

BRACELET

Unique ID: SF6535

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Fragment of a Roman bracelet of the uncommon wide early type, which appears to have been re-used. It is 19.5 mm wide and has longitudinal decoration, of a central groove flanked by two pairs of dotted lines (the dots themselves possibly set in shallow grooves), plus outer borders of single dotted lines. At one end the bracelet is bent and broken; the break is very fresh and it is remarkable that the metal has retained enough flexibility to bend before breaking. At the other end there is a zone of transverse decoration forming a terminal; a broad concave moulding, with a double dotted line to either side. One corner survives intact as the end of the bracelet, but the rest is broken (old breaks). The fragment is perfectly flat and decreases in thickness from 2.5 mm at the terminal to 1 mm at the broken end. The flatness may be due to re-use, as there are two circular holes drilled just outside the double longitudinal lines of dots, one closer to the terminal than the other and filled with iron corrosion, the other a little further away and empty. This re-use might have been to turn a broken bracelet into a mount, perhaps in the early Anglo-Saxon period.

This type of bracelet is also sometimes called the 'wide strip' type and has been associated with the Roman term 'armilla'. This example was included in Crummy 2005 as an example of her Group A, with two bands of decoration (Crummy 2005, 99, 103; no. 40).

Notes:

This record was created before the Portable Antiquities Scheme began using the Central Database. We are aware that this record may fall below our usual standards of recording, and we are working to rectify this.

Class: wide **Sub class:** Crummy group A

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 43

Date to: AD 720

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 23 mm

Width: 19.5 mm

Thickness: 2.5 mm

Weight: 4.87 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st June 2001

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [St. Edmundsbury](#) (District)

To be known as: SUFFOLK BRADFIELD COMBUST WITH STANNINGFIELD

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Crummy, N., 2005 [*From bracelets to battle-honours: military armillae from the Roman conquest of Britain*](#) Montagnac: editions monique mergoil