

SCABBARD

Unique ID: DOR-BD9AED

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A copper-alloy bag-shaped chape. The chape is crescentic with an oval opening at the top, concave sides, a rounded, slightly flared bottom, and a perforation in each face. Each of these retains a small circular sectioned, domed rivet. There is a slight lip around the edges of the opening. Around the perforations the chape is decorated with a series of closely spaced moulded concentric circles (approximately ten on each face). The surface is corroded in some areas, but is otherwise smooth with a greyish patina.

Date: Late Bronze Age - c. 950 - 800 BC

Dimensions: 36.16 mm x 16.94 mm x 12.50 mm

Weight: 15.97 g

A similar, although undecorated, chapes are recorded in WILT-D4F151 and another in a Bronze Age Hoard (SUSS-C65251) where Neil Wilkin notes *The two bag-shaped chapes (Nos. 3-4) are of a type present in several hoards in South-east England. They are primarily distributed in South-east England and in Northern France, with a small number of outliers in Ireland (O'Connor 1980: 190; List 161; Gerloff 2004, fig. 17.9, 3). Parallels for the bag-shaped chapes can be found in the Mininis Bay hoard, Kent (Ibid., fig. 59, no. 12), and a similar bag-shaped chape with two peg holes is part of the Salisbury hoard (British Museum: 1961,006.7; 1998,0901.149). Bag-shaped chapes are often associated with the Carp's Tongue (CT) complex/horizon (O'Connor 1980, 190-91), although Gerloff (2004, 146) notes that their distribution is somewhat peripheral to their principal distribution areas. It is possible that the blade tip (No. 5) belongs to either a Ewart Park or a Carp's Tongue sword, both are types that are closely associated with hoards and deposits that also include bag-shaped chapes (Ibid.).*

Find of note status

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

Class: Chape **Sub class:** bag-shaped

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 950 BC

Date to: Circa 800 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 36.16 mm
Width: 16.94 mm
Thickness: 12.5 mm
Weight: 15.96 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCMS 016803

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Dorset](#) (County)
District: [East Dorset](#) (District)
To be known as: Dorset

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.