

NORTON (East Sussex)

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The archaeological site at Norton lies in East Sussex within the Bishstone Valley in an area that overlies the Upper Combe deposits (Seager Thomas 2005, 83, 89-90). A small trial excavation revealed evidence of Middle Iron Age activity that consists of a pit complex, midden and a potential stove-live feature (Seager Thomas 2005, 83). The investigators theorise that this area may be part of a domestic settlement not quite defined by the excavations (Seager Thomas 2005, 112). By the midden area were two inhumation burials, an adult female and infant (Seager Thomas 2005, 99). The position of the adult female suggests her hands and feet may be bound prior to deposition (Seager Thomas 2005, 99-100). In addition, the deposition of these two inhumations is roughly contemporary with the abandonment of the site and may be a closing deposit (Seager Thomas 2005, 112). Daniel Antoine conducted the osteological assessment of the skeletal assemblage from Norton.