

Conservation of piles from Alvastra

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Condition of objects: Wet with clean surface. All except pile with find number 78 (Fid 1322431) were severely degraded.

In July 2011 the objects were briefly rinsed in a bath of water.

From the end of July 2011 to the end of May 2012 the objects were impregnated in polyethylene glycol (PEG) 200 in two different stages (10 and 15%).

From the end of May 2012 to the beginning of October 2013 impregnated in PEG 4000 from 20% to 40%, increases being made in 5% intervals.

From the beginning of October 2013 to the end of November 2013 vacuum freeze-drying.

Surface finishing of the objects: brushed with a fine brush, patted with a damp sponge, blown with a hot-air drier.