

# Suburban life in Roman *Durnovaria*

Additional specialist report



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The human bone recovered from the excavations is summarised in Table HB1, further details may be found in the archive.

*Table HB1: Summary of human bone*

| context | cut  | deposit type            | quantification   | age/sex                                          | pathology                              |
|---------|------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1027    |      | redeposited             | 2 frags. l.      | neonate < 1 month                                |                                        |
| 1106    | ?    | <i>in situ</i> burial   | c. 20% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month                                |                                        |
| 1171    | 1170 | redeposited             | 1 frag. u.       | neonate < 1 month                                |                                        |
| 1384    | ?    | ? <i>in situ</i> burial | c. 55% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month ??male                         |                                        |
| 1386/7  | 1385 | <i>in situ</i> burial   | c. 50% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month ??female                       |                                        |
| 1404    | ?    | redeposited             | 5 frags. a.u.    | foetus c. 36-38 weeks                            |                                        |
| 1630    | 1234 | ? <i>in situ</i> burial | c. 15% a.u.l.    | neonate < 3 months                               |                                        |
| 2117    | 2116 | redeposited             | c. 12% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month                                |                                        |
| 2119    | 2118 | redeposited             | 1 frag. a.       | neonate                                          |                                        |
| 4030    |      | redeposited             | 1 frag. l.       | adult > 18 yr.                                   |                                        |
| 4141a   | 4156 | ? <i>in situ</i> burial | c. 85% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 3 months                               |                                        |
| 4141b   | 4156 | ? <i>in situ</i> burial | c. 85% s.a.u.l.  | near/full term foetus<br>c. 38-40 weeks ??female |                                        |
| 4143    | 4142 | redeposited             | 1 frag. s.       | neonate (?= 4141A)                               |                                        |
| 4193/4  | 4192 | redeposited             | 15 frags. s.a.l. | full term foetus/neonate                         |                                        |
| 4195    | 4195 | redeposited             | 2 frags. l.      | neonate                                          |                                        |
| 4213    | 4214 | ?redeposited            | c. 18% s.a.u.l.  | near/full term foetus/neonate<br>c. 36-40 weeks  | hypervascularity –<br>exocranial vault |
| 4222    | ?    | redeposited             | 1 frag. a.       | adult c. 45-60 yr. ?male                         |                                        |
| 4240/1  | 4239 | <i>in situ</i> burial   | c. 98% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month ??female                       |                                        |
| 4265/7  | 4266 | <i>in situ</i> burial   | c. 98% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 1 month ??male                         |                                        |
| 4320/1  | 4319 | <i>in situ</i> burial   | c. 98% s.a.u.l.  | neonate < 0.5 month                              |                                        |
| 4322    | 4230 | redeposited             | 1 frag. l.       | neonate                                          |                                        |

KEY: redep. – redeposited; s. – skull, a. - axial skeleton, u. - upper limb, l. - lower limb (skeletal areas recovered where all not represented)

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