GIS-material for the archaeological project: Scramasax, settlement and graves in Skälstad

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Description

The information in the abstract is translated from the archaeological report:
During 2005 a preliminary investigation and a subsequent final excavation were performed on the archaeological sites RAÄ 1, 15 and 133 within the property Skälstad 1:2, Kvillinge parish in Norrköping. In the north-east part of the excavation area three rune stones are situated, of which one might stand in its original location. No features or finds were discovered nearby the rune stones, because the ground was very disturbed by cables and trenches. Earlier surveys have shown that the settlement site RAÄ 113 and the burial ground RAÄ 15 date to two separate time periods, namely the Early Iron Age and the Vendel era (Late Germanic Iron Age), and that the burial ground has to distinct main datings - the early and the late Vendel era. The excavation showed that one of the graves could be as old as from the late Migration period. The youngest dating from the burial ground was Viking age. No activities older than the settlement site, that is Early Iron Age, have been discovered. Probably the settlement site was turned into a burial site quite fast after the settlement had been deserted. The parts of the investigation area that could probably had been connected to the settlement were excluded from development and thus not investigated more thoroughly.
Only a few artefacts were found, which can be explained by the heavy ploughing carried out since the previous surveys. In one of the fire layers a relatively well-preserved scramasax was found. The

dating of the sword corresponds with the dating of the cremation graves, and also shows that there were persons with special attributes living in the district during the Vendel era. The odd placing of the artefact suggests that the burial ceremony has been both complicated and probably very symbolic. Another observation is that well-preserved finds can be discovered underneath the over-ploughed features and deep down in the clay.

Purpose:

The information in the purpose is translated from the archaeological report:
The preliminary investigation had three purposes; to delimit the settlement site RAÄ 113 and the burial ground RAÄ 15, to investigate whether there were any older remains than what was earlier expected, in relation to the level above sea, and to determine a border for the rune stone site RAÄ 1. The purpose of the final excavation was to document and excavate the area that included the outermost parts of the settlement site RAÄ 113 and the burial ground RAÄ 15.

The ZIP file consist of GIS files and an Access database with information about the excavations, findings and other metadata about the archaeological survey.

Data contains personal data

No

Language

Swedish

Time period(s) investigated

Iron age

Data format / data structure

Geospatial

Type of archaeological remains

Settlement area, Burial ground

Data collection 1

- Mode of collection: Field observation
- Time period(s) for data collection: 2005-03
- Data collector: Swedish National Heritage Board, UV Öst

Geographic spread

Geographic location: Sweden, Norrköping Municipality, Kvillinge Parish

Geographic description: Östergötland, Kvillinge, Skälstad 1:2

Lowest geographic unit

Parish

Identifiers

Intrasisprojekt: AO2005014

Länsstyrelsens dnr för projektet: 431-1355-05

Producents dnr för projektet: 422-395-2005

ProjektID: p505019

Research area

History (CESSDA Topic Classification)

History and archaeology (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

Archaeology (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

Keywords

Iron age

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