

## **WAKERLEY (Northamptonshire)**

### **SP 941 983**

The Iron Age and Roman site at Wakerley lies in Northamptonshire overlooking the River Wells Valley and overlies the Lower Lincolnshire Limestone (Jackson and Ambrose 1978, 115). Wakerley is an enclosed site with the height of its occupation occurring in the Late Iron Age (Jackson and Ambrose 1978, 171). The settlement consists of two large conjoining enclosures and one of the enclosures (Enclosure B) possibly functioned as a stock enclosure (Jackson and Ambrose 1978, 122). Excavations uncovered 14 infant burials of which ten date to the Late Iron Age (Bayley 1978, 234). Nine of the infants were recovered from the enclosing ditch of Enclosure B after it went out of use and after Enclosure A had been constructed (Gwilt 1997, 157, 160; Jackson and Ambrose 1978, 121-122). Additionally, the tenth, Late Iron Age infant burial was set within a pit inside the former Enclosure B (Bayley 1978). The ten infant burials were the only Iron Age human remains from the Wakerley excavation and Justine Bayley conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal material (1978).