

MARGATE - SITE 274

HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS

Comments on the human bone from this site are extremely limited and are best given as follows:-

1. Bone preservation

This was extremely poor in all cases. Bones were fragmentary and there had been a great deal of damage to the surface of those bones that were present.

2. Number of individuals

Two individuals (nos 993 and 860) were represented by most of the bones of the skeleton. The bones listed as: 555/774, 555/775, 933/776, 933/777, 933/778, 954/783 and 998/786 were all of human origin. It is likely that they all belong to the same skeleton but it is impossible to say this with any degree of certainty.

3. Sex

993 was identified as a possible female (?? ♀) on the basis of the size and gracility of the bones.

860 was identified as a probable female (♀) on the basis of pelvic and femoral morphology and the size and gracility of the bones.

None of the other fragments could be assessed for sex.

4. Age

993 - adult
860 - young adult (the pattern of wear on the teeth suggests an age estimate of 20 - 30 years).

All other fragments were probably adult, but this is not an absolute, with the exception of the teeth from 954/783 which come from a young adult (25-35 years).

Nothing further can be said about this material.

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