

Further identifications of bone small finds from Castle Street and Annetwell Street, Carlisle.

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C 7 B1	Object ?	Antler ?
C33 B2	Part of spatula	Large ungulate rib, no evidence of working or spatula.
C42 B4	Part of object	Sheep sized animal, calcined, shaft fragment, femur?

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A 2445 B69	Peg	Bone or antler.
A 2552 B75	Bone fragment	Fragment of small ungulate scapula-butchered but not worked.
A 2994 B77	Handle?	cf. Cattle metapodial shaft.
A 3895 B82	Lid ?	Cattle sized long bone shaft fragment.

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A 4450 B83	'Arrowhead'	of Sheep/goat tibia, midshaft piece.
A 5308 B92	'Arrowhead'	Long bone shaft, sheep sized animal, cf S/G metatarsus.
A 5171 B93	'Arrowhead'	cf. Sheep/goat tibia, midshaft piece.
A 5172 B94	'Arrowhead'	Sheep sized animal, long bone, cf distal tibia shaft.
A 4881 B95	Bone object	Red deer antler, with bone/antler peg through it.
A 5778 B98	'Arrowhead'	Sheep/goat tibia, midshaft piece.
A + B99	'Arrowhead'	of Sheep/goat tibia, midshaft piece.
A 6121 B103	'Arrowhead'	Sheep metatarsus, proximal half of shaft, end sawn off.

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