

PENDANT

Unique ID: HESH-D16AA6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast copper alloy pendant of probable late Iron Age or early Roman date (200 BC - 200 AD). The pendant is sub-circular in plan and sub-oval in cross section. It measures 15.8mm in diameter, it is 6.1mm wide, and 5.5mm thick. Through the centre of the pendant is a sub-oval (teardrop shaped) hole, the shape is evidence of wear. It measures 6.7mm in length, 5.8mm wide. The pendant weighs 4.46 grams.

On the lower external face are five cast circular depressions arranged horizontally in a row. Each of these depressions measures 3mm in diameter. They are each filled with a mixture of earth; where the earth has been loosened by cleaning a mixture of a white coloured resinous material and possible areas of enamel are present. There are no other areas of cast or incised decoration present on the pendant.

The pendant is a mid-dark green colour with a well developed patina which covers all surfaces. There are several areas where abrasion has removed this patina and light green powdery corrosion has developed. The internal loop of the pendant is worn (hence the teardrop shape) and it is likely that this has come from being suspended; the five decorative elements are on the opposite side of this wear. No clear parallels have been found for this artefact; it has been dated solely on the design, weight of the metal and age of the patina.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: IRON AGE

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: 200 BC

Date to: AD 200

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 6.1 mm

Thickness: 5.5 mm

Weight: 4.46 g

Diameter: 15.8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 15th January 2005

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Herefordshire

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land