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SITE

SKELETON GREEN, HERTS. (Roman)

Wood remains on iron objects.

EXCAVATOR

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Iron-replaced organic material is present, but this does not appear to be wood. It could possibly be grass or straw.*

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Wood replaced by iron corrosion products was observed on the surface of the iron. One fragment was identified as oak (Quercus sp.).

* This sample was retained for examination in the scanning electron microscope.

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