

WAKERLEY, Northants. Iron Age / Romano-British Settlement.

STONE SAMPLES, identifications by F W Anderson 24/12/76.

The site is on the Lower Lincolnshire Limestone (Jurassic). To the NW the Lower Estuarine Series rests on Northampton Sand on Lower Lias (all Jurassic). To the SE is Boulder Clay on Lower Lincolnshire Limestone.

Millstone Grit. A very coarse pebbly grit, almost a conglomerate. The three samples were all quern fragments, probably imported as manufactured articles from Derbyshire or Yorkshire.

750988, 750989, 750991.

Gritstone. A coarse brown grit, probably Millstone Grit, but without the large quartz pebbles seen in the previous samples. Probably all quern fragments.

750986, 750990, 750978, 750979 (ironstained), 750975, 750977, 750981 (ironstained and burnt).

Gritstone. A very dark grey calcareous schistose grit, probably a pebble from the Boulder Clay.

750993.

Sandstone. Pale brown sandstone probably from the local Estuarine Series.

750992.

Sandstone. A fine-grained brown calcareous sandstone probably from local Jurassic rocks.

750984 ( ? a carved stone), 750987 (shelly).

Sandstone. A medium-grained grey-brown gritty sandstone with black specks and streaks. Probably a local Estuarine sandstone.

750982, 750985, 750983.

Limestone. An oolitic limestone (Lincolnshire Limestone like that from Ketton).

750980, 750995, 750930, 750932.

Niedermendig Basalt. A basaltic lava imported from Germany. Used for the manufacture of querns.

750994.

Mica Schist. ?Whetstone. A pebble from Boulder clay.

750931.

Flint. From Boulder Clay, probably from Yorkshire Chalk originally.

750933, 750937, 750938, 750939.

Sandstone. Reddish-brown pebbles from Boulder Clay: probably a Palaeozoic Sandstone

750934, 750935.

Gritstone. Hard, dark grey pebbly grit, possibly L. Palaeozoic. From Boulder Clay.

750936. (See 750993 above.)