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Miscellaneous samples; Thorington,
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Thorington, Suffolk: Miscellaneous samples

Five 4 kg. samples were received for examination. 0002 and 0008, as the excavator suggests, appeared to be 'ploughsoil' and were not examined in detail. The remaining three samples were disaggregated, and carbonised plant remains extracted by water flotation, collecting the float in a 250 micron mesh sieve. The non-floating residue was washed through a 500 micron mesh sieve for the recovery of bone etc. The following biological remains were recovered.

- 0014 Bone fragments (mostly burnt); charcoal fragments; 3 unidentified carbonised cereal caryopses.
- 0029 Bone fragments (mostly burnt); charcoal fragments; 1 Hordeum sp (barley) caryopsis; 1 unidentified cereal caryopsis.
- 0039 Charcoal fragments; 2 Triticum sp. (wheat) caryopses.

All three samples produced intrusive modern plant material, and probably intrusive land molluscs.

0014 and 0029 contain debris consistent with the excavator's interpretation of these deposits as 'kitchen midden'. No metal slag was observed. 0039 produced much less charcoal and no bone, but contains nothing specifically indicating its mode of deposition.