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15.1 General Aims

The following artefact reports present a brief overview of a range of artefacts recovered from the site. The reports are broken down into specialist and material categories, such as, animal bone, ceramic and glass. The purpose of each report varies to some extent depending upon the specialists knowledge and my understanding of the artefact category. In the case of animal bone quite a detailed report is presented with tables analysing the evidence in a number of specific contexts that were identified by the Excavation Director. This report produces more detail about the nature of the evidence than in other reports. This is mostly because this is a specialised area of which the Excavation Director has little expertise. This is a similar situation with the shell material.

In the case of the ceramics and glass the cataloguers were asked to produce a report that identified what they considered interesting and meaningful. They were specifically requested not to undertake detailed context analysis as this would be done in the main body of the report utilising the entire database. These reports are useful for gleaning an overall impression of the evidence in the various artefact categories for the whole site. They are useful in providing detailed analysis about dates and range of artefacts within each category.

These are not stand alone reports to be read without understanding the archaeology of the site or reading the artefact analysis which forms an important part of the text.

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