

Billingsborough (TF 127 332) (Lincolnshire)

Billingsborough is a single enclosed settlement site situated on the fen margin in Lincolnshire (Chowne *et al.* 2001, 1). The site was excavated between 1975 and 1978 in advance of drainage works (Chowne *et al.* 2001, 1). There is limited activity at Billingsborough during the Late Neolithic, but activity at this site increase in the Middle Bronze Age and continues to the first century AD (Chowne *et al.* 2001, 1). During the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Billingsborough was a salt-making site and occupation intensified into the Middle and Late Iron Age (Chowne *et al.* 2001, 1, 14-16, 16-20). Additionally, Billingsborough is one of the oldest salt-working sites (Chowne *et al.* 2001, 92). Furthermore, there were six disarticulated bones that securely date to the Iron Age uncovered from Billingsborough all of which are skull fragments. Some of the skull fragments show clear evidence of post-mortem handling and modification (Bayley 2001). Three of the cranial fragments appear to have been fashioned into bowls and another has signs of defleshing (Bayley 2001, 73-74). Justin Bayley (2001) conducted the osteological analysis.

- *A total of 23 bone fragments came from Billingsborough, but only six securely date to the Iron Age (Bayley 2001, 78).*