COSMETIC MORTAR

Unique ID: SWYOR-C55AE3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper alloy end looped cosmetic mortar dating from the Late Iron Age or Roman period (100 BC - 400 AD). The main period of use seems to have been in the 1st and 2nd century. The mortar has a wide, down turned and flattened end loop which seems devolved from bird head loops. The end of the mortar siply extends, bends downwards, forms a tear drop shaped loop and runs along the base of the mortar where it is pressed against the body. The opposite end of the mortar is plain, without the knop which is common on bird headed looped mortars. The mortar is U shaped, fairly flat and there is evidence of wear in the base where the patina is smoother and glossier. The object has a rich dark green patina and is in good condition.

Notes:

This find was recovered from an area of crop marks that may represent a ladder settlement.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Period from: IRON AGE Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 100 BC Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 45.94 mm Width: 9.4 mm Thickness: 7.2 mm Weight: 3.48 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st November 2010 - Thursday 27th January 2011

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: PAS form number 1333

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Yorkshire and the Humber</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>North Yorkshire</u> (County)

District: **Selby** (District)

Parish or ward: **Stapleton** (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE5118

Four figure Latitude: 53.656016 Four figure longitude: -1.229802

1:25K map: SE5118 1:10K map: SE51NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Jackson, R., 2010 Cosmetic Sets of Late Iron Age and Roman Britain London: British Museum Press