# **KEY (LOCKING)**

Unique ID: LVPL-5B063D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy composite rotary key dating to the Roman period, (c. 150-c. 410).

The key has an incomplete openwork handle which terminates with a break along the projections of the handle frame. The socket is square-sectioned and cylindrical inside. Each face of the socket has moulded parallel ribs and grooves as decoration. The depth of the cylinder within the remaining socket is 16mm and is 13mm in diameter. This socket would have accommodated a separate stem which was probably made of copper-alloy as there is no iron staining around the opening. The object has a mid-brown patina.

Dimensions: 36mm in length, 21mm in width, 10mm thick, 24.5g

Examples of similar key handles which can be found on the PAS database include <u>IOW-C9B1A6</u> <u>IOW-60EDD3</u> and <u>SF-95C3EF</u>

A similar key handle with fleur-de-lis openwork has been discovered at Colchester and key handles of this type have been dated to postAD 150 (Crummy 1983: 126, fig. 142, ref: 4161).

Crummy, N. 1983. The Roman Small Finds from excavations in Colchester 1971-9. Colchester Archaeological Report 2. Colchester Archaeological Trust. Colchester.

#### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

### Chronology

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

Date from: Circa AD 150 Date to: Circa AD 400

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1 Length: 36 mm Width: 21 mm Thickness: 10 mm Weight: 24.5 g

#### **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st September 2017 - Friday 13th October 2017

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### **Materials and construction**

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

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: North West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Cheshire West and Chester (Unitary Authority)

District: Cheshire West and Chester (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Horton-cum-Peel

## **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