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Unique ID: IOW-16C188

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A complete Roman cast copper-alloy mount (or handle) dating from 43-410 AD, in the form of a small figurine in the form of a figurine of a male banqueter.

Above the waistline the banqueter is naked and below the waistline the body is draped in a mantle which is represented by cast and incised lines. The figure is reclining to the left on his elbow with the right leg raised and the head facing forward. The facial features are vague and may have eroded and worn. Incised lines on the rear surface suggest that the banqueter is reclining on a couch. The base of the figurine has a rough surface but one small area is flat and smooth.

Viewing the figurine from above, or below, it has a curved profile, indicating perhaps, that it would have been attached to a curved object (see below).

This object is corroded and has traces of a dark green patina.

Height: 31.69mm; width:34.41; thickness: 10.50mm. Weight: 23.03g.

The figurine is similar in its pose to other examples and can be closely paralleled to one excavated at Usk (Webster 1995: 47-49) and recovered from a pre-Flavian context. Webster argues that the artistic treatment of the figure is deliberately archaic and inspired by Greek two-dimensional vessel mounts and believes the Usk figurine stood, with other figures, on the rim of a vessel associated with the serving of wine. A similar figure has been found in Richborough (Bushe-Fox 1949: 138).

Similar mounts have been recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database, See finds: **IOW-2F7DD1**; **NMGW-F4A3F6**; **SF-7149D5** and **WMID-6553C1**.

Notes:

Bushe-Fox, J. P., 1949. Fourth Report on the Excavations of the Roman Fort at Richborough, Kent London: Reports of the Research Committee of the Society of Antiquaries of London, pp138.

Manning, W.H., Price, J. and Webster, P., 1995. Report on the excavations at Usk 1965-1976. The Roman small finds Cardiff: University of Wales Press.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: National importance

Class: Mount Sub class: Figurine

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Subperiod from: Early Period from: ROMAN Subperiod to: Late Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Exactly AD 43 Date to: Exactly AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 31.69 mm Width: 34.41 mm Thickness: 10.5 mm Weight: 23.03 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 21st March 2012

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2012-5-38

Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <u>Isle of Wight</u> (Unitary Authority)

District: <u>Isle of Wight</u> (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Isle of Wight

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

Manning, W.H., Price, J. and Webster, P., 1995 Report on the excavations at Usk 1965-1976. The

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