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. 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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