

MINIATURE OBJECT

Unique ID: HAMP-6EF338

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Late Bronze Age to Roman (1150 BC - AD 410) copper alloy miniature socketed axehead of Robinson's Type I (Robinson, Wiltshire Archaeology Magazine 1995, p.60) with concave sides. The axehead is thinnest at the blade end (1.1mm thick) expanding over the length to 4.5mm thick below the mouth moulding, which is 5.4mm thick. The internal part of the socket measures 4.6x2.8mm and is little more than a dip at 0.9mm deep. The C-shaped loop (7.0mm tall) is cast to the side just below the mouth and is not part of the body of the axe. It has a circular perforation at the centre 2.1mm in diameter.

The axehead is triangular in profile and the surface is pitted towards the cutting edge on both faces. Where the patina remains it is smooth, shiny and mid-green in colour.

The object measures 18.9mm in length and has an expanded cutting edge (the corners now worn and curved) 10.0mm wide. It is max. 12.2mm wide across the top of the axe at the loop. The thickest measurement is at the socket (5.4mm). It weighs 3.02g.

The dating of miniature axeheads is from the Late Bronze Age to the Roman period, although they are more common from the Roman period. Their function is probably as an amulet or votive. This is a rather nicely-executed example and in outline rather more faithful to Late Bronze Age socketed axeheads than miniature axeheads usually are. It is particularly similar in shape to axes of the Ewart Park and Llyn Fawr phases.

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: BRONZE AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa 1150 BC

Date to: Circa AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 18.9 mm

Width: 12.2 mm

Thickness: 5.4 mm

Weight: 3.02 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: Hampshire Cultural Trust Object Entry Form WINCM 655

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Windsor and Maidenhead](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Windsor and Maidenhead](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Bisham](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU8483

Four figure Latitude: 51.53965988

Four figure longitude: -0.79020479

1:25K map: SU8483

1:10K map: SU88SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land