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Ipswich (IAS 4801) Plant remains

Samples were taken from Saxo-Norman features at this site, principally for the recovery of fishbone; preservation conditions for plant material were poor. However some plant remains (listed in Table 1) were recovered. The bulk of the material is carbonised, though a few features in which drainage was impeded by impervious clay deposits produced mineralised plant remains. Modern roots were unusually abundant at this site but no obviously intrusive modern seeds were observed.

The plant remains are closely comparable to those from earlier excavations in Ipswich. The samples include carbonised cereal grains, chaff and straw. Rye rachis fragments are relatively common. Of the wild flora, grassland, heath and ruderal plants are represented.

Context No.		121	125	131	146	154 (40-60 cm)	154 (60-68 cm)
Sample weight (kg)		5	5	4	5	5	5
<u>Secale cereale</u> L.	(c)	-	1	-	1	2	2
<u>Avena</u> sp.	(c)	-	1	1	1	9	4
<u>Hordeum</u> sp.	(c)	-	1	2	1	1	-
<u>Triticum aestivum</u> sl.	(c)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Unidentified cereals		2	1	4	10	8	8
<u>Secale cereale</u> (rachis internodes)	(c)	-	-	-	1	3	5
<u>Avena</u> sp. (awn fragments)	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	+
Cereal straw	(m)	-	-	-	+	-	-
<u>Agrostemma githago</u> L.	(c)	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chenopodiaceae indet.	(m)	-	-	-	1	-	-
<u>Malva</u> sp.	(c)	-	-	1	-	-	-
<u>Vicia</u> sp.	(c)	-	-	1	-	2	-
Rosaceae c.f. <u>Prunus</u> sp.	(m)	-	-	-	1	-	-
c.f. <u>Apium graveolens</u> L.	(c,e)	-	1	-	-	-	-
<u>Polygonum aviculare</u> agg.	(m,c)	-	-	-	2	-	-
<u>Rumex</u> sp.	(c)	-	-	-	1	-	-
<u>Rumex acetosella</u> agg.	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Urtica dioica</u> L.	(m)	-	-	2	-	-	-
<u>Urtica urens</u> L.	(m)	-	-	-	-	20	4
<u>Corylus avellana</u> L.	(n.frag)	+	+	-	-	-	-
<u>Calluna vulgaris</u> (L) Hull (leaves)	c.f.	-	-	+	-	-	-
Labiatae indet.	(m)	-	-	1	-	23	9
<u>Plantago lanceolata</u> L.	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Sambucus nigra</u> L.	(m)	-	1	2	2	-	-
<u>Anthemis cotula</u> L.	(c)	-	-	-	-	2	-
<u>Cirsium</u> sp.	(c)	-	-	-	-	1	-
<u>Carex</u> sp.	(c)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gramineae	(c)	-	-	-	-	4	1
Indeterminate		-	-	2	-	13(m)	6(m)

Table 1 : IAS 4801; Plant remains.

Unless otherwise indicated taxa are represented by fruits or seeds.

Notes: m. mineralised n.frag. nutshell fragment
c. carbonised
e. eroded