

BOWL

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Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete late Roman Irchester bowl which was deposited with the rim facing the surface. Roughly a third of the bowl is missing.

The bowl is 85mm in height, the base is convex and from the base the body expands to its maximum width just below the rim (256mm) before tapering inwards slightly to the rim (236mm) which has a bevelled edge (2.5mm thick). The omphalos base is convex on the outside and is domed upwards in the centre (70mm in diameter), internally the centre of the raised boss to the rim is 81mm. The base is perforated presumably evidence of manufacture on a lathe.

The Irchester type bowl has incurving sides, an omphalos base and an in-turned rim. Irchester bowls are generally accepted to have been hanging basins manufactured in the 4th or 5th centuries in Britain although still circulating in the early Anglo-Saxon period. The uniformity of the design suggests that the vessel was a product of one or more centralised or associated workshops, and that they were used as part of a dinner service or perhaps for hand washing. Examples from elsewhere in the south of Britain include Amersham, Buckinghamshire; Drapers Garden, London; Wotton, Surrey; Pewsey; Wiltshire, Pewsey (Stanchester); Wiltshire, and, Bishops Canning, Wiltshire.

Find of note status

This has been noted as an interesting find by the recorder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 350

Date to: Circa AD 450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 85 mm

Weight: 425 g

Diameter: 256 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Lacock

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.