

WORKED STONE

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The stone includes six whetstones, one fragmentary, all in mica schist (see CQ p.13); two fragments of Purbeck marble mortars); one large fragment of a lava quernstone and a small fragment from a second (see CQ p. 22); and four pieces of building stone, comprising two roof tile fragments and two larger architectural fragments, an ashlar and a possible door/window jamb fragment. All except one of the mortar fragments (found unstratified) came from medieval contexts (13th to 15th century).

Catalogue of Worked Stone Objects

Whetstones

1. Whetstone (95 x 30 x 10 mm), lenticular section; very worn, broken at one end, wear groove on one face; mica schist.
Object Number 157, context 737, pit fill
2. Whetstone (132 x 25 x 23 mm), irregular shape, sub-circular section; broken at both ends; mica schist.
Object Number 158, context 782, pit fill
3. Large whetstone (200 x 35 x 35 mm), irregular shape with sub-rectangular section; wear groove on one face; mica schist.
Object Number 13, context 2068, pit fill
4. Whetstone (112 x 25 x 10 mm), rectangular section, broken at both ends; wear grooves on two faces; mica schist.
Object Number 41, context 2087, linear fill
5. Whetstone (158 x 30 x 22 mm), rectangular section, broken at one end, worn down both sides; mica schist.
Object Number 26, context 2443, layer
6. Nine fragments from one whetstone (c.250 x 26 x 20 mm), rectangular section; mica schist.
Object Number 49, context 2711, posthole 2712

Quern stones

7. Small fragment of lava quern stone; no original surfaces.
Context 656

8. Fragment of flat lava quern stone (40 mm thick), representing approximately one-fifth of the total circumference; traces of pecking on the upper surface.
Object Number 250, context 4019, pit fill

Mortars

9. Fragment of Purbeck Marble mortar; profile from rim to base, with one rib; finely tooled externally, and smooth inside; medieval.
Object Number 233, unstratified find, trench 3.
10. Two fragments of Purbeck Marble mortar, probably from the same vessel but not joining; rim with one rib. Smooth inside and out; both fragments appear to have been slightly burnt; medieval.
Object Number 156, context 672, pit fill

Gypsum

11. A large fragment of gypsum (673 grammes) was recovered, of unknown function and origin.
Object Number 113, context 959, oven/hearth construction

Architectural Stone

12. Ashlar fragment; one tooled surface; limestone.
Context: layer 2111
13. Architectural fragment (original width/length 170 mm); three tooled surfaces, one with oblique incised lines; semi-circular recess on fourth face (diameter 35 mm); latter face has traces of burning; limestone.
Context: layer 2111