

HOARD

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A hoard of Late Bronze Age metalwork, comprising of 40 fragments of copper alloy ingot and two fragments of copper alloy sword. Treasure case no. 2015 T64. See also: IOW-77CAC3.

Ingot fragments

1. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 120.8mm; Width: 71.8; Thickness: 33.3; Weight: c. 969.0g;

2. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 100.6mm; Width: 89.4mm; Thickness: 29.6mm; Weight: c. 1080.0g;

3. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 128.4mm; Width: 68.2mm; Thickness: 37.9mm; Weight: c. 1196.0g;

4. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 119mm; Width: 117.8mm; Thickness: 28.8mm; Weight: 887g;

5. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 91.2mm; Width: 66.7mm; Thickness: 31.8mm; Weight c. 734.0g;

6. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 133.5; Width: 91.7mm; Thickness: 36.6mm; Weight: c. 1435.0g;

7. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 106.4mm; Width: 89.8mm; Thickness: 28mm; Weight: c. 1026.0g;

8. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 89.2; Width: 74.8mm; Thickness: 35.4mm; Weight: c. 764.0g;

9. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 91.7mm; Width: 83.4; Thickness: 27.9mm; Weight: c. 671.0g;

10. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 83mm; Width: 70.1mm; Thickness: 28.2mm; Weight: c. 458.0g;

11. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 87.3mm; Width: 50.9mm; Thickness: 33.8mm; Weight: c. 461.0g;

12. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 58.7mm; Width: 51.9mm; Thickness: 22.2mm; Weight: 183.42g;

13. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 75.6mm; Width: 57.5mm; Thickness: 22.8mm; Weight: 260.96g;

14. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 77.4mm; Width: 46.9mm; Thickness: 19.6mm; Weight: 276.61g;

15. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 71.9mm; Width: 44.9mm; Thickness: 25.4mm; Weight: 217.67g;

16. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 66.3mm; Width: 61.2mm; Thickness: 30.1mm; Weight: c. 549.0g;

17. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 56.2mm; Width: 39.9mm; Thickness: 30.7mm; Weight: 232.09g;

18. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 75.6; Width: 65.4mm; Thickness: 32.4mm; Weight: c. 480.0g;

19. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 65.2mm; Width: 54.3mm; Thickness: 30mm; Weight: c. 298.0g;

20. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 60.6mm; Width: 56.7 mm; Thickness: 20.9mm; Weight: 208.14g;

21. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 54.1mm; Width: 41.1mm; Thickness: 25.7mm; Weight: 263.38g;

22. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 59.2mm; Width: 39.2mm; Thickness: 28.7mm; Weight: 276.76g;

23. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 62.9mm; Width: 52.6mm; Thickness: 30.6mm; Weight: c. 350.0g;

24. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 52.2mm; Width: 46.8mm; Thickness: 24.7mm; Weight: 220.19g;

25. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 50.3mm; Width: 45.4mm; Thickness: 27.1mm; Weight: 218.19g;

26. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 70.1mm; Width: 46.7mm; Thickness: 31.2mm; Weight: c. 358.0g;

27. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 42.6mm; Width: 33.7mm; Thickness: 26.7mm; Weight: 147.41g;

28. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 54.8mm; Width: 40.7mm; Thickness: 20.3mm; Weight: 133.30g;

29. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 50.4mm; Width: 33mm; Thickness: 23.4mm; Weight: 174.39g;

30. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 40.3mm; Width: 38.4mm; Thickness: 27mm; Weight: 93.33g;

31. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 50.6mm; Width: 34.9mm; Thickness: 25.4mm; Weight: 127.49g;

32. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 58.8mm; Width: 45mm; Thickness: 27.8mm; Weight: 200.13g;

33. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 45.8mm; Width: 30.4mm; Thickness: 18.4mm; Weight: 73.41g;

34. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 39.7mm; Width: 31.4mm; Thickness: 14.7mm; Weight: 59.31g;

35. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 40.3mm; Width: 36.8mm; Thickness: 7.2mm; Weight: 78.91g;

36. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 45.8mm; Width: 24.3mm; Thickness: 19mm; Weight: 55.38g;

37. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 35.6mm; Width: 20.3mm; Thickness: 12.7mm; Weight: 25.10g;

38. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 34.3mm; Width: 33.8mm; Thickness: 15.7mm; Weight: 43.88g;

39. *Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy*

Length: 26.4mm; Width: 21.4mm; Thickness: 10.7mm; Weight: 17.74g;

40. Bun ingot fragment; copper alloy

Length: 30.3mm; Width: 21.1mm; Thickness: 18.6mm; Weight: 30.24g;

Sword blade fragments

41. Sword blade fragment

Probably from a Ewart Park type sword (Colquhoun & Burgess 1988, 55ff).

Length: 40.3mm; Width: 32.3mm; Thickness: 5.7mm; Weight: 35.31g;

42. Sword blade fragment

Probably from a Ewart Park type sword (Colquhoun & Burgess 1988, 55ff).

Length: 27.3mm; Width: 30.5mm; Thickness: 5.8mm; Weight: 20.63g;

Discussion:

The two sword blade fragments are probably from Late Bronze Age Ewart Park type swords and are a very common feature of so-called 'scrap' or 'founders' hoards of Late Bronze Age, especially in Southern England (e.g. Needham 1990). Fragments of ingot are also a regular feature of hoards of Late Bronze Age date, however, 'complete' plano-convex ingots of the type represented by **No. 4** are rare but they are known from the assemblage of copper alloy and tin ingots associated with a probable Late Bronze Age shipwreck at Salcombe, Devon (e.g. British Museum 2010, 8032.1 and 2010, 8032.191) and from the Late Bronze Age carp's tongue complex hoard consisting of 352 objects from Boughton Malherbe, Kent (Treasure case 2011 T464).

Conclusion:

Due to their age and number, this find qualifies as a prehistoric base-metal assemblage and Treasure under the stipulations of the *Treasure Act 1996, (Designation) Order 2002*.

Bibliography

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Notes:

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Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Acquired by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, 21/03/2016
Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2015T64

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE
Subperiod from: Late
Period from: BRONZE AGE
Subperiod to: Late
Period to: BRONZE AGE
Date from: Circa 1000 BC
Date to: Circa 800 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 42

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 14th December 2014

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Mr Frank Basford
Identified by: Mr Frank Basford
Secondary identifier: Dr Neil Wilkin

Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2015-2-13
Treasure case number: 2015T64

Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Godshill](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SZ5482

Four figure Latitude: 50.63520142

Four figure longitude: -1.23778744

1:25K map: SZ5482

1:10K map: SZ52NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Club rally

Current location: Acquired by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, 21/03/2016

General landuse: Grassland, Heathland

Specific landuse: Regularly improved

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