

## Finds Washing

### Health and Safety:

- Be aware of trip and slip hazards: remember were using lots of water
- Objects may be sharp: use gloves and be careful when handling objects: particularly glass and flint. If you do get any cuts or scrapes: do let a member of the team know and we can provide you with plasters.
- Don't have your water too hot or too cold
- Please don't eat or drink whilst finds washing and wash your hands before you do eat/drink

### Cleaning finds:

- **A context label must be kept with finds at every stage in cleaning a drying. Write the information on the newspaper too.**
- Wash one item at a time and change your water frequently
- Use lukewarm water without any detergents
- Use toothbrushes and wooden implements only- never metal
- Clean gently, if something begins to break up stop cleaning and leave to dry

Material	Treatment
Animal bone	Wash
Human bone	Check before washing
Copper	Do not clean
Ceramic	Wash
Flint	Wash with fingers/sponge
Burnt Flint	If stable wash, if not dry brush
Glass	If stable wash, if not dry brush
Medieval or Glazed Glass	Do not clean
Iron	Do not clean
Iron Slag	Wash
Lead	Do not wash
Shell	Wash gently with fingers



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