

Metadata for BidfordAScemetery_datasheets. xlsx

For further comments on and explanation of the data sources, their interpretation and the bibliographic references, see the introduction to the accompanying digital resource (BidfordAScemetery_pre1971catalogue.docx) and Hirst and Dickinson 2021.

nk = not known

Sheet 1: Inhumations

Column	Header	Explanation
A	Grave No.	Grave number. For the main excavated series, zeros have been prefixed to numbers <100 for graves 1A–214 (1922–23) and to numbers <10 for graves HB1–HB46 (1971–1990); other grave numbers/letters are prefixed by their year of discovery.
B	Depth (imperial feet and inches)	Measurements in feet ('') and inches ('') are the depths below the contemporary ground surface reported in Wellstood, <i>Record</i> .
C	Depth (metres)	Measurements for graves 001–214 are those in column B (in inches) converted to metres to two decimal places. Measurements for HB02 and HB12 are the depth of the excavated feature below the ground surface as left by machine clearance of top soil.
D	Orientation	Grave/skeleton orientation given as head to foot. 1922–23 grave orientation taken from Wellstood, <i>Final Plan</i> ; orientations in square brackets are variants taken from Wellstood, <i>Record</i> , Humphreys <i>et al.</i> 1923; Humphreys <i>et al.</i> 1925 or Humphreys, <i>Notebook</i> . N = north; E = east; S = south; W = west; NE = north-east; NNE = north-north-east, etc. (?) = orientation not certain.
E	Layout 1 (body)	Body position (supine/on side and face direction)
F	Layout 2 (legs)	Leg position (flexed = femurs at less than right-angle to pelvis; crouched = femurs at or greater than right-angle to pelvis).
G	Sex/gender	m = male; f = female. Data for 1921–23 graves as given by Humphreys <i>et al.</i> 1923; 1925. Data for HB1–HB46 from skeletal analyses. Entries in round brackets and/or with a '?' are probable or possible.
H	Sex/gender	Data as given by Brash and Young 1935. Entries in round brackets and /or with a '?' are probable or possible.
I	Sex/gender	Data as given by Humphreys, <i>Notebook</i> . Entries in round brackets and/or with a '?' are probable or possible.
J	Age	Estimated age-bracket and/or age in years. Data for graves 1A–214 as given by Humphreys <i>et al.</i> 1923; 1925. c. = circa. Data for HB1–HB46 from skeletal analyses.
K	Age	Estimated age-bracket and/or age in years. Data as given by Brash and Young 1935.
L	Age	Estimated age-bracket and/or age in years. Data as given by Wellstood, <i>Record</i> . [I] = inferred from size.
M	Age	Estimated age-bracket and/or age in years. Data from Humphreys, <i>Notebook</i> .

N	Consolidated age bracket	As used in Hirst and Dickinson 2021.
O	Additional bodies	Extra bones in disturbed/salvaged skeletal assemblages.
P	Other comments	Other information on grave and/or assemblage.
Q	Bidford cemetery phase	Phase descriptors are explained in Hirst and Dickinson 2021.
R	Leading types/other dating indicators	Leading types underpinning or indicative of phasing, or radiocarbon dates. Type name-codes and phases in capitals from Bayliss et al. 2013; phases in square brackets are inferred approximations. Other type names: sm = small-long brooch types from Penn and Brugmann 2007; bead group from Brugmann 2004; belt/buckle types from Marzinzik 2003; great square-headed brooch types from Hines 1997; sleeve clasps from Hines 1993; pin types from Ross 1991; bead string and knife types as given in Hirst and Dickinson 2021.
S	Shield boss	Number present
T	Shield mounts	Number present
U	Spear	Number present
V	Small-long brooch	Number present
W	Disc brooch	Number present
X	Swastika disc brooch	Number present
Y	Button brooch	Number present
Z	Penannular brooch	Number present
AA	Flat annular brooch	Number present
AB	Openwork square brooch	Number present
AC	Cast saucer brooch	Number present
AD	Applied saucer brooch	Number present
AE	Great square-headed brooch	Number present
AF	Pin	Number present
AG	Sleeve clasp	Number present ; hook and eye halves together = 1
AH	Belt buckle and/or mount	Number present
AI	Silver finger ring	Number present
AJ	Bracelet	Number present
AK	Amber beads	Numbers separated by a slash (/) indicate number extant versus number originally present; * = present but number not known
AL	Glass beads	Numbers separated by a slash (/) indicate number extant versus number originally present; * = present but number not known
AM	Rock crystal beads	Number present
AN	Other beads	Numbers separated by a slash (/) indicate number extant versus number originally present; * = present but number not known
AO	Pendant	
AP	Roman coin/blank disc pendant	
AQ	Spangle	
AR	Copper-alloy twisted-wire ring	
AS	Copper-alloy/silver wire	

	ring	
AT	Ivory ring	
AU	Copper-alloy strip mounts	
AV	Coil-ended copper-alloy strip	
AW	Strap end	
AX	Lace tag	
AY	Girdle rings/chains	
AZ	Key	
BA	Workbox	
BB	Strike-alight	
BC	Shears	
BD	Iron tool or implement	
BE	Bone implement	
BF	Toilet implements	
BG	Cosmetic brush	
BH	Tweezers	
BI	Comb	
BJ	Knife (with type)	From Hirst and Dickinson 2021; ucl = unclassified
BK	Bucket	
BL	Hoops/clips from organic vessel	
BM	Cauldron	
BN	Pottery vessel	

Sheet 2: Cremations

Column	Header	Explanation
A	Grave No.	Grave number
B	Depth (imperial feet and inches)	Measurements in feet (') and inches (") are the depths below the contemporary ground surface reported in Wellstood, <i>Record</i> .
C	Depth (metres)	Measurements are those in column B (in inches) converted to metres to two decimal places.
D	Animal bones	Identified in 2011 by Katie McCullough French (French 2014)
E	Urn	Surface appearance: plain or decorated
F	Stamp 1 (Briscoe type)	Stamp types as in Archive of Anglo-Saxon Pottery Stamps, < http://www.aasps.org.uk/Classification.html > (accessed January 2014); Diana Briscoe, pers.comm.
G	Stamp 2 (Briscoe type)	As for column F.
H	Stamp 3 (Briscoe type)	As for column F.
I	Other grave goods	Reported or surviving grave goods.
J	Bidford cemetery phase	Phase descriptors are explained in Hirst and Dickinson 2021. For typological reasons, cremations are assigned to female phases, without prejudice to the individual occupant.
K	Dating indicators	For terminology, see Sheet 1, Inhumations, column R. Phase fa-b allocations are inferred.

Sheet 3: Spot Finds

Column	Header	Explanation
A	Find No.	Find number. Lower case suffix = as recorded by Wellstood, <i>Record</i> and/or Humphreys et al. 1923; 1925. Upper case suffix = authorial addition.
B	Year	Year of discovery.
C	Depth (imperial feet and inches)	Measurements in feet (') and inches (") are the depths below the contemporary ground surface as reported in Wellstood, <i>Record</i> .
D	Depth (metres)	Measurements are those in column B (in inches) converted to metres to two decimal places.
E	Object(s)	Short type descriptor.
F	Bidford cemetery phase/general dating	For terminology, see Sheet 1, Inhumations, column Q

Sheet 4: Unstratified

Column	Header	Explanation
A	Find No.	The find number is prefixed by either letters indicating the collector (WI = Rev. Winnington Ingram, finds made before 1882) or the year(s) of discovery. The lower case Roman numerals for 1921 finds are those used by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. The lower case letter suffixes for the 1921 finds, the lower case Roman numerals for the 1922-3 finds, and the lower case letters for 1982 and 1990 finds are all authorial additions.
B	Object	Short type descriptor.
C	Repository	Current location.
D	Status	Availability for study.
E	Identification number	Museum registration or conservation-label numbers, where available. SF = 1982 excavation small-find number.
F	Publication	References for items identifiable in a publication.
G	Bidford cemetery phase/general dating	For terminology, see Sheet 1, Inhumations, column Q.