

Appletree Bay, Scilly Isles

Record ID 662

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Amongst shoreline boulders on the south side of the bay.

Deposit location

SV 8922 1342 (centre point)

Deposit description

Seven small peat beds visible as two main fragmentary groups (part of old land surface). Pitted and water-worn, light brown 'peat' beds.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

One group: +1.742 to 2.033 m OD; second group: +1.612 to 3.144 m OD (i.e. just below mean high tide line).

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 303602. NMR number: SV 81 SE 37.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Bathinghouse Porth, Scilly Isles

Record ID 665

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 8938 1359

Deposit description

Small exposure of old land surface (intertidal eroded and pitted 'peat' layer) visible in sand and shingle.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated prehistoric field system and hut circle settlement.

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 303662. NMR number: SV 81 SE 61.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Crab's Ledge, Scilly Isles

Record ID 282

Authors

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V.

Year

1996

Location description

Deposit location

[c. SV 898 138]

Deposit description

Intertidal and buried peats. Not all dated. Three peaty deposits identified - mostly organic mineral intertidal deposits.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

¹⁴C ages available

Yes

Notes

All exposed areas of peat have been truncated by marine erosion. Inner facing shore to 'lagoon' of the Scillies - once a low-lying plain. Also Ratcliffe and Straker (2000).

Subsite details

ID 56

Location

Depth

at approx +1.23 to +1.38 m OD (PRN 7345.1)

Description

2 buried peat layers. Auger, Column VI.

ID 57

Location

Depth

+1.48 to +1.68 m OD (PRN 7345.2 + PRN 7345.3)

Description

2 buried peat layers. Auger, Column VI.

14C details

ID 188

Laboratory code GU-5059

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

+1.30 m OD

Basal 1 cm of exposed peat (PRN 7345.1)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

2180 ± 100 BP

Notes

Intertidal peat.

Laboratory code GU-5057

ID 189

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

+1.03 m OD

Basal 1 cm of exposed peat (PRN 7345.1)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

1980 ± 80 BP

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 190

Laboratory code GU-5056

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Age (uncal)

1880 ± 100 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 191

Laboratory code GU-5058

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

+1.39 m OD

Top 1 cm of exposed peat
(PRN7345.1)

Age (uncal)

1480 ± 80 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 192

Laboratory code GU-5229

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Approx. +1.21 m OD

Top 2 cm of upper peat
(PRN 7345.1)

Age (uncal)

8280 ± 70 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Buried peat layer. Auger, Column VI. Unreliable measurement probably due to contamination by power auger. Also, surface height not measured.

ID 193

Laboratory code GU-5230

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Approx. +1.09 m OD

Basal 2 cm of upper peat
(PRN 7345.1)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

1600 ± 60 BP

Notes

Buried peat layer. Auger, Column VI. Unreliable measurement probably due to contamination by power auger. Also, surface height not measured.

ID 194

Laboratory code GU-5231

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Approx. +0.95 m OD

Top 2 cm of middle peat
(PRN 7345.2)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

1830 ± 90 BP

Notes

Buried peat layer. Auger, Column VI. Unreliable measurement probably due to contamination by power auger. Also, surface height not measured.

ID 195

Laboratory code GU-5232

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Approx. +0.78 m OD

Basal 2 cm of lowest peat
(PRN 7345.3)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

2140 ± 60 BP

Notes

Buried peat layer. Auger, Column VI. Unreliable measurement probably due to contamination by power auger. Also, surface height not measured.

Bibliographic reference

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V. 1996 'The early environment of Scilly: palaeoenvironmental assessment of cliff-face and intertidal deposits, 1989-1993', Cornwall Archaeological Unit, Cornwall County Council, Truro.

Crab's Ledge, Scilly Isles

Record ID 666

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 8972 1377 (centre);
extends from SV 8968 1380 to
SV 8975 1381.

Deposit description

Significant beds of the intertidal old 'peat' land surface. Five separate exposures. Eroded and pitted, light brown 'peat' bed extends along foreshore.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated field system.

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Partly exposed during winter gales. Surveyed by RCHME in March 1997.

Depth of deposit

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 303605. NMR number SV 81 SE 38. The report also mentions the peat deposits reported by Ratcliffe and Straker (1996).

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Crow Point, Scilly Isles

Record ID 672

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 8932 1342

Deposit description

Old land surface revealed in places where sand dunes have shifted.

Deposit stratigraphy

OLS is overlain by sand.

Associated artefacts

Possible association with habitation remains nearby (see Gray, 1972).

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 303547. NMR number: SV 81 SE 16.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Little Porth, Scilly Isles

Record ID 668

Authors

Thomas, C.

Year

1975

Location description

Deposit location

[c. SV 9183 1294]

Deposit description

Old land surface exposed below sand dunes.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Prehistoric hut.

Early work

Sample method

Marine erosion of sand.

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

[See figure 40 for location map]. [Pages 90-92].

Bibliographic reference

Thomas, C. 1975 'Recent fieldwork in the Isles of Scilly', *Cornish Archaeology*, 14, 87-94.

Little Porth, Scilly Isles

Record ID 669

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 9183 1289 (centre)

Deposit description

Shelf of eroded old land surface.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Remains of Bronze Age huts, plough marks and pottery. Dark Age pottery.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Record: 304028. NMR number SV 91 SW 28. One hut [See Record 668, Thomas 1975] is between high water mark and sand dune. Second hut is on cliff top 2 m above beach.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Lizard Point (Tresco), Scilly Isles

Record ID 670

Authors

Tangye, M.

Year

Oct 1977

Location description

Deposit location

Deposit description

Old land surface in the beach at Lizard Point.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Small sherds within the OLS.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

[Not specified which material the sherds comprise]. See Record 671.

Bibliographic reference

Tangye, M. Oct 1977 'Holiday notes from our Carnmarth correspondent', Cornwall Archaeology Society newsletter, 25, 2-3.

Lizard Point (Tresco), Scilly Isles

Record ID 671

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 903 148 (centre)

Deposit description

Old land surface on the beach.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Small fragments of pottery found in the OLS.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 304198. NMR number: SV 91 SW 90. See Record 670.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Old Town Bay, Scilly Isles

Record ID 661

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 9136 1021 (centre point)

Deposit description

Two peat layers observed.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Associated limpet midden (late 19th century from pottery age).

Early work

Sample method

Watching brief undertaken during sea wall repairs.

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Activity Report: 1172371. Interpreted to have been wetland area, covered with sand in late Roman-early Medieval period.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Par Beach, Scilly Isles

Record ID 280

Authors

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V.

Year

1996

Location description

Deposit location

[c. SV 934 153]

Deposit description

Intertidal peats and buried peats - mostly organic mineral intertidal deposits. Some dated.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

Yes

Notes

All exposed areas of peat have been truncated by marine erosion. Inner facing shore to 'lagoon' of the Scillies - once a low-lying plain. Also Ratcliffe and Straker (2000).

Subsite details

ID 51

Location

Depth

-1.3 to -1.5 m OD

Description

Auger, Column I. 3 buried peat layers. Peat (PRN 7661.02).

ID 52

Location

Depth

-2.25 to -2.35 m OD

Description

Auger, Column I. 3 buried peat layers. Peat (PRN 7661.04).

ID 53

Location

Depth

-3.25 to -3.30 m OD

Description

Auger, Column I. 3 buried peat layers. Peat (PRN 7661.05).

ID 54

Location

Depth

Peat exposure 1/2 way along Par Beach
[c. SV 934 153]

Description

1st recorded exposure 1989.

ID 55

Location

Depth

Peat exposure further along Par Beach.

Description

Informed by local fisherman, Keith Low.

14C details

ID 173

Laboratory code GU-5062

Sample location

Depth of sample

+1.25 m OD

Dated sample description

Top 1 cm of peat (PRN 7661.03) in peat next to possible stone row.

Age (uncal)

1570 ± 50 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 174

Laboratory code GU-5060

Sample location

Depth of sample

-0.21 m OD

Dated sample description

Basal 5cm of exposed peat (PRN 7661.01)

Age (uncal)

4510 ± 60 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 175

Laboratory code GU-5061

Sample location

Depth of sample

-2.02 m OD

Dated sample description

Basal 1 cm of exposed peat (PRN 7661.02)

Age (uncal)

5210 ± 50 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 176

Laboratory code GU-5222

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Wood in surface of peat
(PRN 7661.02)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

5410 ± 70 BP

Notes

Intertidal peat.

ID 177

Laboratory code GU-5223

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

-1.32 m OD

Top 2 cm of upper peat
(PRN 7661.02)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

4040 ± 60 BP

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

ID 178

Laboratory code GU-5224

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

-1.42 m OD

Middle 2 cm of upper peat
(PRN 7661.02)

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

4190 ± 50 BP

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

ID 179 **Laboratory code** GU-5225

Sample location	Depth of sample	Dated sample description
	-1.48 m OD	Basal 2 cm of upper peat (PRN 7661.02)

Age (uncal)	Age (cal)	Delta 13C
4770 ± 50 BP		

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

ID 180 **Laboratory code** GU-5226

Sample location	Depth of sample	Dated sample description
	-2.32 m OD	Top 2 cm of middle peat (PRN 7661.04)

Age (uncal)	Age (cal)	Delta 13C
3880 ± 50 BP		

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

ID 181 **Laboratory code** GU-5227

Sample location	Depth of sample	Dated sample description
	-2.34 m OD	Middle 2 cm of middle peat (PRN 7661.04)

Age (uncal)	Age (cal)	Delta 13C
4110 ± 50 BP		

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

ID 182

Laboratory code GU-5228

Sample location	Depth of sample	Dated sample description
	-3.30 m OD	All of lowest peat (PRN 7661.05)
Age (uncal)	Age (cal)	Delta 13C
4030 ± 60 BP		

Notes

Auger, Column I. Four buried peat layers. Unreliable measurements probably due to contamination by power auger.

Bibliographic reference

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V. 1996 'The early environment of Scilly: palaeoenvironmental assessment of cliff-face and intertidal deposits, 1989-1993', Cornwall Archaeological Unit, Cornwall County Council, Truro.

Par Beach, Scilly Isles

Record ID 667

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

Deposit location

SV 9329 1542 (centre)

Deposit description

Two 'peat' exposures (old land surface)

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

A granite post-holed stone and two boulder walls.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

Below Mean High Water.

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 1180062. NMR number SV 91 NW 120.

Subsite details

ID 270

Location

SV 93200 15269 (centre)

Depth

Surface lies between -1.479 to -1.904 m OD.

Description

Exposure 1: heavily eroded and pitted, light brown 'peat' bed. Extends 20 m along foreshore; max. 7 m wide.

ID 271

Location

SV 93323 15320 (centre)

Depth

Surface lies between -0.875 to -0.681 m OD.

Description

Exposure 2: similar in appearance to exposure 1. Extends 20 m (north-south) by 14 m.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Porth Mellon, Scilly Isles

Record ID 281

Authors

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V.

Year

1996

Location description

Deposit location

Deposit description

Peaty deposits identified - mostly organic mineral intertidal deposits.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

Yes

Notes

All exposed areas of peat have been truncated by marine erosion. Inner facing shore to 'lagoon' of the Scillies - once a low-lying plain. Also Ratcliffe and Straker (2000).

14C details

ID 183

Laboratory code GU-5395

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

2-4 cm towards top of peat

Age (uncal)

3900 ± 70 BP

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

Notes

(PRN 7717.01)

ID 184

Laboratory code GU-5396

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Basal 2 cm of exposed peat

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

3980 ± 100 BP

Notes

(PRN 7717.01)

ID 185

Laboratory code GU-5392

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Wood from base of peat

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

3810 ± 80 BP

Notes

(PRN 7717.01)

ID 186

Laboratory code GU-5393

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Top 4 cm exposed peat

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

4280 ± 50 BP

Notes

(PRN 7717.02)

ID 187

Laboratory code GU-5394

Sample location

Depth of sample

Dated sample description

Basal 2 cm of exposed peat

Age (uncal)

Age (cal)

Delta 13C

4310 ± 60 BP

Notes

(PRN 7717.02)

Bibliographic reference

Ratcliffe, J. and Straker, V. 1996 'The early environment of Scilly: palaeoenvironmental assessment of cliff-face and intertidal deposits, 1989-1993', Cornwall Archaeological Unit, Cornwall County Council, Truro.

Scilly Isles, Scilly Isles

Record ID 418

Authors

Borlase, W.

Year

1753

Location description

Deposit location

Deposit description

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Mentions locals walking between islands at spring tides, finding walls and ruins.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

14C ages available

No

Notes

Early mention of only 10 islands (Isles Cassiterides) (Strabo) now 140. Links sea level/land submergence to the situation of the Scilly Isles. [Pg 67-69 (ref 1753b) another letter by Borlase, relating to Mount's Bay, Scillies etc).

Bibliographic reference

Borlase, W. 1753 'An account of the great alterations which the islands of Scilly have undergone since the time of the ancients, who mention them, as to their number, extent and position', Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, 48, 55-67.

Tean, Scilly Isles

Record ID 475

Authors

Fowler, P. and Thomas, C.

Year

1979

Location description

St Helen's Porth (bay)

Deposit location

Deposit description

Peat deposit below wall.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

Intertidal zone c. +0.5 m OD.

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

Estimated age 100 AD.

Bibliographic reference

Fowler, P. and Thomas, C. 1979 'Lyonesse revisited: the early walls of Scilly', *Antiquity*, LIII, 175-189.

The Brow, Scilly Isles

Record ID 663

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

On the sand and shingle beach.

Deposit location

SV 8807 1442 (centre point)

Deposit description

Extensive exposure of old land surface in intertidal zone - visible as fragmentary eroded, light brown 'peat' beds.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated artefacts

Associated remains of submerged prehistoric field system.

Early work

Sample method

Depth of deposit

-0.134 to 1.674 m OD.

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 1182056. NMR number: SV 81 SE 381.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

Tresco Flats (Bryher), Scilly Isles

Record ID 664

Authors

NMR

Year

NONE

Location description

On seaward side of boulder/stone alignment.

Deposit location

SV 88158 15108 (centred)

Deposit description

Old land surface visible protruding through shingle. Eroded and pitted, light brown 'peat' bed; 20 x 8 m.

Deposit stratigraphy

Associated prehistoric boundary wall, carins and hut circles.

Associated artefacts

Early work

Sample method

Recorded during RCHME field investigation by M Fletcher.

Depth of deposit

+0.376 to +1.088 m OD

¹⁴C ages available

No

Notes

NMR Monument Report: 303439. NMR number SV 81 NE 43.

Bibliographic reference

NMR NONE 'National Monuments Record'.

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