

UNCORRECTED ARCHIVE REPORT

APPENDIX 9 – CATALOGUE OF METAL, FINE STONE AND BONE OBJECTS

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Notes on presentation: The objects are grouped first by broad period, then by material and ordered in accordance with the illustrations which appear at various points through the main printed text. Objects that are not illustrated are listed after the main group within which they fall by period and type. A number of objects found in the course of work on other categories of material (notably the animal bones) were not accorded small find numbers.

The bone objects are discussed in more detail in Appendix 10. For Flint objects see Appendix 3; Fired clay, Appendix 8; The Roman coin, Appendix 11; Querns, Appendix 13; Slag, Appendix 14.

Neolithic and Bronze Age

Figure 11

- 8 Cylindrical blunted pin point. It is split on opposite sides. L 45 mm; W 4.5 mm
SF7 Early NEO F160/A/2
- 9 Shaped point made from a long bone. It is very sharp and lightly polished. L 79 mm; W 8 mm
SF9 Early NEO F160/A/2
- 10 Forked red deer antler tines; the tips are polished and striated by wear. The beam at the base of the tines is roughly worn away leaving no trace of a handle which might have been necessary if this implement was used as a rake.
Early NEO F160/A/1
- 11 Red deer antler beam and broken tines. It has no pedicle as a result of natural agents. Possibly used as a form of hammer or retained as raw material.
Early NEO F160/A/2

Figure 12

- 13 Split sheep limb bone fragment shaped to a long narrow point to form a point and polished as a result of use. Partly carbonised.
SF57 NEO or BA F343/A/1-3
- Limb bone fragment from a large quadruped. It has been roughly sawn and is

well worn, especially on the interior where the natural bone surface has been abraded. This heavy attrition suggests that the bone was used to either scrape or polish. L 36 mm; W 24.5 mm

Late NEO F287/A/1

Figure 16

- 3 Limb bone fragment split and trimmed lightly into a narrow point to form a pin. It has considerable polish as a result of use.

SF66 ?Middle NEO or Beaker F618/2

- 4 Pierced boar's tusk pendant. It is highly polished on the dorsal and ventral sides.

SF32 Beaker F618/A/1

- 5 Boar's tusk, pierced on the dorsal side and polished on the ventral sides. The two dorsal sides have fissures along their length. One of the dorsal sides has broken off.

SF27 Beaker F618

Figure 25

- 7 Sheep limb bone fragment trimmed to a point which is worn and polished. L 75 mm; W 9.5 mm

SF4 Mid to late BA F162

- 9 Forked red antler; comprising a beam and two tines. Each end has been roughly sawn. The surface is worn and fissures have emerged. It is lightly polished. This could be waste material but this particular example was put to some use, perhaps intended as an implement handle.

Mid to late BA F162/A/22

Early to Middle Iron Age

Figure 50

Metal

- 1 A thick bronze needle or bodkin broken off at the base of the eye and with the point missing. L 67 mm.

SF38 EIA F75/1

- 2 Bronze finger-or toe-ring. Ring of flat ribbon-strip of bronze with overlapping terminals, one broad and the other tapering. Broken. Late Iron Age type. Diam 20 mm. (cf Wheeler, 1943, 265-7 no.s 10-17 Maiden Castle; Bulleid and Gray

- 1911, 209-11 pl xli Glastonbury).
SF3 MIA L106
- 3 Fragment of Cu alloy sheeting with rivet. L 8 mm.
SF2 MIA L106
- 5 Strip of Iron in 4 pieces One rivet hole. L 63 mm.
SF28 MIA F505/A/1
- 6 Corroded square shank of an iron nail with the top and point missing. L 47 mm
SF62 MIA L106
- 7 Iron nail, possibly intrusive.
SF68 MIA F206/F-S
- Small piece of corroded iron which could be the shank of a nail.
SF65 MIA F206/H/1S

Shale or Jet

- 4 Fragment of possibly jet ring or bracelet. L 12 mm.
SF56 MIA F203-200/F

Bone and Antler

- 8 Possible strap union made from antler. Originally a squared off tube with an oblong perforation, allowing a strap or cord placed across the perforation to be held in place by another crossing over it at right angles through the sections of tube at either end (one of the end 'tubes' was broken in antiquity). The main face has a finely incised lattice decoration. L 36 mm; W 24 mm. A similar decorated object is known from Rollright (Lambrick 1988, 96-7, fig 65 no. 1)
SF36 EIA F671/A/3
- 9 Bone point made from a dog's ulna. The point is lightly polished along its shaft. L 162 mm; W 21 mm
SF59 EIA F326/A/1
- 10 Lateral metapodial of a horse trimmed to a point with a light polish near the end denoting use. L 120 mm; W 16 mm
SF49 EIA F661/A/3
- 11 Bone pin fragment broken top and bottom. Good condition. L 54 mm; W 12 mm
SF 53 661/A/7

- 12 Bovine metatarsal worn at the distal end through to the cancellous tissue. The natural bone surface of the shaft has been badly fractured and the entire bone has been treated with PVA so any other work has been obscured. L 140 mm; W 30 mm
SF5 EIA F127/A
- 13 Possible 'bobbin' made from an unfused sheep metacarpal. Incomplete, having been broken at the point of its transverse perforation. L 54 mm; W 21 mm.
SF 40 uncertain date u/s
- 14 Sheep tibia with longitudinal and side perforations at the distal end. L 56 mm; W 27 mm
SF29 MIA 505/C/1
- 15 Sheep metatarsal with longitudinal and side perforations at the end. L 146 mm; W 24 mm
SF25 MIA 545/A/-
- Sheep metatarsal cut aslant. The shaft is trimmed. The implement is highly abraded. L 75 mm; W 10 mm
EIA F63/A/I
- Sheep tibia cut aslant. The edges are highly abraded. L 71 mm; W 12.5 mm
EIA F122/A/1
- Sheep metatarsal trimmed along the shaft, probably to form a blade or a point which has subsequently broken. L 115 mm; W 10 mm
IA F141/A/1
- Lateral metapodial of a horse. The shaft is smooth and the edges are abraded. It is worn but not worked. L 96 mm; W 12 mm
SF48 EIA(?) F661/A/7
- Grooved and polished sheep metacarpal; the shaft is worn at certain points but is otherwise unworked. L 118 mm; W 22 mm
EIA(?) F661/A/8

Figure 51**Bone and Antler (contd)**

- 1 Antler comb, complete except for its broken teeth which are worn almost to the base. The comb has a rounded enlargement of the butt. Half way down the right side there are two faint punched ring and dot decorations. The comb is

- lightly polished and subsequently weathered. L 137.5 mm; W 30 mm
SF41 EIA F661/A/9
- 2 Complete antler comb, decorated with paralleled and incised hatched lines. It has a round head and six teeth; the outer ones are more worn. L 106 mm; W 17 mm
SF 46 MIA 661/C/l
- 3 Fragment of a calcined antler comb which has been decorated with incised parallel lines. The worked side is lightly polished. L 36 mm; W 17 mm
SF29a MIA F505/C/l
- 4 Grooved and polished sheep metatarsal (broken and carbonised). L 86 mm; W 16 mm
SF29b MIA F505/C/1 and 505/A/1
- Fragment of a grooved and polished sheep radius. The utensil is unusual in that metacarpals or metatarsals of sheep are usually utilised for this implement. L 81 mm; W 10 mm
MIA F203/J/1
- 5 Fragment of sawn and hollowed red deer antler which has been perforated. The outside is smooth. L 46.5 mm; W 1.7 mm
MIA 661/C/1
- 6 Calcined antler fragment. It is lightly polished otherwise unworked. L 34 mm; W 23 mm
SF55 MIA F584/A/l
- Point made from a roe deer metapodial that has been trimmed but still retains its natural form. The surface is lightly striated and polished. L 66 mm W 12 mm
MIA 584/A/1
- Three carbonised unworked pieces of bone which include a sheep scapula which has been lightly polished.
SF29c MIA F505/C/1
- Two unworked bone fragments, comprising a bone splinter and a carbonised bone.
SF31 MIA F505/A/l
- Distal end of a bovine metatarsal which has been sawn off. This is waste material derived from the main implement made. It is highly weathered. L 43 mm; W 40 mm

MIA F676/B/3

- Sheep tibia shaft cut aslant at both ends on opposite sides. The edges have cut marks and the surface has faint striations. Neither of the ends are complete. L 64 mm; W 10 mm

MIA F661/C/4

- Sheep metatarsal cut aslant to form a blade or point which has broken. The shaft is trimmed and perforated and there is a transverse perforation through the proximal end. L 105 mm; W 14 mm

MIA F206/J/1

- Sheep metatarsal trimmed aslant. One end has pitting on the surface; possibly the result of animal predation. L 83 mm; W 10 mm.

MIA F200/F

Late Iron Age and Roman

Figure 52

Metal

- 1 Bronze Fibula, Nauheim derivative with spring; The bow is flat (and undecorated). Now bent; pin missing. L originally c30 mm (cf Cunliffe 1968, 77-8 no.s 4, 5 and 9. pl xxvi).
SF22 RB 1st-2nd cent F3/F/2
 - 2 Iron Fibula (2 pieces) Perhaps wrought locally in imitation of the Gaulish Aucissa type. L 58 mm. (cf Cunliffe 1971, 104-5 no 37 for a bronze example of Aucissa C).
SF20 RB 2nd cent F563/A/1
 - 3 Bronze Fibula. Nauheim derivative with spring, of round wire and a spring. L 47 mm. (cf Cunliffe 1968, 77-8 no 2 pl xxvi).
SF30 u/s
 - 4 Bronze Fibula, Nauheim derivative. It has a flat bow, tapering towards the foot. The bow is ornamented with a central spine. The edges are raised and decorated with short transverse cuts. There are four horizontal nicks above the foot. The spring has two coils on either side of the bow. L 46 mm. (cf Cunliffe 1971, 100-1, Fig 36 no. 1).
SF14 RB 2nd cent F533/A/1
- Iron Fibula. Nauheim derivative. Pin missing, and catch plate damaged. L 55 mm. (cf Cunliffe 1968, 77 and pl xxvi, no.2).

SF43 RB 2nd cent F674/A/1

- 5 A bronze ear scoop, with a head flattened and pierced, for attachment. Undecorated. L 44 mm. (cf Cunliffe 1971, 109-10, Fig 42 no.s 72, 73).

SF10 RB F180/A/1

- 6 Piece of bronze binding. Broken (5 pieces one separate shown). L 60 mm

SF58 and SF 17 RB 2nd cent F533

- 7 A small bronze double pointed rod. L 90 mm. (cf Crummy 1983, 168 fig 206 no. 4666).

SF21 RB 2nd to 3rd cent. F534/D/1

Figure 53

Metal

- 1 Blade of an iron knife? L 123 mm.

SF33 RB F752/A

- Iron nail shank of square section; head is bent. L 105 mm.

SF50 RB 2nd cent F675/B/1

- Iron nail with a square shank. Broken. L 60 mm; W 20 mm.

SF51 RB 3rd cent F789/A/4

Shale

- 7 A piece of shale. Possibly part of a plain bracelet. L 15 mm.

SF63 RB 1st-2nd cent F51/B/-

Bone and Antler

- 3 Part of a sheep tibia shaft trimmed to a point and subsequently broken. Punctured by a scavenger. L 63 mm W 0.4 mm

SF 16 LIA-RB F508/B

- 4 Section of large (cattle or horse) rib with tapered point and very worn edges possibly used as scraping or smoothing tool. These objects are characteristic of early and middle Iron Age sites in the South West (Britnell 1977, 92; fig 27, no 172), so this example may be redeposited L 140 mm; W 28 mm

SF 34 2nd cent RB 757/A/1

- Broken piece of a large (cattle or horse) rib with a notched edge (fresh break evident at one end) L 120 mm; W 38 mm.

SF 37 2nd cent RB 757/A/1

- 5 Piece of horse or bovine tibia shaft; unworked apart from the wider edge of the triangular shape which has been worn down and smoothed, probably as the result of scooping dry abrasive material. L 103 mm; W 40 mm
LIA-RB 508/A/2
- 6 Bone point lightly polished and weathered on most of the natural bone surface. Possibly made from the lateral metapodial of a horse. L 56 mm; W 11 mm
SF42 RB F676/A/1
- 8 Sheep tibia with longitudinal and side perforations at the distal end. This shaft has been trimmed all round and small cut marks can be discerned and possible teeth marks. L 72 mm; W 21 mm
SF15 LIA-RB F508/B/2
- Burnt sheep metatarsal broken in two. The shaft has been pierced and hollowed and the outer surface is smooth. Total L 53 mm; W 15 mm
LIA F530/A/1-2
- Trimmed sheep tibia shaft cut aslant at the distal end. The edges are abraded and the shaft is smooth. L 176 mm W 27 mm
RB 1st-2nd cent F605/A/4
- Sheep metacarpal trimmed aslant. The shaft has been pierced and hollowed longitudinally and the edges are worn. The shaft is lightly polished on the anterior side. L 75 mm W 11 mm
RB F524/A/3

Saxon

Figure 53 (contd)

Metal

- 9 A piece of bronze sheet, folded-over and flattened. Length: 19 mm.
SF12 Saxon F82
- Iron pin. L 64 mm Very corroded.
SF45 Saxon F283/A/1

Bone and Antler

- 10 Bone point made from the lateral metapodial of a horse. The surface is lightly polished and striated. L 90 mm; W 21 mm
SF52 Saxon 283/C/3

- 11 Trimmed and lightly polished pig fibula shaft with a utilised point. L 113 mm;
W 10 mm
SF1 Saxon F43/A/1
- Utilised horn core of sheep or goat, unworked but with very smooth surface,
broken tip. L 113 mm; W 22 mm
Saxon 283/B/1

Undated and Modern

- Metal pin.
SF35 Modern.F489/A/1
- Coin Victoria 1863
SF60
- Fe object. Found in tray 8m.
SF61 Modern F74/1
- A bronze disc or token.
SF67 Modern.
- Iron rod/ pin.
SF64 Modern F130/A/1

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