

BROOM (AREA E) (Warwickshire)

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Broom (area E) lies near Arrow Valley, Warwickshire close to the River Arrow on a floodplain and overlies Mercia Mudstone and Lower Lias Clays (Palmer 1999, 6). Warwickshire Museum carried out rescue excavations at the site in 1993 in advance of road construction (Palmer 1999, 6). The investigations at the site uncovered evidence of human activity spanning from the late Neolithic to the Anglo-Saxon period (Palmer 1999, 6). Interestingly, the excavations uncovered a Late Bronze Age funeral pyre with two bone scatters of cremated human bone (Palmer 1999, 36-38). The contextual evidence of the pyre suggests a ring ditch encircled the pyre and, later, the pyre collapsed scattering burnt remains within and around the ditch (Palmer 1999, 36). Additionally, there is little evidence of a Late Bronze Age settlement within the surrounding area of Broom (Palmer 1999, 217). The two cremation scatters are the only human remain occurrences from this site and Jacqueline McKinley (1999) conducted the osteological analysis of the human remains.