

TUTT HILL (Kent)

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Tutt Hill sits near Westwell in Kent within a river valley that overlies the Greensand belt (Brady 2006b, 2). A series of excavations commenced at the site in 1995, 1998 and 1999 by Oxford Archaeology and Oxford Wessex Archaeological Joint Venture in advance of construction of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Brady 2006b). The archaeological investigations revealed various forms of human activity at Tutt Hill beginning in the Neolithic and into the medieval period (Brady 2006b). During the late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age, the prehistoric people constructed a series of barrows and ring ditches and, later, in the Late Bronze Age, two cremation occurrences were inserted into one of the ring ditches (Brady 2006b, 6). Then again, in the Late Iron Age, another cremation burial was set near the ring ditches, which implies a renewed, ritual interest of these features (Brady 2006b, 7, 21). The three cremation occurrences are the only human remains recovered from the site that date between the Late Bronze Age and the Late Iron Age. Annsophie Witkin (2006b) conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal assemblage from Tutt Hill.