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Textile fragments

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West Stow

SF.156. 738046. Iron plate

On circular iron plate, replaced textile, area c.5.0 X 3.5 cm. The spinning is Z both systems, and appearance suggests wool; in one small clear area the threads in one system are fairly fine singles, in the other pairs, as far as can be seen lying in tabby weave, count 12(singles)/8(pairs) per cm, the latter count taken as 4 pairs on 5 mm. A tiny detached fragment also shows singles/pairs, but in other areas there seem to be some paired threads in the other system as well. It is possible this was some form of pattern weave (Cf. Mucking, Grave 939, and Wakerley Grave 85, where pattern floats produce pairs) rather than a simple half-basket weave, but the textile is too deteriorated for certainty.