

HIGHFIELDS FARM (Cambridgeshire)

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Highfields Farm lies near Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire close to the Rive Nene and overlays Oxford Clay and is above the peat fen (Rothwell and Turner 2005, 2). Heritage Network excavated the site between April and May 2005 in advance of an agricultural irrigation reservoir (Rothwell and Turner 2005, 1). The archaeological evidence revealed human activity at the site from the Bronze Age into the early Roman period (Rothwell and Turner 2005). The Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age showed much human activity at Highfields Farm indicated by a settlement area and a, presumably, separate burial area (Rothwell and Turner 2005, 3-4). Excavations uncovered four cremation deposits dating to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age from Highfields Farm. The cremation deposits were small deposits (low weight) suggesting either there is poor preservation at the site or the community retrieved only a small portion of the cremated individual for deposition (Rothwell and Turner 2005, 23).