

ASPREYS, OLNEY (Buckinghamshire)

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Aspreys, Olney lies near Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire on a gentle slope over limestone and boulder clay (Webley 2007a, 63). Excavations by Oxford Archaeology began in 2005 and lasted until 2006 in advance of residential development (Webley 2007a, 63). Investigations totalled 0.87 ha and revealed an Early Iron Age pit alignment (Webley 2007a, 65). The pit alignment runs northwest to southeast and extends beyond the 115 metres investigated (includes the excavated area and watching brief) (Webley 2007a, 65). The excavations revealed 15 pits that had not been recut after their construction and were allowed to naturally refill (Webley 2007a, 67). The only modification to the pit alignment was a Middle Iron Age inhumation inserted into the top fill of one of the pits (Webley 2007a, 67). The pit containing the inhumation had silted up but was still visible at the time of the burial (Webley 2007a, 68). The Middle Iron Age inhumation was an adolescent (just past 12 years of age) and had limestone slabs placed over the burial (Webley 2007a, 68). This inhumation was the only human remains uncovered from the site and Sharon Clough (2007) conducted the osteological analysis.