

RB Cemetery VII Gazetteer

Grave 652. (1297N/111E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.14, 25, 26

Grave pit: Roughly rectangular with slightly rounded corners.

Pit fill: 'colloidal' clay and grey-brown replacement silt.

Grave furniture: Black-brown coffin stain (1.16m x 0.53m) and 2 iron nails.

Grave goods:

652.1 Wheel-thrown grey-brown burnished pot with slight scored neck cordon.

Body: Clear 3D body stain showing flexed burial lying on right side. Some bone survived in area of the head, teeth, and knees or femora.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 653. (1304N/118E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.17-18, 26

Grave pit: Rectangular.

Pit fill: No data.

Grave furniture: Black-brown coffin stain (1.21m x 0.53m), with corner 'horns' suggesting that the coffin boards staved in.

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: Only a body silhouette. Body appears to be flexed and lying on its right side.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 654. (1313N/126E)

Notebook 141.11-12, 26

Grave pit: Rectangular with rounded corners.

Pit fill: 'colloidal' grey-brown silt and an area of greyish Thanet sand (possibly replacement silt) along southern edge of grave.

Finds in fill: Hazelnut.

Grave furniture: A brown coffin stain (1.38m x 0.58m), with the coffin space suggested by a gravelly fill. Fragments of 3 iron nails.

Grave goods: No data.

Body: Only a brown body stain, with the remains of some bone in the right leg and some teeth.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 655. (1325N/137E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.9-10, 26

Grave pit: Oval.

Pit fill: Gravel.

Grave furniture: Black-brown coffin stain (1.45m x 0.73m; in places grey replacement silt instead).

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: Poor body stains of head, pelvis and possibly spine.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 656. (1330N/149E)

Notebook 141.15-16, 26

Grave pit: Roughly oval.

Pit fill: Gravelly.

Grave furniture: Possible coffin stain (not measurable).

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: Only body stain and some teeth remained. The head and legs were fairly clear.

This appears to have been flexed burial on its right side, possibly wrapped in a shroud or other pliable wrapping.

Remarks: Excavated in poor weather (residual finds tray stated to have blown over in a gale, losing some scrappy sherds of pottery. Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 657. (1278N/102E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.19-20, 26

Grave pit: Roughly rectangular with rounded corners.

Pit fill: No data.

Grave furniture: Vaguely rectangular black stain below body, thought to be a bier.

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: 3D body silhouette and some teeth. Left leg shown to overlie right leg. Body lies on its right side in flexed position.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Shallower and smaller than other graves in group, probably due to being cut into hard orange gravel. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 658. (1333N/132E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.21, 26

Grave pit: Roughly rectangular with rounded corners.

Pit fill: Grey-brown silt/sticky almost pebble-free loam. Orange-brown pebbly fill.

Grave furniture: Possible dark brown coffin mark (1.21m x 0.66m).

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: Poor body stain with only head and pelvis.

Remarks: Part of a group of graves oriented East-West (652-658). Planned rather sketchily due to haste for conveyor move, rain, and trampling. Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 659. (1343N/158E) Child (1-7)

Notebook 141.23

Grave pit: Rectangular with rounded corners.

Pit fill: Greyish loam and light brown, fairly pebbly, sticky gravel.

Grave furniture: No sign of a coffin, shroud or bier.

Grave goods:

659.1 Bronze bangle (Lab. No. 715199) found *in situ* around arm.

Bone: Only body silhouette and teeth (1 whole and fragments).

Remarks: Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.

Grave 660. (1293N/154E) Adult

Notebook 141.30-32

Grave pit: Truncated, but roughly oval.

Pit fill: No data.

Finds in fill: Residual pottery sherds (c.30, with part of a possible Butt beaker, a grey sherd possibly from one of the kilns on site, and a vesicular sherd.), and possible fired clay (loom weight?).

Grave furniture: Dark brown stain interpreted as possible remains of shroud.

Grave goods: No data.

Bone: Body stain, with head right up against end of grave.

Remarks: Noted as Prehistoric or Romano-British.