

## **BICESTER FIELDS FARM (Oxfordshire)**

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Excavations by Oxford Archaeological Unit in 1998 uncovered an Iron Age enclosed settlement at Bicester Fields Farm (Cromarty *et al.* 1999). The site sits near Bicester in Oxfordshire on the Langford Brook floodplain that overlies the Oxford Clay (Cromarty *et al.* 1999, 153). The settlement began in the Middle/Late Iron Age, which is evident by the construction of a small rectangular enclosure that expanded later in the Late Iron Age/Roman period (Cromarty *et al.* 1999, 159). The archaeological evidence indicates the inhabitants at Bicester Fields Farm engaged in pastoral practices, with an emphasis on cattle, as well as trade (Cromarty *et al.* 1999, 225; Charles 1999, 221). Moreover, one of the pits revealed during the excavations yielded an inhumation burial of an adult female (Boyle 1999; Cromarty *et al.* 1999, 176-177). The inhumation is the only human remains recovered from the excavations at Bicester Fields Farm and Angela Boyle (1999) conducted the osteological analysis.