

BRACELET

Unique ID: HESH-49B854

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast and wrought copper alloy open bracelet probably dating to either the Roman period or the late medieval / post-medieval periods (100-450 or 1450-1650 AD). The bracelet is formed from three lengths of oval sectioned copper alloy wire twisted together to form one 'rope like' length. The diameter of the individual wires is 2.1mm width x 1.8mm thickness. The two terminals of the bracelet are formed by joining the three ends of the wire together. The terminals are sub-rectangular and taper to rounded points. The bracelet is sub-oval in plan and measures 76.2mm length and 60.4mm width and is 2.6mm thick. The internal diameter is 71.6mm x 55.4mm. It weighs 12.96 grams.

Apart from the twisted decoration the bracelet is plain with no incised or cast designs. It seems that one of the three twisted wires has been tinned or silvered. This applied surface occurs only on one of the strands and seems to be a deliberate decorative element. This coating only survives in patches; much of it has been lost either through abrasion or corrosion. The bracelet is a mid dark green brown colour with an even (but abraded) patina that covers all surfaces. The abrasion and movement in the soil have resulted in the bracelet becoming slightly misshapen. There are also small patches of active light green corrosion present. A similar bracelet / armband formed from three strands of copper alloy wire is illustrated in Nina Crummy's 'Roman small finds from excavations in Colchester' pp38-39 fig: 1628. However, this example has hooked terminals rather than plain hammered ones. In the reference material available I have found no parallels for the two tone effect described above, hence the wide date bracket of either Roman or Later Medieval.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: AD 100

Date to: AD 450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 76.2 mm

Width: 60.4 mm

Thickness: 2.6 mm

Weight: 12.96 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 20th April 2005

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Peter Reavill

Identified by: Mr Peter Reavill

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Surface Treatment: White metal coated

Spatial metadata

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

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

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

Parish or ward: [Ross-on-Wye](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO5923

Four figure Latitude: 51.90402159

Four figure longitude: -2.59734585

1:25K map: SO5923

1:10K map: SO52SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 10 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Gardening

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Garden

Crummy, N., 1983 [Colchester Archaeological Report 2: The Roman small finds from excavations in Colchester, 1971-9](#) Colchester: Colchester Archaeological Trust Ltd 38-39 , 1628