

## **ASHVILLE (Oxfordshire)**

### **SU 483 973**

The site of Ashville sits close to Abingdon in Oxfordshire and lies on the Summertown/Radley terrace of the River Thames near the River Ock (Parrington 1978, 6). Oxford Archaeological Unit investigated close to 5100 metre<sup>2</sup> of the site between 1974 and 1976 in advance of redevelopment to the area (Parrington 1978, 1, 6). Excavations uncovered remains of human activity occurring at Ashville that dates to the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman periods (Parrington 1978). During the Iron Age, Ashville was an occupation site that is evident by pits, post structures and linear ditch systems (Parrington 1978, 31-37). The evidence suggests that the inhabitants at Ashville engaged in farming, animal husbandry and various craft activities (Parrington 1978, 37). In addition, the archaeological investigations uncovered seven human remains occurrences that consist of six disarticulated bones and one inhumation (Edwards 1978). Eric Edwards (1978) conducted the osteological analysis for the skeletal material recovered from Ashville.