in intertidal sediment.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

National Trust land

Record ID 241

Authors Year Hume, A. 1863

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Similar deposits to those at Meols (Record

239).

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Hume, A. 1863 'Ancient Meols-Some account of the antiquities near Dove Point on the sea coast of Chesire', London.

Record ID 476

Authors Year

Roberts, G., Gonzalez, S. and Huddart, D. 1996

Location description Deposit location

Lifeboat Road, Formby Point [c. SD 269 062]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Intercalated peats/humic layers and

sands.

Associated artefacts Early work

Numerous animal and human footprints preserved.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Yes

Notes

Subsite details

ID 105

Location Depth

c. +7.0 m OD

Description

Humic horizon with in situ Pinus stumps (late 19th/20th century conifers).

ID 106

Location Depth

c. +5.3 m OD

Description

Humic horizon. Minimum age 350 calendar years BP.

ID 107

Location Depth

c. +4.7 m OD

Description

Black sandy peat with in situ Quercus and Alnus tree stumps.

ID 108

Location Depth

c. +3.4 m OD

Description

Black organic-rich sands with thick Alnus roots. With human and animal footprints.

ID 109

Location Depth

c. +1.7 m OD

Description

Black silty sands with thin Alnus roots. With animal footprints.

14C details

ID 349 Laboratory code Q-2086

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

c. +4.7 m OD

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

2510 ± 120 years bp

Notes

Pye et al. (1995).

ID 350 Laboratory code Hv-4709

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

c. +4.7 m OD

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

2333 ± 120 years bp

Notes

Tooley (1970)

ID 351 Laboratory code Beta-47682

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

c. +3.4 m OD

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 $3230 \pm 80 \text{ years bp}$

Notes

Pye and Neal (1993)

ID 352 Laboratory code UB-3868

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

c. +3.4 m OD

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 3333 ± 83 years bp

Notes

Gonzalez et al (in press)

ID 353 Laboratory code UB-3869

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

c. +3.4 m OD

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

3649 ± 109 years bp

Notes

Gonzalez et al (in press)

Bibliographic reference

Roberts, G., Gonzalez, S. and Huddart, D. 1996 'Intertidal Holocene footprints and their archaeological significance', Antiquity, 70, 647-651.

Record ID 537

Authors Year

Tooley, M. 1985b

Location description Deposit location

SD 2695 0642

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

+5.0 m OD No

Notes

Fossil dune slack.

Bibliographic reference

Tooley, M. 1985b 'Sea level changes and coastal morphology in North-west England' in 'The Geomorphology of North-west England', (ed.s) Johnson, R., 94-121, Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Record ID 220

Authors Year

Clapham, A., Clare, T. and Wilkinson, D. 1997

Location description Deposit location

SD 295 028

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Largest exposure of submerged forest is approx 70x150 m. Forest deposits cut into by Alt River forming peat cliff 1.5 m high. Stumps are rooted in underlying blue clay.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Clapham, A., Clare, T. and Wilkinson, D. 1997 'A plant macrofossil investigation of a submerged forest' in 'Archaeological Sciences 1995', (ed.s) Sinclair, A., Slater, E. and Gowlett, J., 265-270, Oxbow Monograph 64.

Record ID 221

Authors

Travis, C. 1926

Location description Deposit location

Year

Deposit stratigraphy

and laminated blue clay.

Peat varying between 0.2-1.2m depth, on

peaty sand 0.45-1.5m thick (forming base

average 45-53cm thick, overlain by dark

of sand dunes). Peat rests on grey sand

Deposit description

Upper forest layers: grass stems, small twigs, bogbean seeds (Menyanthes trifoliata). Other locations - decayed fibres, stems, grass and sedge leaves with layers of Salix spp., Myrica gale and bogbean, and remains of Osmunda regalis.

Associated artefacts Early work

Also hazel nuts found, and Quercus acorns.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Upper surface of peat bed was +3.1 to No +3.6 m OD

Notes

Lower in profile, peat is dark brown, more compact, well humified and woody - sig. twigs, branches, bark (mostly silver birches) with numerous stools and prostrate trunks. Roots penetrated clay and sand below. Larger trees were also oak.

Bibliographic reference

Travis, C. 1926 'The peat and forest bed of the south west Lancashire coast', Proceedings of the Liverpool Geological Association, 14, 263-277.

Coastal peat resource database (Hazell, 2008)

Record ID 222

Authors Year Tooley, M. 1976

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Pollen analysis - tree taxa dominant. Corylus content consistent throughout.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Yes

Notes

Tooley (1978; 1976; 1986). Very few aquatic taxa. Interpreted as succession towards Alnus-Salix carr with Frangula alnus, Lythrum salicaria, and woody climbers e.g. Solanum dulcamarra which formed within a tidal flat and lagoonal zone.

14C details

ID 167 Laboratory code

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

+3.1 m OD Peat at Alt Mouth

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

4545 ± 90 BP

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Tooley, M. 1976 'Flandrian sea-level changes in west Lancashire and their implications for the Hillhouse Coastline', Geological Journal, 11, 137-152.

Record ID 680

Year **Authors** 1999 Clapham, A.

Location description Deposit location Between the sailing club and the River Alt. SD 2950 0295

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Largest exposure of submerged forest is 70x150 m. Peat bed containing tree stumps and trunks - many poorly preserved. Wood inlcudes willow, oak, alder, birch, hazel.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Monoliths (one vertical, and two horizontal) and field survey.

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Most tree thrown trunks lie towards the ESE and S.

Subsite details

ID 280

Location Depth

Fibrous, compact peat at surface (0-10 cm

deep).

Description

Monolith 2 (vertical) (27 cm long). 10 cm of fibrous, compact peat, on 8 cm looser peat, on 9 cm brown-black-grey clay.

Location Depth

Description

Monolith 3 (horizontal).

ID 282

Location Depth

Description

Monolith 4 (horizontal).

Bibliographic reference

Clapham, A. 1999 'The characterisation of two mid-Holocene submerged forests', Unpublished PhD, Liverpool John Moores University.

Leasowe, Merseyside

Record ID 345

AuthorsYearHume, A.1863

Location description Deposit location

Around Leasowe

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Thick peat beds.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Hume, A. 1863 'Ancient Meols-Some account of the antiquities near Dove Point on the sea coast of Chesire', London.

Leasowe, Merseyside

Record ID 501

AuthorsYearKenna, R.1986

Location description Deposit location

Around Leasowe

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Yes

Notes

14C details

ID 357 Laboratory code GU-1311

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2754 9261 +3.79 m OD Peaty sand

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 925 ± 50 1050 AD

Notes

Leasowe sand dunes (WR/1T)

ID 363 Laboratory code Birm-1013

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2722 9248 +1.82 m OD Bone (Bos)

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 3980 ± 70 2565 BC

Notes

Mockbeggar Wharf (1b/M67)

ID 365 Laboratory code SRR 1496

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2665 9218 +0.38 m OD Quercus wood

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

6460 ± 40 5363 BC

Notes

Mockbeggar Wharf (LB/B). Root depth: -0.18 m OD.

Bibliographic reference

Kenna, R. 1986 'The Flandrian sequence of north Wirral', Geological Journal, 21, 1-27.

Leasowe, Merseyside

Record ID 654

Authors Year
Wirral MBC 2001

Location description Deposit location

Around Leasowe Lighthouse [SJ 252 914]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

A small peat deposit along the coast.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Wirral MBC 2001 'Contaminated land inspection strategy'.

Liverpool, Merseyside

Record ID 349

Authors Year Morton, G. 1891

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Morton, G. 1891 'Geology of the country around Liverpool', London.

Liverpool Bay, Merseyside

Record ID 363

Authors Year
Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

Shores south of Alt River, Lancs, and opposite Meols, Cheshire

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest, plentiful remains at the specified locations. Tree stumps are mostly oak, hazel, birch, pine.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

Meols, Merseyside

Record ID 239

Authors Year Adams, M. 2002

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Large area of submerged forest associated with extensive peat beds, buried for c. 5000 years.

Associated artefacts Early work

First identified Iter Lancastrense (1636).

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

[Adams (2002) is publicly available online]; Cowell and Innes (1994). Outcrops of the same forest were also found at Wallasey Pool and along railway cutting excavations.

Bibliographic reference

Adams, M. 2002 'Burbo offshore windfarm, Archaeological report', Liverpool Museum Field Archaeology Unit.

Meols, Merseyside

Record ID 240

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

Off Meols

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Remains of tree stumps.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

Meols, Merseyside

Record ID 389

Authors Year Hume, A. 1847

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Graveyard and turf and timber found a considerable distnace from the shore.

Associated artefacts Early work

Structures and artefacts, spanning long time period.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

At low water of spring tides. No

Notes

Deserted village at Meols, submerged by sea. Referred to in Chitty and Warhurst (1977) (properous site, suddenly abandoned).

Bibliographic reference

Hume, A. 1847 'The antiquities found at Hoylake in Cheshire'.

Mersey Estuary, Merseyside

Record ID 361

Authors Year

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest; peaty deposits with trunks and stools of oak, alder, willow. Marshy vegetation.

Associated artefacts Early work

Animal bones e.g. red deer.

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Pg 74. (Also refers to deposits at intervals northwards to Solway Firth).

Bibliographic reference

Edwards, W. and Trotter, F. 1954 'British regional geology: the Pennines and adjacent areas', British Geological Survey, HMSO: London.

mouth of River Alt, Merseyside

Record ID 536

Authors Year

Tooley, M. 1985b

Location description Deposit location

SD 2950 0290

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

+3.1 m OD No

Notes

Tidal flat/lagoon deposit.

Bibliographic reference

Tooley, M. 1985b 'Sea level changes and coastal morphology in North-west England' in The Geomorphology of North-west England', (ed.s) Johnson, R., 94-121, Manchester: Manchester University Press.

North Docks, Merseyside

Record ID 242

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

35 ft [10.67 m] below high water level. No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

River Alt, Merseyside

Record ID 249

Authors Year Ashton, W. 1920

Location description Deposit location

Mouth of River Alt

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Remains of tree stumps.

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Ashton, W. 1920 'Evolution of a coastline', London.

River Alt, Merseyside

Record ID 250

Authors Year

Campbell, J. and Baxter, M. 1979b

Location description Deposit location

Alt-mouth 53deg 32' N, 3deg 4' W

[converted SD 29309 04632]

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Wood sec Alt-Mouth-1 (Quercus) from

submerged forest exposure,

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Wood collected by A Heyworth.

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Yes

Notes

Heyworth, in Campbell and Baxter (1979b).

14C details

ID 169 Laboratory code GU-666

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

53deg 32' N, 3deg 4' W [SD Quercus wood from 29309 04632 converted] Submerged forest.

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 4351 ± 46

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Campbell, J. and Baxter, M. 1979b 'Glasgow University Radiocarbon Measurements IX', Radiocarbon, 21(2), 171.

Wallasey, Merseyside

Record ID 348

Authors Year Morton, G. 1891

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Submerged forest.

Associated artefacts Early work

Circular hut is near Wallasey (Cox, 1895).

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

No

Notes

Bibliographic reference

Morton, G. 1891 'Geology of the country around Liverpool', London.

Wallasey, Merseyside

Record ID 500

Authors Year Kenna, R. 1986

Location description Deposit location

Deposit description Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit 14C ages available

Yes

Notes

14C details

ID 354 Laboratory code SRR 1404(a)

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2373 9085 + 3.75 m OD Charcoal

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

Modern 1598 AD

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK4)

ID 355

Laboratory code SRR 1403

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2410 9104 +2.98 m OD Peat

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

540 ± 40 1404 AD

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK2A)

ID 356 Laboratory code SRR 1402

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2367 9083 +3.66 m OD Peaty 'soil' and sand

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

550 ± 40 1400 AD

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK4BU)

ID 358 Laboratory code SRR 4104(b)

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2373 9085 +3.75 m OD Charcoal (humics)

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

1090 ± 120 894 AD

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK4)

ID 359 Laboratory code GU-1270

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2375 9086 +3.18 m OD Peat

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

2750 ± 55 975 BC

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK550)

ID 360 Laboratory code GU-1271

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2378 9088 +3.08 m OD Peat

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 3490 ± 60 1887 BC

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK5/U)

ID 361 Laboratory code SRR 1495

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2368 9082 +3.0 m OD Pinus wood

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

 3800 ± 40 2305 BC

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK4BP). Root depth: +2.45 m OD.

ID 362 Laboratory code SRR 1493

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2368 9082 +2.7 m OD Quercus wood

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

9310 ± 100 2468 BC

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK4Q). Root depth: +2.42 m OD.

ID 364 Laboratory code SRR 1494

Sample location Depth of sample Dated sample description

SJ 2410 9104 +0.41 m OD Peat

Age (uncal) Age (cal) Delta 13C

6420 ± 60 5320 BC

Notes

Wallasey Embankment (RK20)

Bibliographic reference

Kenna, R. 1986 'The Flandrian sequence of north Wirral', Geological Journal, 21, 1-27.

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