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SITE

BRANCASTER

EXCAVATOR

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Remains of organic materials in association with metals

773951 Cont. 2230 "From dagger blade"

Some iron replaced organic material is present-possibly grass/straw or wood.*

774123 Cont. 2917 "From iron sheet"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773883 Cont. 2168 "From nail"

Wood replaced by iron corrosion products.*

773697 Cont. 47 "From socket of iron object"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773563 Cont. 1013 "From nail"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773725 Cont. 1727 "From iron object"

Iron-replaced wood, probably oak (Quercus sp.)

774140 Cont. 3236 "From nail"

Iron-replaced wood;unidentifiable

773544 Cont.1006 "From hobnails"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773464 Cont. ? "From iron object"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773437 Cont.377 "From hobnails"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773352 Cont.54 "Wood from socket of ferrule"

Iron-replaced wood;unidentifiable.

773399 Cont.261 "From hobnails"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

773529 Cont.455 "From chisel"

No recognisable organic structures are present.

* These samples retained for examination in the scanning electron microscope

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