

TORC

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

An Iron Age copper-alloy cruciform bead from a beaded torc dating to circa 50 BC - AD 150.

The bead is in the form of a quatrefoil. The central section is square with a square aperture. The aperture would have accommodated an iron rod onto which the beads would have been threaded to form a torc that could be worn around the neck. At each corner the bead terminates with a rounded knop. The object has a green coloured surface patina.

There are a number of similar beads recording on the PAS database including [YORYM-B9EC9D](#) discovered in Yorkshire that states that a more complete example of this type of beaded torc from Benwell, Northumberland is illustrated in MacGregor (1976) vol:2, p.198. [GLO-EEB7E3](#) discovered in Gloucestershire which refers to an example in the collection of the Museum of Scotland; Piece of a Bronze and Iron Neck Ring <http://nms.scran.ac.uk/database/record.php?usi=000-100-043-292-C>. This example dates to circa 0 and 150 AD. It is suggested that this example would have had beads at the front section of the torc only and the back two-thirds of the neck ring would have been a plain ring, possibly of iron.

The bead measures 22.1 mm in length, 21.3 mm in width, 6.2 mm in thickness at the knops and 2.7 mm in thickness on the central plate. It weighs 7 grams.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Period from: IRON AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 50 BC

Date to: Circa AD 150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 22.1 mm

Width: 21.3 mm

Thickness: 6.2 mm

Weight: 7 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Wilsford cum Lake](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU1339

Four figure Latitude: 51.15011434

Four figure longitude: -1.81551906

1:25K map: SU1339

1:10K map: SU13NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.