

LATTON LANDS (Wiltshire)

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The site Latton Lands lies near Latton in Wiltshire just east of the River Churn and overlies the first gravel terrace of the River Thames and Jurassic Kellaways Clays (Powel *et al.* 2008). Excavations at the site ran from 2001 to 2004 by Oxford Archaeological Unit in advance of gravel extraction to the area (Powell *et al.* 2008, 3). The archaeological investigations revealed human activity at Latton Lands occurring in the late Neolithic and lasting into the Roman period (Powell *et al.* 2008). Occupation in the area during the Early Iron Age is evident by the remains of a dozen roundhouses, pit and some four-post structures (Powell *et al.* 2008, 10). During the Middle Iron Age, the inhabitants abandoned the Early Iron Age roundhouses and constructed a series of ditched enclosures (Powell *et al.* 2008, 21-35). These enclosures largely continued into the Late Iron Age with modifications to some of the Middle Iron Age boundary ditches as well as the inclusion of several burials (Powell *et al.* 2008, 41). Excavations uncovered five occurrences of human remains, which include three inhumations and two cremations dating to the Middle/Late Iron Age and Late Iron Age. One of the inhumations that dates to the Middle/Late Iron Age was a partially cremated individual, which may be the remains of a failed *in situ* burning (Gerber and Loe 2008, 121-125). Jonny Gerber and Louis Loe (2008) conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal assemblage from Latton Lands.