

MINIATURE OBJECT

Unique ID: WILT-F6733D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Roman copper alloy miniature socketed axehead, of Robinson's (1995) type III, probably dating to c. AD 44-410. The miniature axehead is sub-rectangular in cross section tapering to a point at the cutting edge. In profile the upper edge of the blade is straight, whilst the lower edge expands outwards into the cutting edge following the neck, creating a 'drooping' appearance. An off centre sub-oval depression imitates the socket at the mouth of the axehead.

Dimensions: length 20.2mm; width 8.4mm; thickness 5.4mm; weight 3.18g.

Whilst miniature socketed axeheads have been found in contexts from the Late Bronze Age onwards, Robinson (1995) notes that the majority are most likely Roman, used as votive offerings. Despite retaining a 'socket' he suggests that examples with 'drooping' blades likely imitate contemporary iron axes, classifying such examples as his type 3. This example appears notable in its lack of loop.

Class: Axehead **Sub class:** Robinson 1995, Type III

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 44

Date to: Circa AD 410

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 20.2 mm

Width: 8.4 mm

Thickness: 5.4 mm

Weight: 3.18 g

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Wil Partridge

Identified by: Mr Wil Partridge

Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 5369

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU1457

Four figure Latitude: 51.3119438

Four figure longitude: -1.80052457

1:25K map: SU1457

1:10K map: SU15NW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land