

COXWELL ROAD (Oxfordshire)

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Coxwell Road is an Iron Age settlement site with associated pit groups that sits near Faringdon in Oxfordshire (Cook *et al.* 2004; Weaver and Ford 2004). The site lies close to the Thames Valley on the Corallian Ridge that overlies the Lower Greensand and Corallian Beds (Cook *et al.* 2004, 181; Weaver and Ford 2004, 119). Both Oxford Archaeological Unit (in 1999) and Thames Valley Archaeological Services (in 1998) carried out excavations at Coxwell Road in advance of a housing development (Cook *et al.* 2004, 186; Weaver and Ford 2004, 119). The excavations recovered an Early/Middle Iron Age settlement with associated roundhouses, ditches, and a high density of pits (Cook *et al.* 2004, 189, 274; Weaver and Ford 2004, 177, 179). Moreover, the archaeological evidence suggests the inhabitants practiced a mixed arable and pastoral economy with some form of centralised storage production based on the high numbers of pits (Cook *et al.* 2004, 274; Weaver and Ford 2004, 179). In addition, the archaeological investigations recovered 12 human remains occurrences consisting of one inhumation and 11 disarticulated bones. Annsophie Witkin (2004b) conducted the osteological analysis for the skeletal remains from the Oxford Archaeological Unit's excavations and Andy Smith (2004) for the Thames Valley Archaeological Services.