

FINGER RING

Unique ID: WMID-501426

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy coiled or spiral, probable finger ring, of uncertain dating (100 BC to 800 AD).

The probable finger ring consists of a D-section length of copper alloy metal twisted into a spiral. Both ends terminated in a square end with rounded corners. No makers' marks are present on the interior or exterior.

It has an exterior diameter of 29.6 mm, an interior diameter of 19.5 mm. In total it is 19.1 mm wide. The copper alloy metal is 6.1 mm wide and 4.2 mm thick. It weighs 29.2 g.

The finger ring is a mid to dark green colour, with an even surface patina. Abrasion, caused by movement whilst within the plough soil, has resulted in a loss of some of the original surface detail.

Spiral finger rings are a common find during the Late Iron Age to Roman period (100 BC to 410 AD), however they are normally made from copper alloy, with a circular sectioned wire or piece of metal. A similar example has been recorded as WMID-24AB05 on the PAS database, albeit made from silver. Dr Jody Joy (British Museum) commented on that example that it could be Iron Age (although I would expect the metal to have a more circular or rectangular cross-section) but this type of finger ring is used through the Bronze Age into the early medieval period.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: UNKNOWN

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa 100 BC

Date to: Circa AD 800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 4.2 mm

Thickness: 6.1 mm

Weight: 29.2 g

Diameter: 29.6 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 23rd May 2020 - Saturday 23rd May 2020

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Staffordshire](#) (County)

District: [East Staffordshire](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Wootton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SK1045

Four figure Latitude: 53.00222734

Four figure longitude: -1.8524374

1:25K map: SK1045

1:10K map: SK14NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst out searching with a metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land