

SLONK HILL (Sussex)

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Slonk Hill lies near Shoreham in Sussex on the coastal plain that overlooks the River Adur and overlies the upper chalk (Hartridge 1978, 69). Excavations at the site ran from 1968 to 1971 and again in 1972 to 1974 by the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society in advance of construction on a bridge (Hartridge 1978, 71). The archaeological evidence from Slonk Hill suggests human activity in the area from the Bronze Age and into the Roman period (Hartridge 1978). Moreover, excavations revealed a series of pits, gullies, linear features and evidence of metalworking all of which date to the Iron Age (Hartridge 1978, 79, 91). All the preceding evidence suggests an occupation site but the location of domestic structures was not present in the record (Hartridge 1978, 91). In addition, excavations recovered two inhumations that date to the late Middle Iron Age and one of the individuals, an adult female, may have been bound (Hartridge 1978, 80, 92). The two inhumations are the only Iron Age human remains recovered from this archaeological investigation and Pauline Sheppard (1978b) conducted the osteological analysis of the bones.