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Summer Research at Liverpool Hope University





Location	Method Used
Stanley Park	Magnetic Susceptibility
Lunt Meadows	X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis (XRF) and Water Testing
Woolton Road	X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis (XRF) and Magnetic Susceptibility

Stanley Park

- 2 Transect taken across Stanley Park
- Divided Transect into Clusters A-J
- Sub Clusters a-j



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Stanley Park Results (Magnetic Susceptibility)

 Suggestion of diamagnetic and paramagnetic materials

 High variability among data



Xfd% by Sample Reference (Name)

Stanley Park Results contd.

- Subclusters 2Ha, 2Ia, and 2Ja
- Heated them
- Ran through Magnetic Susceptibility instrument

Stanley Park Transect low frequency (If) and high frequency (hf) Magnetic Susceptibility values 0.0009 . 0.0008 • XLf 10-8m3kg-1 • XHf 10-8m3 kg-1 0.0007 ت 30000 ع 9000'0 ع • 0.0002 . 0.0001 0.0000 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 Distance from road (meters)

XLf and XHf by Distance from Road (graph made by Dr. Halsall)

Lunt Meadows

- Old Landfill Site
- Possible Mesolithic Site
- Interest of preservation and funding from city
- Problem: Runoff affecting Mesolithic Site and Reed Beds

[3] Greaney, Martin. "Lunt Meadows - Update on the Mesolithic Site • Historic Liverpool." (# 10 2022, historic liverpool.co.uk/lunt-meadows-update-mesolithic-site/. Accessed 19 Apr. 2024.

Lunt Meadows Methodology

- Core and Water Sample 1 taken near landfill site
- Labeling
- Drying
- XRF
- Water Sample 2 taken near Reed Bed.



Lunt Meadows Significant Results (XRF)



P-value: 0.997

Lunt Meadows Significant Results (XRF)



Lunt Meadows Water Testing

Water Quality data at Lunt Meadows			
Sample Name	Phosphate	Nitrate	
Lunt Sample 1	10 mg/L	75 mg/L	
Lunt Sample 2	10 mg/L	75 mg/L	

Comparative Testing for phosphate and nitrate



Woolton Road

- 3 Transect taken across Woolton Road
- 2 perpendicular to road
- 1 parallel to road
- Sample's 2 centimeters deep taken every 2 meters



Woolton Road Magnetic Susceptibility Results Transect 1

Transect 1

- Mowed area of grass
- Data between 1.50 2.00 %



Woolton Road Magnetic Susceptibility Results Transect 2 and 3

Transect 2

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- Mowed Area of grass
- Most data between 2.00 2.50%

Transect 3

- Unmowed area of grass
- Most data between 2.50– 3.00%
- Further Tested using XRF with no significant results found



Conclusions

Stanley Park

- Transect 2 analyzed
- Suggestion of diamagnetic and paramagnetic materials
- Highly variable data

Lunt Meadows

- 1 Core and 2 Water Samples
- Possible Leaching of iron and lead
- High amounts of nitrate found in the water

Woolton Road

- Analyzed 3 transects.
- No strong evidence for pollution in soil
- No strong correlations found from XRF



Cultural Experience





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