

MINIATURE OBJECT

Unique ID: WILT-02CA51

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A silver Roman miniature or votive axe dating to AD 43-250. The axe comprises a wedge shaped head which is fairly flat at the top but more curved at the bottom. The butt end is flat. The axe appears to be decorated with a line round the edges, except the cutting edge, of the blade. The shaft is circular in plan and narrows to a point at the bottom.

Green (1981, 258) suggests that in a Romano-Celtic context, votive axes may have been good luck charms, although it should be remembered that interpreting their ritual function is difficult and this is just one possibility for their use.

Notes:

This artefact was found in the late 1990's and has been recorded onto the database from a paper record, it has not been seen in person by the recorder

Class: axe

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 250

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 63.5 mm

Width: 16 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Salisbury

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.