

## **RUSHEY MEAD (Leicestershire)**

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The site Rushey Mead is in northern Leicestershire between Belgrave and Thurmaston on a floodplain near the River Soar (Pollard 2001, 20). Excavations by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services began in 1995 in advance of construction on a housing estate (Pollard 2001, 20). During construction on the housing estate, builders uncovered a Middle/Late Iron Age inhumation (date based on associated material with the burial) (Pollard 2001, 20-21). There were limited features associated with the inhumation such as a few postholes, a possible ditch and a pit (Pollard 2001, 26). Thus, the site type and immediate contextual setting is unknown. However, there is a Bronze Age barrow 100 metres to the east and the surrounding area has evidence of Bronze Age, iron Age and Anglo-Saxon burials , so the inhumation may be part of a wider ritual landscape (Pollard 2001, 20). Simon Champion conducted the osteological report (2001).