

BLUNTISHAM (6 RECTORY ROAD) (Cambridgeshire)

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Northamptonshire Archaeology carried out excavations at Bluntisham (investigating 0.25ha) at the end of 2005 in advance of housing development in the area (Burrow and Mudd 2008, 1). Bluntisham (Cambridgeshire) lies within the Great Ouse Valley and overlays river terrace gravels (Burrow and Mudd 2008, 1). Human activity at the sites spans from the Bronze Age into the early Roman period (Burrow and Mudd 2008). Domestic occupation began around the Middle Iron Age and this is evident by the presence of a large curvilinear ditch with settlement evidence within it (Burrow and Mudd 2008, 11). Excavations uncovered an inhumation pit burial from Bluntisham and the skeleton's legs are tightly contracted which may suggest the individual was bound prior to deposition (Burrow and Mudd 2008, 9). The skeleton's date (200-110 cal BC) indicates its deposition was during the earliest part or just before the occupation at the site began (Burrow and Mudd 2008, 9), possibly suggesting it may be a foundation burial. Jonny Geber conducted the osteological analysis (2008).