

The Human Bones from Milton, Lilbourne

The human bones from nine small cremations were examined in the laboratory; the minimum number of individuals was estimated to be ten as there were two individuals in SF 31 from Site 5. Bone preservation was generally quite good, and the bones were well burnt and fragmented. Observations were made for demography (age, sex and stature) only. The results are summarised in Table 1.

Demographic Results

It was not possible to sex any of the individuals or estimate their stature.

There was one adult and two infants in this population. None of the other individuals could be aged.

| <u>Burial no.</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Site 1 SF 16 | - | ?infant |
| Site 1 SF 21 | - | - |
| Site 2 SF 79 | - | - |
| Site 2 SF 103 | - | - |
| Site 4 SF 81 | - | - |
| Site 4 Sf 119 | - | - |
| Site 4 SF 125 | - | - |
| Site 5 SF 21 | - | - |
| Site 5 SF 31A | - | adult |
| Site 5 SF 31B | - | infant |

Table 1 The results from the cremations from Milton, Lilbourne.

The Catalogue of Cremated Human Bones from Milton, Lilbourne

Site 1, SF 16

Bone preservation: quite good, very little of the individual was represented

Sex: -

Age: infant based on the size of the bones

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: -

Site 1 SF21

This was a small collection of human bone. No further comment was possible.

Site 2 SF 79

This consisted of three small human bone fragments. No further comments were possible.

Site 2 SF 103

This consisted of five small fragments of probable human bone. No further comment were possible.

Site 4 SF 81

This consisted of one fragment of human bone. No further comments were possible.

Site 4 SF 119

Bone preservation: moderate, only a small amount of the skeleton was represented.

Sex: -

Age: -

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: -

Site 5 SF 21

Bone preservation: quite good, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: -

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 140g

Site 5 SF 31

This cremation contains at least two individuals:

A

Bone preservation: poor, a small amount of the individual was represented

Sex: -

Age: adult based on long bone metrics

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: -

B

Bone preservation: poor, very little of the individual was represented

Sex: -

Age: infant based on the size of the bones

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: -

Site 4 SF 125

This consisted of four fragments of human bone. No further comments could be made.

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