

AWL

Unique ID: SF-333182

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete copper alloy awl, probably of late Bronze Age date. The shaft is sub-rectangular in section and tapers towards either end. One end is pointed, whilst the other is chisel shaped. It survives in very good condition with a fine green patina.

It is difficult to date Bronze Age awls precisely, however, Ben Roberts, Curator, European Bronze Age, The British Museum (pers. comm.) suggests that they are likely to date to later in the period. The form changes little throughout time, however, and post-Bronze Age examples are also known. Many similar examples have been recorded on the PAS database, including SWYOR-220A7C from Yorkshire, HAMP-D070D5 from Wiltshire and SOM-7C6ED1 from Somerset.

Length: 42.13mm, width: 4.96mm, thickness: 4.40mm, weight: 3.86g

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 801 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 42.13 mm

Width: 4.96 mm

Thickness: 4.4 mm

Weight: 3.86 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st March 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [St. Edmundsbury](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Bury St Edmunds

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

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