

KNIFE

Unique ID: SF-B29386

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy late Bronze Age Thorndon type socketed double-edged knife. Only the inner end of the blade and a small part of the socket survive and these are extremely corroded with well worn breaks. The blade is oval in cross-section and begins to taper slightly just above the socket. Both edge appear to have been sharpened making this a double-edged knife. The socket is also oval in cross-section and is hollow all the way to the join with the blade. It also tapers slightly towards the outer end, but only a small portion survives.

Socketed double-edged knives are characteristic of the Ewart Park metalworking phase and occur primarily South East England (Needham 1990, 45 fig.9 no.75). Only a small number of similar examples have been recorded on the PAS databases including a fragment (SF-ABB001) and a complete knife (SF-CFCC81) from Suffolk and several complete knives from elsewhere in England: SUR-5680D4, WILT-7201C2, NMGW-6F3FF3 and NARC2814, the latter part of a late Bronze Age hoard discovered on the Isle of Wight.

Length: 38.47mm, width: 25.23mm, thickness: 9.31mm, weight: 19.36g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Period from: BRONZE AGE

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 950 BC

Date to: Circa 750 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 38.47 mm

Width: 25.23 mm

Thickness: 9.31 mm

Weight: 19.36 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Forest Heath](#) (District)

To be known as: Mildenhall

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined