

4302, Turret Lane Ipswich : Land molluscs

Very few land molluscs were present, partly because the sandy soils of the site are generally unsuitable for the survival of these shells, and partly, no doubt, because features were filled rapidly, allowing scant opportunity for the incorporation of molluscs. A 5 litre sample from the lowest 20 cm. of feature 0034 produced the following shells, however:

<u>Cecilioides acicula</u> (Müller)	3
<u>Helix aspersa</u> (Müller)	40 (all stages of growth)
Unidentified <u>Helicidae</u>	3
<u>Limacidae</u> (slug shells)	6

This is a very restricted synanthropic fauna - mainly garden snails and slugs. The relative concentration of shells in the lower part of this feature suggests that it was initially infilled slowly, a conclusion supported by the character of the seed assemblage, which consists entirely of weed species, with no food refuse of plant origin.