

Appendix 2 – Sand, Comprehensive List of Contexts | Karen Hardy & Caroline Wickham-Jones

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Number	Trench	Description
1	A&B	Topsoil
1/1	A&B	Thin band of turf and dense root matter, shell and stone free.
1/2	A&B	Shell mixed topsoil situated above and around midden area. Contained fractured and fragmented shell.
1/3	A&B	Animal disturbed topsoil, surface molehill deposits.
2	A&B	Substantial bracken root mat.
3	A&B	Bedrock.
3/1	A&B	Very degraded powdery bedrock.
3/2	A&B	Large fragments of eroded bedrock occurring in immediately overlying deposits.
3/3	B	Yellow rippled sandstone bedrock.
3/4	A	Large rounded boulders sitting on bedrock.
4	A&B	Pale pink-yellow, fine, sandy subsoil immediately overlying some areas of bedrock.
5	B	Palaeochannel.
5/1	B	Natural water channel following edge of bedrock filled with dark brown-black organic peaty silt. Sterile.
5/2	B	Mineralisation occurring at interface of palaeochannel and bedrock. Compacted black manganese stained soil with iron panning.
6	A&B	Shell midden, general context for entire deposit of shell midden. Truncated mound sitting on sloping scree surface.
7	B	Washed deposit of mixed small stones within matrix 8. Contains beach pebbles and angular stones.
8	B	Mid-brown sandy silt deposit around stones 7. Probably deposited as a wash from original features upslope. No shell content, many degraded bones.
9	A&B	Eroded stone slabs from roof of rockshelter. These form a loose layer within Area B1.
10	B	Matrix occurring around and beneath 9 within Area B1. Consists of fine pink compacted sand derived from eroding rock above.

11	B	Dark grey ashy layer of whole and fragmented shell.
12	A&B	Band of crushed degraded shell at top of midden.
13	B	Dense mass of unconsolidated shell forming main body of midden.
14	B	Compacted pale fine sand washed from degrading bedrock.
15	B	Small circular area of darkened organic soil, probably natural.
16	-	VOID
17	A	A mixed deposit of dark-brown sandy silt containing 30-40% stones, many of them fire cracked.
18	A	A small deposit of dark coloured silt situated between large boulders in trench A. Essentially the same deposit as 17 but within the stone content, due to the larger stones acting as a barrier to downslope movement of small stones.
19	A	A large fallen stone sitting within Trench A, partially visible above the current ground surface.
20	B	A pale orange-pink sand overlying bedrock in Area B1.
21	B	A thin band of natural pale brown silt between the fallen stones 9 and 20.
22	A&B	A substantial shell free midden deposit of dark silt underlying shell midden 6. Contains large quantities of bone and antler.
23	A&B	Mole disturbance, mostly within the upper layer of the shell midden 6. Contains nesting material, disturbed soils, and much voiding.
24	B	A layer of shell which has tipped down the surface of the midden proper 6.
25	A	A dark silt clay natural palaeosol underlying all archaeological deposits in Trench A.
26	A	A sterile clay silt deposit underlying 25.
27	A	A slumped stony deposit overlying midden 22. Shell free.
28	A	Tipped layers of shell derived from shell midden 6.
28/1	A	Deposit representing a substantial episode of slip from the shell midden. Consists of compacted, mainly crushed, shell and dark silt.
28/2	A	A thin lens of less degraded shell overlying 28/1. Slightly higher percentage of shell than 28/1.
28/3	A	A thin lens of less degraded shell underlying 28/1. Slightly higher percentage of shell than 28/1.
28/4	A	A thin lens of concentrated crushed shell overlying 28/4.
28/5	A	Deposit representing a second major episode of slip from the shell midden. Probably associated with the fall of a large stone immediately overlying. Less compacted and containing larger shell fragments than 28/1.
29	A	A similar deposit to 17 containing many heat affected stones. Consists of a compacted dark silty sand.

NB: Excavation took place in spits, but contexts were visible in the sections and thus recorded and related to material as it was extracted.

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