

TOGGLE

Unique ID: HESH-B91282

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper-alloy toggle, of probable late Iron Age or early Roman date (300 BC - 100 AD). The head of the toggle is broadly irregular being broadly cylindrical (sub-rectangular) in plan with a single triangular loop projecting from one of the long edges. In profile and cross section the toggle is sub-circular, D shaped. The toggle measures 31.2mm length, 16.8mm width, is 10.1mm thick and weighs 7.74 grams. The head of the toggle is broadly symmetrical in design. It consists of a central knob like projection from which two small pointed spurs extend in either edge. The centre of the knob is divided by a single recessed V and the ridges on either face also have shallow grooves around them. From the upper part of the knob the bar for the toggle extends, this is similar in many ways to that seen on Roman brooches. The end of this bar spreads an integral cast loop. This loop is triangular in shape and rectangular in cross section. It is aligned at 90 degrees to the plain of the head, but not offset as button and loop fasteners are. The bottom edge of the loop has similar grooves to that on the head, the transverse bar is also slightly offset and is also circular in cross section (rather than D shaped like the long edges). The toggle is a mid-green colour with a well developed and preserved patina. A large number of similar toggles are recorded on the PAS database; all are dated to the later phases of the Iron Age or Early Roman periods. However this example differs from the majority in the nature and shape of the loop and head - it is likely that this is early Roman in date rather than Late Iron Age. It is also likely that this example would have been use to fasten either personal dress or possibly elements of horse harness.

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: 300 BC

Date to: AD 150

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.2 mm

Width: 16.8 mm

Thickness: 10.1 mm

Weight: 7.74 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

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

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land