

HOME FARM (Bedfordshire)

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Home Farm lies near Cranfield, Bedfordshire on chalk boulder clay in a damp and moist environment (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 80). Albion Archaeology carried out excavations at the site between April and June 2005 in advance of residential development (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 7). The archaeological investigation covered 16.56 ha and revealed evidence of human activity during the Late Bronze Age to the medieval period (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 7). During the Iron Age, there was extensive settlement and agricultural activity at Home Farm (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 25). Furthermore, the investigations unearthed two-unurned cremations near the remains of an Iron Age enclosure ditch (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 24-25). Excavations also uncovered two inhumations of an unknown date but assumed to be prehistoric (Abrams and Gregson 2005, 21-22; did not include these inhumations in the study since they do not securely date to the Iron Age). Chris Malloes and Alison Bell prepared the osteological analysis.