

The Story of the Site – Material and Immaterial Heritage Framework

Hunebedcentrum, Borger (NL)

Collar neck bottle

Inventory Number: HCMU2407

Name of the reconstruction: **Collar neck bottle**

Photos

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Description of the reconstruction

The pottery of the Hunebed builders called Funnel Beaker pottery, due to specific shape of the pots. But the pottery of the Hunebed builders knew more forms. Striking is the bottle neck collar. A collar neck bottle has a thin neck with disc-shaped collar and a round belly. It is not a simple form to make.

The function of these vials is unclear. In a collar neck bottle from Oldenburg (Germany) and sulfur grease was found. This may be an indication for the use of ointment and / or cosmetics.

The southern neighbors of the Hunebed builders are the people of Stein culture. These people make a type collar neck bottle.

The service of the Hunebed builders is special. The plates, bowls and cups were in all shapes and sizes. The pots are composed of rolls of clay which have been kneaded into a pot. After kneading the pot is decorated with various motifs. The decorations are made by a piece of wood and bone and filled with a white paste of burnt, crushed bone with fat.

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