

# SPATULA

**Unique ID:** BERK-15DBA0

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A cast copper alloy Roman wax spatula handle depicting the goddess Minerva. The handle takes the form a three-dimensional bust and is a typical example of its type. The facial features are worn, but the recessed circular eyes, protruding nose and flat mouth are visible. The figure wears a high-crested helmet. The neck is slender and extends into the shoulders and upper portion of the torso. Extending from the shoulder is a transverse slot and the remains of a iron tang from the handle. The reverse of the object is in good condition although some of the shoulder area is broken and missing from the lip that would have held the tang. A number of these Minerva spatula handles have been recorded on the database; Worrell (2003) and Crummy (2004) suggest a 2nd to early 3rd century date.

## Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

**Class:** Feugère type A5

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 300

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 38.89 mm

Width: 16.38 mm

Thickness: 10.35 mm

Weight: 21.4 g

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st January 1992 - Thursday 31st December 1992

## Personal details

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## Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2011.194

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

## Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Chieveley](#) (Civil Parish)

## Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU4773

Four figure Latitude: 51.454038

Four figure longitude: -1.324978

1:25K map: SU4773

1:10K map: SU47SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

## Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined