

BEAD

Unique ID: GLO-F8F3B7

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Sheet gold strip that has been rolled into a cylinder, the edges are overlap with a slight gap. Below the gap in the middle of the body is an off centre hole 0.6mm in diameter. The outside edge is decorated with a series of transverse incised bands that cover the whole surface.

Notes:

The probable bead is very rare for Britain and Ireland though a necklace of similar beads from Ireland is in the British Museum (BM 1853,0926.2) and recently at Glemsford, Suffolk (2010 T590 and LVPL-B28293). Although the presence of sheet-working technique and embossed decoration in Britain would suggest an Early-Middle Bronze Age date, parallels in Bronze Final individual burial cremation contexts throughout France as at Uffheim, Haut-Rhin (Eluère 1982, 30, fig 25, no. 3) and Courtavant (Eluère 1982, 30, fig 25, no. 2) suggest a Late Bronze Age date (c. 1100-800 BC). The bead is classified as a *perle tubulaires cannelées* (see Eluère 1982, 30-31, 168-171).

In terms of age and as the object contains a minimum of 10% precious metal it qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the *Treasure Act 1996*.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Corinium Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2012T382

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Period from: BRONZE AGE

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 1500 BC

Date to: Circa 800 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 13 mm

Width: 3.5 mm

Thickness: 6 mm

Weight: 1.09 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st December 2011 - Saturday 31st December 2011

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Kurt Adams

Identified by: Mr Ben Roberts

Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 48488

Treasure case number: 2012T382

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Cotswold](#) (District)

To be known as: Coberley

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Corinium Museum

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined