

## RB Cemetery V

### Burials found in MPX folder 'Pre Cem V'

Text labelled 'Cem V'

This cemetery lies 40m to the west of Anglo-Saxon cemetery 2, with 37 cremations containing cremated bone and charcoal only. The area is 30m by 33m with prehistoric, Romano-British and Saxon ditches, pits and *Grubenhäuser*.

The cemetery itself appears to be divided into 5 groups of burials as follows:

Group 1: A small group of 6 cremations (146, 147, 148, 155, 158 and 162). Cremation 146 is cut by a Romano-British ditch.

Group 2: This is the main group of 15 burials (143, 144, 145, 156, 160, 161, 163, 164, 165, 166, 171, 172, 173, 174 and 175) all within an area 10m x 7m. There is a small sub-group (143-5) within this group, two of which (143 and 144) are cut by a Romano-British pit.

Group 3: A smaller group just to the east of Group 2. It consists of 13 burials (167, 168, 169, 170, 176, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 185, 186 and 187).

Group 4: A small group of 4 burials (177, 203, 280 and 324) which are not within the main area. They lie 13m east and much closer to Anglo-Saxon cemetery 2.

Group 5: This is a single cremation (332) which lies 16-17m from Anglo-Saxon cemetery 2. (is this a true isolated burial?)

Also just to the north of Group 2, lies Romano-British cremation 134, which contains a grey ware pot and a bronze finger ring.

The area of this cemetery was scraped down to the gravel. This, combined with the fact that most of the burials listed here were seen to be very shallow, suggests that further burials may have been missed and destroyed.

### **Cremation 134. (583N/408E) Adult**

*Grave pit:* Circular.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and burnt bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Mainly bone powder, with just a few fragments, including bits of skull.

*Remarks:* The cremation had been excavated because it was in a thoroughfare near Hut C. It was initially thought to be a child from the skull fragments. Further scraping revealed a nearby group of cremations of the same type (Cremations 143-145).

### **Cremation 143. (568N/418E)**

Notebook 54.12; 41.19

*Grave pit:* Appears to have been circular or oval, but shape obscured due to truncation by an elongated Romano-British pit. Surviving dimensions 0.31m x 0.31m x 0.13-0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Very small fragments of bone and a very charcoally fill.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* No data.

*Remarks:* Very little remained of this cremation due to being cut by the pit. It appears to be part of a group near this pit (Cremations 143-145). Thought to be 1<sup>st</sup> century due to relationship with pit.

### **Cremation 144. (546N/416E)**

Notebook 54.12; 41.19

*Grave pit:* Circular. Truncated by a Romano-British pit which cuts it. Surviving dimensions 0.31m wide by 0.13-0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Very small fragments of bone and a very charcoally fill.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* No data.

*Remarks:* This cremation was less badly disturbed than cremation 143; however there were still few details. It the central one or a line near this pit (Cremations 143-145). Thought to be 1<sup>st</sup> century due to relationship with pit.

**Cremation 145. (563N/417E)**

Notebook 54.12; 41.19

*Grave pit:* Circular. Near the Romano-British pit at 565N/418E. 0.46m x 0.46m x 0.18m deep

*Pit fill:* Very small fragments of bone and a very charcoally fill.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* No data.

*Remarks:* This cremation appears to be part of a group (Cremations 143-145). Thought to be 1<sup>st</sup> century due to relationship with pit.

**Cremation 146. (511N/466E)**

Notebook 54.71, 75.7, 8

*Grave pit:* Cut by Romano-British ditch. 0.25m x 0.25m x 0.10m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and cremated bone overlying a thin deposit of dark brown sandy loam and charcoal.

*Finds in fill:* two residual sherds of decorated Terra sigillata 37.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Many small cremated bones present.

*Remarks:* Excavator believed this burial to be possibly Iron Age, since the ditch which cuts it (Ditch A) is possibly 1<sup>st</sup> century. Found whilst trenching to find a Grubenhaus.

**Cremation 147. (505N/466E)**

Notebook 75.4, 5

*Grave pit:* No data.

*Pit fill:* No data, since left unexcavated.

*Finds in fill:* Surface finds – two possible Iron Age body sherds (one of which was large), 1 possible Romano-British pot rim, 1 piece of clay pipe and 1 fragment of glass.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* No data.

*Remarks:* Found after scraping due to presence of large pot sherd, but left unexcavated.

**Cremation 148. (519N/458E)**

Notebook 75.5; 58.56

*Grave pit:* Oval. 0.43m x 0.30m x 0.20m deep. Cuts into a ditch at 571N/461E.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Finds in fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present, but no further data.

**Cremation 155. (506N/481E)**

Notebook 58.51

*Grave pit:* Shape in plan unclear due to heavy truncation. 0.31m diameter and 0.08-0.10m deep. Cut by a later Iron Age A pit.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and burnt bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Burnt bone fragments.

**Cremation 156. (540N/435E)**

Notebook 58.83, 57

*Grave pit:* c.0.38m diameter and c.0.18m deep. Cuts a post hole.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal rich.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Present, but very poor survival with few fragments over 1.3cm.

**Cremation 158. (512N/478E)**

Notebook 58.78

*Grave pit:* Circular, 0.36m diameter and 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Black soil containing much charcoal.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Present, but no further data.

*Remarks:* Wood report – Que OAK.

**Cremation 160. (585N/415E) Adult (*Senilis*)**

Notebook 75.54, 65, 64

*Grave pit:* 0.38m x 0.38m x 0.26m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and burnt bone.

*Finds in fill:* 1 sherd of possible Iron Age A pot.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Burnt bone fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* Wood report – Field Maple. ‘No relation with other features’.

**Cremation 161. (578N/422E)**

Notebook 75.54, 64-65

*Grave pit:* 0.38 x 0.43m x 0.28m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and burnt bone only.

*Finds in fill:* Residual Romano-British sherds.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to c.1.2cm.

*Remarks:* Very little data, save for sketch section.

**Cremation 162. (514N/488E)**

Notebook 75.67

*Grave pit:* No distinct edges, but 0.46m diameter and 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and bone.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Fragments of cremated bone up to 1.3cm.

*Remarks:* This cremation was found on a mound left after scraping. It was in the bottom of the topsoil, and was no longer visible once excavated down to the level of the gravel (normally the level to which the scraping went). As such, more cremations may have been lost through scraping.

**Cremation 163. (571N/431E)**

Notebook 75.77

*Grave pit:* c.33cm diameter and c.15cm deep.

*Pit fill:* Lots of charcoal, large pebbles inside and pea grit along the bottom of the pit.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Very little data, ‘Burnt bone up to ¾” [c.2cm]?’.

**Cremation 164. (580N/425E) Adult**

*Grave pit:* 0.28m x 0.28m x 0.25m deep.

*Pit fill:* Bone and charcoal.

*Grave goods:*

164.1 1 grey sherd, thought to possibly be Romano-British.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 1.3cm.

*Remarks:* Left on a mound.

**Cremation 165. (575N/432E) Child (*Infans II*)**

Notebook 75.76

*Grave pit:* 0.69m x 0.46m x 0.08m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and burnt bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* 'Left on mound. May have been two cremations. [since there is a smaller circular feature of burnt bone and charcoal to the east, which could be due to animal or scraper disturbance]. Wood report – CRA Hawthorne'.

**Cremation 166. (579N/446E) Child (*Infans*)**

Notebook 75.76

*Grave pit:* Roughly circular. 0.48m x 0.43m x 0.20m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal with some clay.

*Finds in fill:* Burnt flints.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Few small fragments.

*Remarks:* Most of the cremation was in the sub soil.

**Cremation 167. (603N/431E)**

Notebook 75.79

*Grave pit:* 0.38m x 0.38m x 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Burnt bone and little charcoal.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 1.3cm.

*Remarks:* 2.54cm above the gravel.

**Cremation 168. (603N/431E)**

Notebook 75.78

*Grave pit:* 0.38m x 0.38m x 0.18m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal rich.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 2.54cm.

*Remarks:* 'Left on mound' – NB says 'Not left on hump. ? with a feature to east and next to ditch'.

**Cremation 169. (604N/455E)**

Notebook 75.79

*Grave pit:* 0.36m x 0.36m x 0.19m deep.

*Pit fill:* Much charcoal and little bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Little bone under 0.25cm.

*Remarks:* Definite cremation compressed by scraper.

**Cremation 170. (594N/465E)**

Notebook 75.79

*Grave pit:* c.0.30m x c.0.30m x c.0.18m (from hump). No details about shape.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* 'Bone up to ¾" [c.2cm]'

*Remarks:* Not much charcoal; On hump 3" [c.8cm] above gravel.

**Cremation 171. (585N/430E)**

Notebook 54.80, 75.77

*Grave pit:* Roughly circular. 0.30m x 0.36m x 0.08m deep.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:*

171.1 4 blackened flints.

*Bone:* Minute trace of bone.

*Remarks:* Top lost in scraping, but definitely a cremation.

**Cremation 172. (588N/426E)**

Notebook 75.77

*Grave pit:* 0.46m x 0.46m x 0.10m

*Pit fill:* Bone and charcoal.

*Finds in fill:* 1 possible Romano-British grey sherd, likely to be residual.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present, with fragments up to 1.3cm.

*Remarks:* 'Left on mound'.

**Cremation 173. (592N/424E) Child (*Infans J*)**

Notebook 75.77

*Grave pit:* 0.41m x 0.30m x 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Bone and charcoal.

*Grave goods:*

173.1 Fired clay fragments.

*Bone:* Apparently no burnt bone visible after scraping, but bone fragments up to 1.3cm present.

**Cremation 174. (596N/418E)**

Notebook 75.78

*Grave pit:* 0.38m x 0.36m x 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Gravelly loam, charcoal rich on the surface.

*Finds in fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Little bone present, fragmented.

*Remarks:* On a mound 5-8cm above the gravel

**Cremation 175. (598N/416E)**

Notebook 75.78

*Grave pit:* 0.38m x 0.38m x 0.15m deep.

*Pit fill:* Burnt bone and charcoal.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* Left on mound 8cm above gravel.

**Cremation 176. (617N/414E)**

Notebook 75.80

*Grave pit:* Edges dubious. 0.30m x 0.30m x 0.15m deep. Cut by, or cuts, a shallow ditch to the west.

*Pit fill:* Burnt bone and little charcoal.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* Thought to be Iron Age due to relation with ditch (which produced a vesicular 1<sup>st</sup> century pot rim). There is also a possibly intrusive pit to the north.

**Cremation 177. (645N/434E)**

Notebook 75.81; 79.71

*Grave pit:* 0.36m x 0.36m x 0.13m deep. Edges indistinct, and cut by a pit on the west.

*Pit fill:* Burnt bone and charcoal.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 1.3cm.

**Cremation 178. (613N/435E)**

Notebook 75.80

*Grave pit:* Edges appear to have been altered by scraper action. 0.41m x 0.41m x 0.13m deep.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:*

178.1 Sherd of Iron Age A or B pottery (small flint grit and red surface).

*Bone:* Bone fragments up to 0.6m and charcoal present.

*Remarks:* Close to a nearby Grubenhäuser. Cut into by scraper – i.e. not on a mound.

**Cremation 179. (609N/424E)**

Notebook 75.80

*Grave pit:* 0.46m x 0.41m x 0.20m deep.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and loam fill with minute traces of bones.

*Finds in fill:* Residual on the surface. Iron Age A red flint gritted sherds.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present, but only as minute traces.

**Cremation 180 (605N/430E)**

Notebook 75.78

*Grave pit:* 0.36m x 0.36m x 0.13m. Uncertain relationship with nearby post hole/pit.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal rich.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 1.3cm.

**Cremation 181 (591N/449E)**

Notebook 75.76

*Grave pit:* No edges visible, perhaps due to plough damage. 0.28m x 0.28m x 0.08m deep.

*Pit fill:* Burnt bone and charcoal.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments >1.3cm with good preservation.

*Remarks:* An almost identical cremation at 592N/451E is thought to be part of this cremation, merely disrupted by ploughing..

**Cremation 182. (593N/446E)**

Notebook 75.76

*Grave pit:* No edges distinct. c.0.08m deep.

*Pit fill:* Bone and little charcoal.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* In sub-soil mound above the gravel, see also Cremation 162.

**Cremation 183. (575N/452E)**

Notebook 75.76

*Grave pit:* 0.31m x 0.31m x 0.08m.

*Pit fill:* Charcoal and a little bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments of burnt bone.

*Remarks:* On a mound left by the scraper.

**Cremation 184. (563N/432E)**

Notebook 75.76; 79.55

*Grave pit:* Edges indistinct due to lack of hand clearing. 0.26m x 0.26m x 0.15m. Cut by a pit.

*Pit fill:* Little charcoal and bone.

*Finds in fill:* A small fragment of fired clay and Iron Age pottery sherds. Some Romano-British sherds nearby.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present, but no further data.

*Remarks:* May have been partly under the conveyor belt.

**Cremation 185. (622N/427E)**

Notebook 75.80

*Grave pit:* 0.46m diameter and 0.10m deep.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Very poor preservation.

*Remarks:* Cut into scraping – i.e. not on a mound.

**Cremation 186. (603N/476E)**

Notebook 75.79; 82.24-25

*Grave pit:* Edges dubious, c.0.38m (L) x c.0.38m (W) x c.0.08-0.15m (D).

*Pit fill:* Cremated bone and charcoal, overlying dark brown loam and burnt bone.

*Finds in fill:* 1 large piece of fired clay and 3 body sherds (of which 1 may be Iron Age).

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Cremated bone fragments up to c.1.3cm.

*Remarks:* In underscraped area – therefore ?in a feature or not. ‘Crem[ation] cuts palisade running E-W’.

**Cremation 187. (604N/445E)**

Notebook 75.62, 76, 80; 79.63

*Grave pit:* c.0.28m x c.0.26m x c.0.15m deep (from mound).

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Finds in fill:* Residual fragments of fired clay and a small fragment of Romano-British glass, all from surface.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Fragments up to 0.6cm.

*Remarks:* Left on mound. Very near to but clear of Grubenhau 77. Also in RB isolated burials.

**Cremation 203. (663N/435E)**

Notebook 98.46; 79.68

*Grave pit:* Edges indistinct. 0.38m x 0.36m x 0.23m.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present

*Remarks:* ‘In ridge left by scraper’.

**Cremation 231. (576N/524E)**

Notebook 226.10

*Grave pit:* Roughly circular.

*Pit fill:* Fine brown loam with some charcoal but no visible traces of bone.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* No data.

**Cremation 280. (665N/435E)**

Notebook 98.46

*Grave pit:* Roughly circular.

*Pit fill:* No data.

*Grave goods:* No data.

*Bone:* Present, but no further data.

*Remarks:* Left unexcavated, therefore little data.

**Cremation 324. (675N/464E)**

Notebook 98.88

*Grave pit:* 0.48m x 0.46m x 0.26m.

*Pit fill:* Fine sandy silt overlying an admixture of sand, gravel and charcoally loam containing pebbles.

*Grave goods:* None.

*Bone:* Present, but no further data.

