

## 19. HUMAN AND ANIMAL BONE

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**19.1 Human****► EAN cremation in grey-ware jar within land divisions**

Mainly tiny, fine cremated bone fragments too small to identify. Several larger fragments seem to be mostly from long bones. Fragments of vertebrae and pelvis are also recognisable. Probably all human.

**► LDX 1 drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

Bone fragments include what seems to be part of the head of a human radius.

**19.2 Animal**

Identified fragments of animal bone are listed below by context. Unidentifiable fragments, presumably predominantly of animal bone, are listed in Table 19.1.

**► BBP 1 pre-fort enclosure ditch**

Bone fragments of a long bone – very thoroughly calcined.

**► LAB 1 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

Bone fragments, but four pieces make up a talus – ?sheep or roe deer.

**► LAH drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

LAH 1: bone fragments include a piece of ?rabbit rib and part of calcaneum – ?of small pig rather than sheep.

LAH 3: bone fragments include a piece that looks slightly burnt and a piece of a major long bone ?cracked for marrow.

**► LAK drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

Includes a piece of rib ?bovine, and another smaller piece with marks of ?knife.

LAK 4: ?posterior part of a calcaneum of ?sheep or pig; bone fragments (some partly burnt) include a piece of rib and a piece ?of scapula – size of large deer or small bovine; and 2 pieces of a

proximal phalanx of small ?sheep (or small deer).  
LAK 5: Bone fragments include the terminal phalanx of roe, or small sheep, or small pig.

**► LBB drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

Piece of rib.

**► LBD drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

Tooth fragments (see 20, below) and bone fragments that have been burnt.

LBD 1: bone fragments include 2 pieces of rib – ?roe or small sheep.

**► LBH 1 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

?Piece of bovine occipital condyle.

**► LBK recut drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

LBK 2: bone fragments include 28 small fragments that may have been burnt – ?pig.

LBK 3: piece of a phalanx – ?small sheep.

LBK 4: bone – ?terminal phalangeal bone of sheep/pig.

LBK 7: bone fragments include a piece of immature long bone.

**► LBL 1 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

Bone fragments include a condyles of a metapodial – ?ovine metacarpal.

**► LCK 1 drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

Bone fragments – some apparently skull – a piece of alveolar bone and tooth root in situ and another root free, and what may be part of animal (?sheep) calcaneum.

**► LCQ drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

LCQ 1: bone fragments – include a piece of rib – others not identified but from young animal and piece of distal end of ?sheep metapodial.

LCQ 3: bone fragments – 2 may be ungulate and 2 are from a smaller animal ?hare – not identified.

LCQ 4: bone fragment – part of condyles of ?metapodial ?small femur (?sheep).

► **LCS 3 drainage ditch, west side of trackway, vicus**

Bone fragments – include pieces of animal rib bones.

► **LDH 2 drainage ditch, east side of trackway, vicus**

?Part of sacrum of rabbit or hare.

**Table 19.1** Unidentifiable bone fragments listed by context

Context code	Context description	Bone	Burnt bone
CCN	pre-fort enclosure ditch	x	
DBL	occupation/midden material north of land divisions, Area D	x	x
DDM	post hole within area of land divisions	x	
LAB 1/3	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	x
LAB 4	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LAH 3/4	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LAK 1/2/3	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LAK 4	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LAL 1	early linear gully, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBB 1/2	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LBD 2/3/6	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBD 5	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LBF 1	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBK 1	recut drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	x
LBK 3/5/6	recut drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBL 1/2	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBM 1/2	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBO 1/2	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBQ	natural depression, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBR 1/3	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	x
LBR 2	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBS 1	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LBT 1/2	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LBW	junction of bypass road/trackway drainage ditch		x
LCG	bypass road drainage ditch, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LCH 1	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LCK 1	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LCQ 2/5	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LCT 1	secondary phase of drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LCT 2	secondary phase of drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LDC	primary phase of drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>		x
LDE 1	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LDH 1	drainage ditch, east side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LDK 1	natural depression, <i>vicus</i>	x	

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LDX 1	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
LDX 2	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	x
LDY 1	drainage ditch, west side of trackway, <i>vicus</i>	x	
QAF	south ditch of fortlet	x	
QAR	east ditch of fortlet		x
RAF	shallow construction slot, <i>vicus</i>		x
RAQ	possible prehistoric burial adjacent to northern bypass road drainage ditch	x	
RAR	northern bypass road drainage ditch	x	