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TITLE

Botanical report on material
from Simy Folds, Upper Teesdale

Charcoal from material from clay pits, Ulfess Teardale.

Excavators: Douglas, K. Fairman

Material was collected by the excavators from this ?Viking site.

Charcoal Identifications

12/76/61 Area 2, 23/12, base of house partition

mostly Salix/ Populus, willow/ poplar sp.

Betula sp., birch

14/76/61 Area 1, inbetween paving in N entrance of small house

mostly Betula sp., birch

Corylus avellana, hazel

Prunus sp.

15/76/62 Area F, amongst stones of floor

mostly Betula sp., birch

Corylus avellana, hazel

Salix/ Populus, willow/ poplar sp.

Birch, hazel, aspen (Populus tremula) and bird cherry (Prunus
padus) are very likely to have been abundant in the region.

Soil samples

A sample taken from a former turf line under a bank for pollen analysis unfortunately contained no pollen. Soil samples taken from other areas of the site contained no organic remains.

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