

Archaeology at KP186

Archaeological deposits were located in the pipetrench during work to prepare access into the trench for welding operations. The work was halted and the opportunity for archaeological investigation provided.

These deposits consisted of two large pottery vessels of probable 16th century date. A cultural layer containing charcoal flecks and fired clay was also identified in section in the pipetrench.

The two areas of pottery were identified at:
KP186.796 GPS 8714666E 4485340N
KP186.840 GPS 8714620E 4485346N

The vessel located at KP186.796 had been completely destroyed and removed from the ground during machine activity. The second remained in situ, although it had been badly damaged by trenching. Both of these vessels were large storage jars, measuring approximately 0.65m in height.

A layer of cultural material was visible in section at 8714620E 4485346N. This contained fragments of charcoal and burnt clay, and measured 0.15m – 0.20m in depth. At 8714666E 4485340N fired clay, possibly forming part of a tandir, was found on the surface.

The nature of the deposits recorded here suggests that this was a former settlement site. Large quantities of pottery were visible in the topsoil heap, indicating that this may have been an extensive site.