

MINGIES DITCH (Oxfordshire)

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Excavations by Oxford Archaeological Unit between 1977 and 1978 uncovered a Middle Iron Age double enclosed domestic site at Mingies Ditch (Allen and Robinson 1993). The site lies close to Hardwick-with-Yelford in Oxfordshire on the River Windrush floodplain that overlies the Oxford Clay Vale (Allen and Robinson 1993, 2). The archaeological evidence indicates the main period of occupation at Mingies Ditch was during the Middle Iron Age and the inhabitants practiced both an agricultural and pastoral economy as well as participating in long distance trade (Allen and Robinson 1993, 142-143, 147). Moreover, the evidence suggests the site may have been only seasonally occupied (Allen and Robinson 1993, 148). Three disarticulated bones were recovered from Mingies Ditch and are the only human remains found by the Oxford Archaeological Unit's excavations (Allen and Robinson 1993, 141). The contextual evidence of the disarticulated bones indicates that these remains are post-abandonment deposits (Allen and Robinson 1993). Bob Wilson (1993) compiled the report on the human bones.