SOCKETED AXEHEAD

Unique ID: NLM-7CDDD3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Copper alloy socketed axe head. Cast socketed single looped axe head, lightly flared towards its crescentic curved cutting edge. The plain narrower upper and lower sides each bear a clear central mould line; the other broader sides are flat and plain. At c.50mm in from the cutting edge, narrow grooves of width c.4.5mm appear at the arises where flat sides meet, and these continue until 5mm before the edge of the socket. This appears square with rounded corners externally, framing a rounded aperture measuring 27mm in both directions and with a thickened triangular section border. A single loop of length 17.5mm, width 6.5mm and height [i.e. protrusion] 7mm is set on one narrower side adjacent to the socket, with the mould line noted above continuing along it. Most of the object bears an appealing brownish patina; this has suffered only limited disruption by localised damage on one broader side, and is more extensively removed from the other, where a deeper dent also appears, presumably the result of plough strike. A chocolate brown material with an orange tinted stain where it is lost appears around the inner side of the mouth of the socket, and might even represent the otherwise decayed wood of a haft. The cutting edge remains sharp. The thickened socket mouth, which is amply reinforced at the point which would receive more stress than any other, adds to the general impression of a viable tool which remained fully functional at the time of its deposition. Suggested date: Late Bronze Age, 1000-800 BC.

Length: 101mm, Height (at cutting edge): 51.4mm, Width (at mouth of socket): 36.5mm, Thickness (at mouth of socket): 5.9mm, Weight: c.230gms

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 1000 BC Date to: Circa 800 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 101 mm Height: 51.4 mm Width: 36.5 mm Thickness: 5.9 mm

Weight: 230 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 16th August 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NLM40062

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: Yorkshire and the Humber (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: North Lincolnshire (Unitary Authority)

District: North Lincolnshire (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: Wrawby (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TA0109

Four figure Latitude: 53.56789737 Four figure longitude: -0.47639458

1:25K map: TA0109 1:10K map: TA00NW

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