

Charcoal samples from Mountgrace Priory

The samples consisted of very large fragments of charcoal collected by the excavator, and may therefore present a biased picture in some respects. The identifications for each sample are given below. A fairly large proportion of the material was from twigs or branches (for convenience, twig is defined as up to 5cm diameter, and branch as larger but with curvature still present on the growth rings).

Cellar 9 MG 119b

Hazel (Corylus avellana L.) twig

Cellar 9 MG1254

Birch (Betula sp.) branch/mature

Cellar 10 MG 233

Elm (Ulmus sp.) twig, branch, and mature

Birch twig, branch, and mature

Lime (?) (Tilia sp.) branch

Hawthorn-type (Rosaceae, subfamily Pomoideae) branch/mature

Cellar 11 MG 391

Hazel twig

Ash (Fraxinus excelsior L.) twig and mature

Birch branch and mature

Hawthorn-type twig and mature

Oak (Quercus sp.) branch/mature

Cellar 11 MG 488

Hazel twig and branch

Birch mature

Cellar 11 MG 514

Birch twig

Coke/slag

Cellar 13 MG667

Birch twig

Oak mature

Ash mature

Hazel twig

Alder (Alnus glutinosa (L.) Gaertn.) mature

Cellar 13 MG 964

Birch twig, branch and mature

Hawthorn-type twig

Cellar 14 MG1197

Hazel twig

Birch twig and mature

Elm twig

Willow (Salix sp.)

Cellar 14 1195

Hazel branch

Ash mature

Cellar 14 MG 1253

Birch branch

Ash mature

Cellar 2 MG 1255

Ash twig

Hazel twig

Birch twig

Coal and coke/cinder

Lime ?

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