INHUMATIONS

WOODEN COFFINS

There was a single nailed coffin from the eight inhumations (Burial 10825). It was made using nails 65-80mm long and had up to eight nails along each of the long sides. This use of a large number of nails on the side boards, although not very common, was also employed at Bainesse (Burials 193, 194 and 209).

PERSONAL ADORNMENT

Anklet

There is another example of an anklet made of single strand ribbon-twist copper alloy (RF10101) from Burial 11808, worn by a young adult aged 18-25 (see above, p000[Bainesse pers adorn]). Although incomplete the fastening is likely to have been a sliding knot. It is likely to be fourth century in date.

FOOTWEAR

Two graves contained hobnailed shoes, although it is unclear if they were worn or not. The hobnails in both Burial 10825 (unsexed adult) and Burial 11808 (18-25 years) were small, c.8mm in diameter. The shoes in Burial 11808 had a material thickness of c.5mm, suggesting they were fine, quite delicate shoes. The bone was poorly preserved, but fine shoes and a worn anklet suggest this was the grave of a woman. A third grave, 11813 (26-35 years), may have also included shoes with similar small hobnails, although poor preservation means only two now survive.

CREMATIONS

PERSONAL ADORNMENT

Bracelet

A fragment of an iron bracelet was recovered from cremation 7859 (RF13640). See p000 [Bainesse pers adorn] for parallels.

FOOTWEAR

Hobnails were found in the curated remains of three cremations (7683, 7830 and 7859). As with those recovered from the inhumations, they were all small-sized hobnails. Many of those in Burial 7859 (juvenile) and Burial 7683 (adult?) were still quite conical in shape, suggestive of relatively new or little-worn shoes. Although a rural site, all the hobnails recovered from both inhumations and cremations were the smaller, finer type of hobnail.