

KP406 Kasaman

The Site

This site is located on level, low-lying arable land close to the village of Kasaman. The meandering River Kura lies approximately 1.5km to the north of the site. This area is known for its archaeological deposits; large-scale medieval settlement activity has been recorded both along the pipeline route and in the immediate vicinity of this site.

The site was identified during pipe trenching when the damaged remains of a jar were visible in section in the subsoil side of the trench. It was agreed that this would be excavated once the pipe had been lowered. Unfortunately the entire area was backfilled prior to archaeological excavation being undertaken. As a result, the information provided by this site is scarce.

Description of Archaeological Remains

This site consisted of a single pottery vessel located at a depth of approximately 0.70m below the stripped surface. It was reported that human bone and a small bronze artefact were also recovered from here.

This appears to be an isolated feature. No other archaeological remains were recorded in the immediate vicinity.

The pottery can be dated to the Antique period.

Interpretation

The presence of human bone associated with this pot strongly suggests that it represents an antique period jar grave. A number of these have been located, seemingly in isolation, along the length of the pipeline route.

The majority of archaeological remains recorded in this vicinity date to the medieval period. This however is earlier and is not considered to be associated with the domestic remains excavated approximately 600m to the west.