

Charcoal samples from pottery kilns, Chelmsford, Essex (4th century) Carole A. Keepax

F305 (2) "From stokepit of 4th century pottery kiln" 800310

The sample consisted of large fragments collected by the excavator. They were mainly Oak (Quercus sp.) from mature timbers (no curvature was visible on the growth rings). A few fragments of Leguminosae twig (e.g. Gorse/Broom) and one fragment of Hawthorn-type (Rosaceae, subfamily Pomaiidae) from mature timber were also present.

F322 "From 4th century pottery kiln. Probably from first and only firing." 800311

Two fragments of charcoal, probably Oak, were present.

F368 (3) "From black loamy charcoally layer in 4th century kiln II." 800312

The sample consisted of large fragments collected by the excavator. These were mainly Oak from mature timbers. Two pieces showed evidence of having been chopped into faggots prior to use. One fragment of Leguminosae twig was also present.

N.B. Samples 800313, and 800316-8 were not examined because of the mixed nature of the deposits of origin.

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