## GOUGE

Unique ID: KENT-8B55F1
Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a Late Bronze Age copper-alloy gouge (1150-800 BC). The gouge consists of the rectangular shaped blade tip. It is possible that this gouge was socket, however there is no indication of a socket remaining. The blade is C-shaped in cross-section throughout its length and concave, with the hollow of the blade increasing towards the cutting-edge. The sides of the blade are parallel and the cutting-edge is rounded and there is a visible casting-seam present on one side of the object. The break is semi-circular in cross-section and the reverse of the gouge is rounded.

The gouge measures 38.3 mm in length, 13.9 mm wide, 10.3 mm thick and weighs 20.95 g .
There are a number of similar objects recorded on the database including LIN-F1C06A and a socketed example IOW-EC25A7. If this gouge was socketed, it is likely that this tool is from the Wilberton, Ewart Park or Llyn Fawr metalworking phases which correspond to Needham's (1996) Period's 6-8. Socketed gouges have been found associated with metalwork assemblages of Wilberton (eg. Guilsfield, Savory, 1980, No. 268. 64-65) through Ewart Park (eg Penwyllt, Savory 1980, No 284. 7-8) and Llyn Fawr (Savory 1980, No 291 9-11).

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE
Subperiod from: Late
Period from: BRONZE AGE
Subperiod to: Late
Period to: BRONZE AGE
Date from: Circa 1150 BC
Date to: Circa 800 BC

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 38.3 mm
Width: 13.9 mm
Thickness: 10.3 mm
Weight: 20.95 g

## Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Fragment

## Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)
District: Ashford (District)
Parish or ward: Chilham (Civil Parish)

## Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR0753
Four figure Latitude: 51.23861413
Four figure longitude: 0.96404566
1:25K map: TR0753
1:10K map: TR05SE
Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

