

Table 1. Plant remains recovered from the excavations of the Middlewich LH1 Community Dig, Middlewich, Cheshire, by trench (with notes on other components). Key: w = waterlogged, c = carbonised, x – present.

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Crops												
Grains												
<i>Hordeum distichon</i> L./ <i>H. vulgare</i> L.	hulled barley	caryopsis		c			c				c	
Cerealia indeterminate	cereal	pericarp						w				
Chaff												
<i>Triticum spelta</i> L.	spelt wheat	glume base								w		
Crop weeds												
<i>Agrostemma githago</i> L.	corncockle	seed		w							w	
<i>Bromus</i>	brome	caryopsis			c	c	c			w	c	
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i> L.	cornflower	achene						w		w		
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> L.	wild radish	mericarp		w								
Wetlands (e.g. bog, ditch, fen, heath, marsh, moorland, pond)												
<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth	silver birch	nut	w	w			w					w
<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth	silver birch	catkin-scales	w	w			w		w			
<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth/ <i>B. pubescens</i>	silver/downy birch	nut		w	w				w			

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<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> (L.) Hull	heather	twig with leaves						w		w		
<i>Carex</i>	sedge	caryopsis		w				w		w		
<i>Carex</i>	sedge	utriculus						w			c	
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<i>Eleocharis</i>	spike-rush	nut		w								
<i>Hydrocotyle vulgaris</i> L.	marsh pennywort	mericarp		w								
<i>Juncus</i>	rush	seed								w		
<i>Juncus</i>	rush	perianth									c	
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i> L.	gypsywort	nutlet		w		w					w	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	ribwort plantain	seed								w		
<i>Potentilla erecta</i> (L.) Raeusch.	tormentil	achene		w						w		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> (L.) Kuhn	bracken	leaf								w		
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i> L.	lesser spearwort	achene		w								
<i>Sphagnum imbricatum</i> Hornsch. ex Russ.	bogmoss	leaf		w								
<i>Stellaria graminea</i> L./ <i>S. palustris</i> Retz	lesser/marsh stitchwort	seed		w								
Grassland (meadow and pasture habitats)												
<i>Agrostis</i>	bent	caryopsis						w				

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Woodland (scrub and hedgerow)												
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i> L.	wild basil	nutlet						w				
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	hazel	nut shell		w								
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> L. agg./ <i>R. idaeus</i> L.	blackberry/raspberry	fruit stone		w	w							
<i>Rubus idaeus</i> L.	raspberry	fruit stone		w								
<i>Rubus</i>	bramble	spine		w								
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> L.	elder	seed		w	w	w						
Other wild plant taxa												
Apiaceae	carrot family	mericarp		w								
Asteraceae	daisy family	achene						w				
<i>Cerastium</i>	mouse-ear	seed								w		
<i>Galium</i>	bedstraw	nutlet									w	
Poaceae	grass family	culm fragment								w		
Poaceae	grass family	floret		w		w						
<i>Poa (non annua)</i>	meadow-grass	caryopsis								w	w	
<i>Rumex</i>	dock	achene				w		w			c	
<i>Trifolium</i>	clover	calyx and pod						w			w	
Other botanical remains												

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bark				x							x	
bud scales								x			x	
charcoal			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
culm fragments					x							
leaf fragments			x			x						x
modern rootlets			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
mosses (Bryophyta)				x				x		x	x	
'straw-like' material								x		x	x	
unidentifiable plant fibres			x	x	x			x		x		
twig fragments				x				x			x	
wood fragments			x	x				x		x	x	
Invertebrates												
ants										x	x	
beetle sclerites				x				x		x	x	
centipede (probably modern)						x	x					
earthworm egg capsules (probably modern)					x	x			x			
fly puparia								x		x	x	
mites								x		x	x	
Inorganic												
cinder/slag					x	x						

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sand			x		x	x	x		x			x