

BEAD

Unique ID: BUC-4F6F59

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Small annular gold bead formed from a piece of sheet gold. The join is faintly visible. The hole is blocked with soil. Diameter 5mm; breadth 4mm; weight 0.32 grams. Non-destructive X-ray fluorescence analysis of the surface of this bead, indicated a surface composition of approximately 80-82% gold, 15-16 % silver, with approximately 3% copper.

A number of gold beads are known from the British and Irish Bronze age and these are chiefly biconical or tubular (eg that from Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, dated to the Middle Bronze Age, c 1400-1100 BC)(Varndell, G. Treasure Annual Report 2000, no.1). The composition of the Lenborough piece is compatible with a Bronze Age date. While its simple shape does not preclude its being Bronze Age a firm identification is not possible.

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Find of note status

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

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Buckinghamshire County Museum

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

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2014T472

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: BRONZE AGE

Subperiod to: Middle

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 1300 BC

Date to: Circa 1150 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 3.98 mm

Thickness: 2.08 mm

Weight: 0.33 g

Diameter: 5.39 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 13th July 2014

Rally details.

This object was found at [Weekend Wanderers - Lenborough 13.7.14](#)

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2014T472

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Aylesbury Vale](#) (District)

To be known as: Lenborough area

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Current location: Buckinghamshire County Museum

General landuse: Cultivated land