

HINXTON QUARRY (Cambridgeshire)

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Cambridgeshire Archaeological Unit carried out excavations at Hinxton Quarry in 1994 after the site's discovery in the course of quarry works (Hill *et al.* 1999, 243). The site lies on the Cambridgeshire flood plain and overlays the chalk downlands in south Cambridgeshire (Hill *et al.* 1999, 243). The excavations uncovered three inhumations and eight cremations with five of the interments encircled by minor ring ditches (Hill *et al.* 1999, 243). The archaeological evidence consists only of the aforementioned funerary features and it suggests, thus, the area has a ritual significance. The organisation of the Hinxton ring ditches appears to follow a cruciform pattern (Hill *et al.* 1999, 246). Furthermore, the placement of the human remains within their graves appears to follow a similar pattern since '...the bone and pottery were set east-west within the pits, with the vessel to the east' (Hill *et al.* 1999, 247). C. Eden conducted the osteological assessment (1999).

- *All human remains' locational information is in regards to their associated mortuary ring.*