

BURY HILL (Hampshire)

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Bury Hill is a multivallate hillfort lying in an ideal location between the rivers Anna and Anton in Andover (Hampshire). It was a short-lived occupation site with the occupation lasting from the Early Iron Age to the late Middle Iron Age. The inner rampart of the hillfort encloses 4.7 ha and has one entrance opening to the east and another possible entrance to the northwest (Cunliffe and Poole 2000a, 11). Christopher Hawkes first excavated the site in 1939 and investigation recommenced in 1990 as part of the Danebury Environs Programme (Cunliffe and Poole 2000a, 12). The location of the hillfort and its environment has been interpreted as being suitable for practising ‘...a well-balanced mixed farming regime’ (Cunliffe and Poole 2000a, 67). The 1990 excavations at Bury Hill yielded four disarticulated bone deposits and Bari Hooper (2000a) conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal assemblage. The soil at the hillfort is an acidic clay soil that is not ideal for preservation; however, many animal remains were uncovered (MNI 129) with a particular high representation of horse bones (48.2% of the identified animal remains) (Hamilton 2000a, 68).