Notes on the vertebrate remains from 4 Nunnery Lane, York (Sitecode 1999.34)

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Methods

Where possible fragments were identified to species or species group, using the reference collection at the Environmental Archaeology Unit, University of York. Fragments for which identification to this level was not possible, were grouped into categories: large mammal (assumed to be cattle, horse or large cervid) and medium-sized mammal (assumed to be caprovid, pig or small cervid). The total weight of bone was recorded for each context.

Results

Overall preservation was fair, with colour described as 'fawn'. Angularity (appearance of broken surfaces) was variable, with some fragments describes as 'spiky' and some as slightly 'battered'.

A total of 15 fragments (weighing 103.1 g) were recovered of which 7 were identified to species.

Context 2001 Borehole 1 (0-2.5 m)

1 unidentified large mammal mandible frag Weight = 24.4 g

Context P38

1 goose carpometacarpus (greylag-sized individual)
1 pig femur (juvenile)
Weight = 6.9 g

Context P40

1 unidentified large mammal vertebra frag 1 unidentified medium-sized mammal frag Weight = 17.6 g

Context P48

chicken coracoid
 gadid (?cod) vertebra (very large)
 medium-sized mammal vertebra
 large mammal rib frag
 Weight = 13.5 g

Context P49

1 sheep humerus (measurable) 1 large mammal premaxilla fragment Weight = 33.1 g

Context P57

?woodcock (cf. *Scolopax rusticola* L.)
 humerus
 chicken radius
 medium-sized mammal rib
 unidentified large mammal shaft fragment
 Weight = 7.6 g