

Iron age pottery from Sutton Walls



This large Iron Age storage jar from Sutton Walls has been repaired with a lead rivet in antiquity.

The Iron Age hillfort at Sutton Walls, Herefordshire, was excavated by Kathleen Kenyon in four seasons during 1948 to 1951.¹ The fabric of the Iron Age pottery was remarkably uniform - 'crumbly in texture, with many whitish or grey grits, the core in variations of grey, grey-brown, or black, uniformly fired, the surface almost invariably polished black'.

The excavation was one of the earliest large-scale excavations in the area and many of the interpretations would be different now. It was however an important milestone excavation of a rich, late Iron Age, hillfort settlement.

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¹ Kenyon, Kathleen M, 1954, *Excavations at Sutton Walls, Herefordshire, 1948-1951*, London: The Royal Archaeological Society of Great Britain and Ireland (reprinted from the *Archaeological Journal*, Vol CX).