

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 socketed, 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

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Ms Caroline Chestnutt

Identified by: Ms Caroline Chestnutt

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 1 metre square.