

Environmental Sample Processing

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Why Wessex Archaeology needs this project completed	Wessex Archaeology aims to enhance the public's knowledge of science, history the arts and heritage through archaeology. In support of this aim, we have a number of environmental samples from sites run as community digs which need processing.
Expected time commitment	One day or half day per week. We need a dedicated pool of up to 6 people who will work in pairs. This work will be ongoing.
Team	Community & Education / Enviro
Project Description	Working in pairs in our environmental lab, you will process sediment samples from sites. This will involve using our flotation tanks to extract plant remains and other small finds. The possibility exists of finding small beads, pottery and bone fragments in the residues. This is a flexible project, ideally suited for 2 people working together who can coordinate with each other and the enviro team to establish a routine for working on the project.
Project specific requirements	This is a physically demanding project involving work indoors and out, standing up and getting wet.
Training and Support	Detailed training will be given to enable you to safely and competently use the flotation tanks and other equipment. We provide gloves and aprons, but you will need to bring sturdy, waterproof footwear. Members of the environmental team will be on hand to support you as needed.
What you will gain from this project	Experience of: sample processing, residue sorting and identification of plant remains.
Health and Safety Responsibilities	To be responsible for your own health and safety and that of others with whom you volunteer, by reporting all potential and actual health and safety matters including accidents using the correct procedures.
Safeguarding	Wessex Archaeology is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and comply with the Wessex Archaeology Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to ensure safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. You will receive full face to face safeguarding awareness training from the Community and Education Manager.