

CYDERHALL SOUTERRAIN: ESTIMATE OF POST-EXCAVATION WORK

The following is an estimate of work required to produce a two-level report - a short version as discussed for publication, and a full archive report. The various plans and sections, also as discussed, are included. The section on Specialists Reports is somewhat tentative at present, but I hope to discuss this in detail with the various specialists concerned. However, as the overall quantities of material are small, the estimate given below should be reasonably accurate. I will forward more detailed estimates as soon as they are available.

PREPARATION OF REPORTS: ROBERT POLLOCK

No.	Details	Days	Cost
1.	Archive Report (Phase Site, Context Descriptions, Typing)	10	380.00
2.	Phase Plans	2	76.00
3.	Publication Report	4	152.00
4.	Publication Plans & Finds Drawings	2	76.00
5.	Photographic Record/Index	1	38.00
		TOTAL:	722.00

PREPARATION OF SAMPLE MATERIALS (To be carried out first)

1.	Sample preparation/Matrix/Boxing/Background Information	5	190.00
2.	Fine sieve Souterrain floor samples	1	38.00
		TOTAL	228.00

SPECIALISTS EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS

1. C14 Dates. Five samples have been identified by yourself and the Excavator as desirable for dating. These are:
- Phase 1 structure (destruction level). Charcoal. Context (350)
 - Phase 2 Structure (destruction level). Charcoal. Context (329)
 - Charcoal from post hole in Gully feature. Context (343)
 - Carbonised grain from unstratified pit adjacent to roundhouse. Context (200)
 - Bone from souterrain pit. This may be insufficient for dating. Context (119)

No costs have been included for radiocarbon determinations, as agreed.

2. Wood species: All samples are considered to be identifiable. Description and weight of samples, with Context Nos as follows:
- Context (329) 2 lengths of timber. Weight c.1Kg. Possibly suitable for Dendro work.
 - Context (316) 1 length. Weight c.1Kg. Possibly suitable for Dendro work.
 - Context (327) Weight c.2Kg.
 - Context (343) Weight c.1Kg.
 - Context (350) Weight c.500g. (NB: ALL SAMPLES ARE CARBONISED)

3. Grain: Identification of Species. (c.2Kg available)	1	38.00
4. Bone: 33 fragments from 9 contexts. Teeth: c.25 fragments from 7 contexts.	1	38.00

5. Stone: Three pieces as detailed.
- a. Quartz flake, Context (307)
 - b. Flint leaf-shaped arrowhead (half). Context (331)
 - c. Flint/Chert flake, Context (331) 1 38.00
6. Shell: Context (119). Snail or sea shell from fill of Souterrain pit. If land snail, would indicate collapsed Souterrain lay open.
7. Pottery: Two sherds + fragments from 2 well-stratified contexts (310 - upper W fill of Gully) and (122 - souterrain construction level). 1 38.00
8. Soil Analysis: This work is necessary for a full understanding of the fills of the souterrain and associated structures. All samples are of adequate quantity. Those for which analysis is suggested are outlined below:
- a. Souterrain Floor Level (Context 121). 20 grid-located samples to give information about use/function of the souterrain.
 - b. Souterrain Pit, bottom fill (Context 119). Information on function of pit.
 - c. Gully/proto-Souterrain cut feature fill (Context 348). Required to identify possible function of this feature.
 - d. Roundhouse internal Grey Silt deposit (Context 327). This is the deposit which derives from turf = roofing material of structure.
 - e. Sequence of samples from large pit section (Context 400). This is the large pit divorced from the main site, and therefore not stratigraphically related to it. However, there may be possible organic survival. A box section was also taken. This is not absolutely essential to understanding the site, but may have other benefits.
- Not estimated at present.
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MATERIALS FOR REPORT PRODUCTION AND SAMPLE PREPARATION.

- a. 1 roll Permatrace.
- b. Folders and other stationery.
- c. Finds boxes (can CEU supply?)
- d. Necessary photocopying charges.
- e. Polythene Bags.
- f. Acid-free tissue for packing.

It may be that CEU can supply most of these requirements. They have therefore not been costed at this stage.

Please let us know if you require any further information at present. A full estimate can be provided when detailed requirements of Specialist's time has been computed.

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