

BRONZE AGE CEMETERY AT ALLITHWAITE

Bronze Age collared urns, inverted and largely intact with cremations inside, were discovered in Allithwaite in February and March 2001 by the Lancaster University Archaeological Unit. The site where they were discovered lies in the northern part of the village to the east of Church Road and was evacuated by the archaeologists to evaluate the site before a residential development (Greendales) was built by Persimmon Homes Ltd.

Ten cremations were revealed by the excavation in the burial site, four within the urns, and it may be significant that the burial site is located just north of a natural spring. Initial estimates are that the urns date between 1500 and 1000BC, the mid to late Bronze Age.

The site is of importance because the quality of survival of the artefacts is rare and very few Bronze Age sites have been discovered in the region. At present the artifacts are held at Kendal museum, but not on display at present.

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