

BARBED AND TANGED ARROWHEAD

Unique ID: NARC-F9B223

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An apparently complete cast copper alloy barbed and tanged arrowhead, of Early Bronze Age date (2150 - 1500 BC).

The arrow has a deep brown patina typical of bronze artefacts of this date. It was manufactured using a relatively simple casting technique. It is very worn and chipped around the edges. However, a raised midrib and bevelled edges are apparent. The body of the blades are slightly concave. The tang is sub-rectangular, tapering slightly towards the end, which could be a break rather than a deliberate end. It has relatively crude notches between the tang and barbs. The chipping and wearing on the edges and body indicate use wear rather than post-depositional damage, and so suggest a long period of use for this object. The style of the arrowhead copies flint barbed and tanged arrowheads of the period. Copper alloy arrowheads of this style and dates are rare in Britain. Other examples recorded on the PAS database can be found at SF-4014B0, WMID-CE6A76 and SF6680. All other examples are stray detector finds and consequently the accurate dating of the objects is problematic. However, Dr. Colin Pendleton (SCCAS) notes that there is no reason to doubt that these are contemporary with Early Bronze Age flint examples of similar form.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: BRONZE AGE

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: 2150 BC

Date to: 1500 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 43 mm

Width: 22 mm

Thickness: 2 mm

Weight: 7.72 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Julie Cassidy

Identified by: Ms Julie Cassidy

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Uncertain

Spatial metadata

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

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

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