

BREWER'S HALL FARM NORTH (SITE 6) (Bedfordshire)

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Between 2004 and 2005, Oxford Archaeology carried out excavations at nine sites in Bedfordshire in advance of construction of the Great Barford Bypass (Timby 2007, 1). The areas investigated lie along the slopes of the left bank of the River Great Ouse that are on the Oxford Clay formation and overlies glacially derived drift geology (Timby 2007, 1). One of the sites in this investigation, Brewer's Hall Farm North (Site 6), revealed evidence of sporadic prehistoric activity beginning in the early Bronze Age as well as in the Middle and Late Iron Age. There was intense domestic occupation in the Middle Iron Age but, by the Late Iron Age, there was a significant decrease in activity at the site (Webley 2007b, 47). The area around the site shows signs of prehistoric pastoral communities occupying the area practising a limited amount of agriculture (Webley 2007b, 41). Furthermore, a single cremation burial was uncovered the site and Jonny Geber conducted the osteological analysis (2007).

- *In 2001-2004, Northamptonshire Archaeology carried out evaluations nearby and uncovered a single inhumation burial of an unknown date (about 45 metres away from Brewer's Hall Farm North) but may be Late Iron Age (Timby 2007, 5). This inhumation is not included since the burial does not date securely to the Late Iron Age.*