

Denny Abbey Church. Middle mounds

The following species were identified:

Marine

Nytilus edulis L., edible mussel

Ostrea edulis L., oyster

Cerastoderma edule (L.), cockle

Terrestrial

Helix aspersa Mull., common snail

All the marine species are common on Roman and medieval sites. Ostrea edulis is the most abundant and in this respect the collection is similar to a previous group identified from the 1972 excavations at Denny where O. edulis was the only shellfish present. The Ostrea shells are small - around 5.0 to 6.0 cm for lower valve width - although there were a few larger examples. Again this is similar to the 1972 sample.

The land snail, Helix aspersa, may have been eaten, or may have been living on the site incidentally.

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Denny Abbey Church. Edible molluscs

IV (5)

Ostrea edulis, uv 4

V (8)

Helix aspersa 1

Ostrea edulis lv 2, uv 1

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V [16]

Helix aspersa 1

Ostrea edulis uv 1

V (11)

Ostrea edulis lv 1

IX W (2)

Ostrea edulis uv 1

II (22)

Ostrea edulis lv 4, uv 4

Cerastoderma edule fragment

V (20)

Ostrea edulis fragments

II (14)

Ostrea edulis lv 2, uv 6

III [15]

Ostrea edulis uv 1

III [F8]

Ostrea edulis lv 1

II (36)

Ostrea edulis lv 1

V (14)

Helix aspersa 2

Ostrea edulis lv 1, uv 2

III (19)

Ostrea edulis lv.1

III [18]

Helix aspersa 1

Mytilus edulis lv 1

Ostrea edulis lv 1

II [4]

Ostrea edulis lv 4, uv 3

Cerastoderma edule 1

IX W [3]

Ostrea edulis fragment

II (53)

Ostrea edulis uv 1

VII (1)

Helix aspersa 1

Ostrea edulis lv 1, uv 4

V (31)

Ostrea edulis uv 3

V (22)

Ostrea edulis lv 1, uv 1

V (5)

Ostrea edulis lv 1

V (4)

Helix aspersa 8

Ostrea edulis lv 6, uv 4

III [F7]

Cerastoderma edule 1

III 13

Ostrea edulis uv 1

VII A 1

No shells

II 43

Ostrea edulis lv 2, uv 1

IX W 7

Helix aspersa 1

Ostrea edulis uv 1

VII 1

Ostrea edulis fragment

II 26

No shells

IV 4

Ostrea edulis lv 6

IX W 3

Ostrea edulis lv 1

V 30

Ostrea edulis lv 1

15 6

Ostrea edulis uv 1

Ostrea valves are listed as lower, lv, and upper, uv, valves. Mytilus valves are listed as right, rv, and left, lv, valves. Counts for Cerastoderma are for individual valves.