

Fourteen samples of human cremated bone were examined in the laboratory; the minimum number of individuals was estimated as 14, as none of the cremations contained more than one individual.

Observations were made for age, but no estimations of sex or stature could be made. No anthropology or pathology was noted. The results by individual for bone preservation, age and weight of the cremation are given in the catalogue (attached). The results are summarised in Table 1.

Demographic Results

There were two middle-aged adults and one old adult present in this sample population. No other observations could be made.

<u>Burial no.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1	-	-
4	-	-
6	-	-
7	middle-aged adult?	-
10	-	-
12	middle-aged adult	469g
13	-	-
19	-	-
31	-	-
32	?old adult	-
33	-	-
34	-	-
35	-	-
46	-	-

Table 1 The results for the cremations from Alton

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The Catalogue of Cremated Human Bone from Alton

Cremation 1

This contained six fragments of bone which could not positively be identified as human.

Cremation 4

This contained five fragments of human bone. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 6

This contained 30 fragments of bone which could not positively be identified as human.

Cremation 7

This contained one human skull vault fragment. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 10

This contained one human long bone fragment. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 12

Bone preservation: moderate, most of the individual was present

Sex: -

Age: middle-aged adult, based on the endocranial sutural fusion

Stature: -

Pathology: -

Weight: 469g

Cremation 13

This contained 10 fragments of probable human bone. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 19

This contained 11 fragments of probable human bone. No further observations were possible.

Near cremation 31

This contained two long bone fragments which were not positively identified as human.

Cremation 32

This contained one human skull vault fragment, probably from an old adult, based on endocranial sutural fusion. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 33

This contained 17 human bone fragments. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 34

This contained one human skull vault fragment. No further observations were possible.

Cremation 35

This contained five bone fragments which could not positively be identified as human.

Cremation 46

One long bone fragment which could not positively be identified as human.