

Individual shell identifications plus numbers of each shell from this medieval site are itemised on the enclosed lab. sheets. The species identified were:

<u>Arianta arbustorum</u> (Linne)	3	} Terrestrial
<u>Cepaea hortensis</u> (Müller)	2	
<u>Cepaea nemoralis</u> (Linne)	7	
<u>Helix aspersa</u> Müller, Common snail	29	
<u>Mytilus edulis</u> Linne, Mussel	2 vv.	} Marine
<u>Ostrea edulis</u> Linne, Oyster	3vv.	
<u>Cardium edule</u> Linne, Cockle	1 v.	

These shells are probably human food debris, except for Cepaea and Arianta which were probably living incidentally on the site.

Note.

It would greatly help the recording and interpretation of the data if shells could be submitted as batches according to feature, layer or age. I appreciate, however, that it is not always possible to do this, particularly with respect to age, until the pottery and coins from a site have been studied.

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LIST OF EXCAVATION FINDS SENT TO ANCIENT MONUMENTS LABORATORY

SITE: DONSTABLE I 1971.

EXCAVATORS NAME: DR. STEAD.

DATE SENT: 8 May 71

MATERIAL: Please complete a separate sheet for each category ringing the appropriate material from those shown below, and in the case of "Other metals" and of "Other botanical" please amplify.

Stones/Coal/Soil/Burnt Clay/Fired Clay/Pottery/Mortar/Glass/Iron/Bronze/
Other metals/Coins/Slag/Wood/Charcoal/Other
botanical/Fibres/Bone Objects/Animal Bones
and Mollusca/Leather/Human Bones

Please send these lists to Mr E G Wilson, Room 546 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1, under separate cover from the finds, which should be sent direct to the Laboratory at Sanctuary Buildings. Parcels should be labelled on the outside with site name and contents and contain identification label.

Excavator's Number (Separate entry for each item)	Lab Number	Photo. Number	X-Ray Number	For Draw- ing?	Description and Instructions
DS/BS	722413				Shells. <u>Cardium edule</u> 1 <u>Ostrea edulis</u> 1
DN/GS					<u>Helix aspersa</u> 3 " <u>Mytilus edulis</u> 1 <u>Arianta arbustorum</u> 1
DN/GX					" <u>Helix aspersa</u> 2
DN/GZ					<u>H. aspersa</u> 4, <u>Cepaea nemoralis</u> 2, <u>Ostrea edulis</u> 2.
DN/HH					<u>H. aspersa</u> 1, <u>Cepaea nemoralis</u> 1, <u>A. arbustorum</u> 1.
DN/HS					" <u>H. aspersa</u> 1
DN/HV					" <u>H. aspersa</u> 1
DN/HW					" <u>Cepaea nemoralis</u> 1 <u>Cepaea hortensis</u> 1
DN/HX					" <u>Cepaea nemoralis</u> 1 <u>Cepaea</u> spp. 3
DN/HY					" <u>Mytilus edulis</u> 1
DN/8F					" <u>Helix aspersa</u> 1

SITE:

MATERIAL:

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