NAIL CLEANER

Unique ID: SOM-7C1434

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A complete Roman, copper alloy nail-cleaner strap-end with crescent-shaped lugs and a) simple punched decoration. The blade itself is leaf shaped, and widens to an angular shoulder before tapering in a concave curve from the shoulders to two rounded points which are both worn. The edges are bevelled widening from the front to the back. The blade is decorated, on the obverse, with a ring and dot motif by the shoulders, from this runs a row of small circular indents, that run in a line along the remaining length of the blade terminating shortly before the blade separates to form two points. The back of the blade is flat and undecorated.

The blade then joins retangular shaft (17.28mm long) that is D-shaped in section with a flat back that ultimately terminates in the supension loop. The circular supension loop is at right angles to the plane of the blade. Both the junction of the blade and shaft, and that of the shaft and suspension loop are flanked by indents with projecting ends creating crescents

It is 51.11mm long, with a maximimum width at the blade of 7.94mm and a minimum width at the blade of 2.5mm with a thickness of 2.0mm. The handle section is 4.00mm wide and 3.07mm thick, and the suspension loop is 8.64mm in diameter. It weighs 4.60g.

Crummy type 4 dates to the late fourth century (Crummy 1983: 58) and is typified by the longer shaft and presence of decoration on the blade. A similar example, but a loop in the same plane rather than transversely as on this example is illustrated in Crummy (2001:6) from Wavendon Gate.

Class: Nail-cleaner strap-end with crescent-shaped lugs and a) simple punched decoration Sub

class: Eckardt, H. and Crummy, N. 2008, 138, fig. 81

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN Period from: ROMAN Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 300 Date to: Circa AD 400

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 51.11 mm Width: 7.94 mm Thickness: 3.07 mm Weight: 4.06 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2016 - Thursday 20th October 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC Receipt 017439

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

District: <u>Wiltshire</u> (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: <u>West Knoyle</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST8433

Four figure Latitude: 51.09608065 Four figure longitude: -2.22986222

1:25K map: ST8433 1:10K map: ST83SW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Crummy, N., 2001 Nail-cleaners: Regionality at the clean edge of Empire Roman Finds Group

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