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Identifications of mosses and some other remains associated with the Bronze Age timber circle at Holme-next-the-Sea, Norfolk (site code 33771 HNS)

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Summary

Identifications of a few small fragments of moss and other biological material are presented.

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Some macrofossil plant and other biological remains from deposits associated with the timber monument at Holme-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, were submitted by Valerie Fryer on behalf of Peter Murphy, CEAS, for identification. In all cases, there were only one or two fragments and the mosses generally retained silt amongst the leaves and in some cases gave evidence of iron sulphide deposition. The results are listed in the table below. Where they are identifiable, the mosses are typical of woodland habitats, especially tree boles, and seem likely to have arrived at the site attached to bark

Context	Sample	Results
88	220	two moss shoots which may be <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> Hedw.; a single indet. plant structure
90	181	1 fragment of ?colonial hydroid, 1 moss shoot (too immature and sulphide-impregnated to identify, but probably a hypnoid sp. in area of <i>Hypnum</i>
	229	one tiny scrap of moss, <i>Homalothecium</i> sp.
107	199	one fragment of moss (<i>Isothecium myosuroides</i> Brid.) and colonial hydroid fragments
	208	two fragments of ?colonial hydroid; 1 indet. plant structure, which might be grass caryopsis or an anther