

The Warblington Cist – the stone box

The stone box was made from Bembridge limestone identified by the characteristic fossils.....



Photo: David Bone, December 2015

Details of broken corner showing fossil gastropod *Galba longiscata* (circled).



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Details of broken edge showing fossil *Chara* with typical spiral structure (circled).

The cist was roughly finished with a 40mm chisel

The cist is a unique find from Roman Britain and is thought to have been:

- made in the estate workshops
- buried in memory of a young or stillborn child