

HATFORD QUARRY (Oxfordshire)

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The site of Hatford Quarry sits near Hatford in Oxfordshire on a slope of the Frogmore Brook that overlies the corallian beds and limestone (Booth and Simmonds 2004, 319). Excavations began at the site in 2003 by Oxford Archaeology in advance of mineral extraction to the area (Booth and Simmonds 2004, 319). The archaeological investigation uncovered a Late Iron Age field system with an associated trapezoidal enclosure (Booth and Simmonds 2004, 352). The excavators reason the enclosure to be a probable stock enclosure, which implies, in conjunction with the field system, the Iron Age inhabitants practiced a mixed pastoral and agricultural economy (Booth and Simmonds 2004, 352). Moreover, the excavations recovered a Middle/Late Iron Age infant burial associated with the field system (Booth and Simmonds 2004, 329). The infant burial is the only human remains recovered from this excavation and Annsophie Witkin (2004a) conducted the osteological analysis.