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Period Bronze Age

Excavators D Coggins and K Fairless

Betula sp. - birch/ silver birch

Corylus avellana - hazel

Prunus sp. - blackthorn / bird cherry etc.

Quercus sp. - oak

Salix/Populus - willow / poplar

catalogue no.

14	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
15	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
	<u>Betula</u>
	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
39	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
40	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
44	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
	<u>Betula</u>
	<u>Prunus</u>
	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
85	<u>Betula</u>
	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
	<u>Salix/Populus</u>
105	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
	<u>Quercus</u>
106	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
107	<u>Corylus avellana</u>
	<u>Betula</u>

119 Corylus avellana
122 Corylus avellana
134 Corylus avellana
135 Corylus avellana
142 Corylus avellana
143 Corylus avellana
 Salix/Populus
153 bark, indet.
159 Salix/Populus
 Corylus avellana
171 bark, c.f. Betula
172 Betula
 Quercus
 Salix/Populus
 Corylus avellana
192 Corylus avellana
 Salix/Populus
 Betula
194 Salix/Populus
194 Betula
 Salix/Populus
200 Salix/Populus
 Corylus avellana
246 Corylus avellana
 Salix/Populus
254 Salix/Populus
255 Corylus avellana
 Salix/Populus
 Quercus

- 260 Corylus avellana
 bark, indet.
- 261 Corylus avellana
 Quercus
- 262 Corylus avellana
- 263 Prunus
- 264 Corylus avellana
 Quercus
 Salix/Populus
- 265 Corylus avellana
 Salix/Populus

The majority of charcoal fragments were from twigs of 1-2 cm in diameter and probably represent the collection of brushwood for fuel.

The species present are all native to the region and would have been important components of the local vegetation prior to any extensive forest clearance (Chambers 1974).

Chambers C (1974) The Vegetational History of Teesdale. Unpubl. PhD thesis, University of Durham.

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