

BRACELET

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy bracelet of unknown age – probably late Iron Age – Roman (100 BC-100 AD). The bracelet is formed from a cast length of copper alloy bar which seems to have been twisted in a vice. The twists for the most part are regular, although a series of stress fractures are evident in a number of places. It is possible that it has been cast – although the mould it was cast from must have been based upon a twisted example. The bracelet is broadly C shaped, with an open edge which is flanked by two bird head like terminals. In cross section is a relative regular oval. The terminals are separated from the twisted part of the bracelet by a tapering and expanding undecorated collar. The heads are similar to one another – but vary in detail. Both have cast decoration which has been augmented by chip carving. The beaks of the birds are long and narrow – the eyes oval annulets with raised central pupils. There is no other applied decoration present. The bracelet is a mid green colour with a light purple brown coloured metal showing through in areas of wear. A yellow coloured deposit is present in some of the grooves of the bracelet. It is relatively free from damage by abrasion and is a uniform shape. A direct parallel has not been found. The overall style fits well with that known in the later Iron Age, although the form is relatively crude in its application and decoration. The bracelet measures 66mm length, 78.8mm wide, is 9.0mm thick across the body of the bracelet and 8.6mm across the head. The internal diameter of the bracelet is 61.0mm x 56.4mm. It weighs 72.79 grams.

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: 100 BC

Date to: AD 100

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 66 mm

Width: 78.8 mm

Thickness: 9 mm

Weight: 72.79 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Wheel made

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Herefordshire

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land