

BROMFIELD GRAVEL QUARRY (Shropshire)

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The site Bromfield Gravel Quarry lies near Bromfield, Shropshire near the Rivers Onny, Teme and Corve on the gravel terrace (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 29). There have been numerous excavations at this site in the 1830s, 1970s and 1980s (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 31). In 1991, excavations began again by the Birmingham University Field Archaeological Unit in advance of gravel extraction (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 29). Excavations revealed activity at Bromfield during the Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon periods (Hughes *et al.* 1995). In particular, excavations investigated a Bronze Age cremation cemetery and barrows (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 31). Within one of the Bronze Age ring ditches (B10) is a Late Iron Age inhumation burial (Hughes 1995, 64-69). None of the skeleton survived due to the soil conditions apart from an unusual stain which chemical analysis indicated was the former presence of a body (Hughes 1995, 68). An iron brooch, bracelet and bronze object was associated with the burial and the materials date this layer to the Late Iron Age (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 68). The contextual evidence suggests that the burial was set into the pre-existing Bronze Age barrow mound (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 92). Additionally, near the Bronze feature, to the northwest, is an Iron Age enclosure that possibly may link with the burial (Hughes *et al.* 1995, 401).