

Thirteen groups of cremated human bones were examined in the laboratory; the minimum number of individuals was estimated as 13, as it was assumed that the surface scatter was from one individual.

All the cremated remains were well burnt and were mainly well fragmented, being under 20mm in length. The fragments came mainly from the skull and vertebrae, but it was impossible to determine if there had been any systematic retrieval of particular parts of the skeleton for inclusion in the urn.

Of the 13 cremations, eight could be aged approximately. There were two subadults, one middle-aged adult, one older adult, and four which could be aged as adult only. None of the individuals could be sexed as the relevant criteria was not present.

No other observations could be made. Details of the results by individual are given in the catalogue (attached) and summarised in Table 1 (below).

<u>Burial no.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Weight</u>
surface	-	-
1	-	-
2	adult	-
3	-	-
8	subadult	210g
9	adult	480g
11	adult	546g
14	adult	275g
15	subadult	693g
16	?middle-aged	815g
17	-	-
18	-	-
20	?old adult	921g

Table 1 The results for the cremations from Ropsley and Humby

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The Catalogue of Cremated Human Bones from Ropsley and Humby

Surface

This contained eight human bone fragments and 15 other human bone fragments. No further observations were possible.

Burial 1

This was a sample of about 50 fragments of human bone under 5mm in length. No further observations were possible.

Burial 2

This was a small sample of well fragmented human bone from an adult, based on epiphyseal fusion. No further observations were possible.

Burial 3

This was a small sample of human bone. No other observations were possible.

Burial 8

Bone preservation: moderate, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: ?subadult, based on the size of the bones

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 210g

Burial 9

Bone preservation: moderate, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: adult, based on epiphyseal fusion (Brothwell 1981)

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 480g

Burial 11

Bone preservation: poor, most of the skeleton was represented

Sex: -

Age: adult, based on epiphyseal fusion (Brothwell 1981)

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 546g