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Summary

Identification of a small group of honestones made up of:
Pennant Sandstone from South Wales/ Bristol region,
Carboniferous limestone from the Mendips and sandy and
shelly limestone probably from Purbeck.

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Sandstone

T2 C8679 (03) Item 141

T2 C9745 (03) Item 1100

Dark grey and medium-grained containing quartz and micaceous grits. Possibly Pennant Sandstone from the South Wales and Bristol region.

Limestone

T1 C10001 (03) Item 1770

T3 C11962 (03) Item 1694

Hard grey indurated limestone, possibly from the Carboniferous of the Mendips.

Quartzite Pebble

T2 C10676 (03) Item 842

Grey quartzite pebble of uncertain origin, but possibly fairly local.

Grey Limestone

T2 C9718 (03) Item 675

T2 C8459 (03) Item 873 (NB. Probably not a honestone but a piece of masonry)

These are probably Tertiary in date and of a local origin.

Shelly Limestone

T2 C9996 (03) Item 1039

Jurassic origin, probably from Purbeck.

Sandy Limestone

T2 C10284 (03) Item 501

T2 C10553 (03) Item 1049

T2 C10273 (03) Item 517

Grey fairly fine-grained thinly bedded, probably from Purbeck.

Sandy Limestone with fossils

T2 C10584 (03) Item 721

Jurassic origin, probably from Purbeck.