4.8 Copper alloy finds

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4.8.4 Catalogue

Jewellery and dress accessories (16 Objects)

SF 45 Part of a simple cable bracelet formed from two thin copper alloy wires twisted together. Incomplete. Late Roman type.
D: 50mm
Context 1010 (late Roman fill of main ditch [1004])
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SF 51 Nauheim-derivative bow brooch, with plain bow of flat cross-section, four-coil spring and interior chord. Date: 1st c. B.C.- 1st c. A.D. Incomplete
L: 48mm
Context 1013(early Roman fill of main ditch [1004])
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SF 54 Two fragments of simple flat strip bracelet, rectangular section. The small circumference might indicate this was a child's bracelet. Probably Roman. Incomplete
Est. Int. D.: 52mm; Th: 0.5mm; H: 2mm
Context 1010 (late Roman fill of main ditch [1004])
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SF 345 Brooch pin from a sprung bow brooch. Probably from a spring with four turns. Incomplete.
L: 41mm
Context 2090 (Roman layer in Room 2 of villa)
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SF 397 Lace-tag of narrow conical form. Incomplete.
L: 25mm
Context 2112 (fill of MIA pit [2104])
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SF 418 Swan-necked pin, with bend at neck and circular cross-section. Tip and head missing. Date: 5th – 3rd c. B.C. Incomplete.
L: 55mm; Th: 2mm
Context 2130 (fill of MIA pit [2123])
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SF 450 Double coils, probably from a bracelet with twisted, expanding clasp. Incomplete.
L: 34mm; Th: 1mm
Context 2060 (Roman layer in Room 3 of villa)
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SF 471 Fragment of plain ring of circular cross-section. Possibly a finger ring. Incomplete.
D: 20mm; Int.D: 16mm; Th: 2mm
Context 5000 (topsoil layer in Trench 5)
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SF 487 Bow and spring only of bow brooch, with high-arched plain bow, large four-coil spring and external chord. Pin and foot are missing, and there are corroded iron products (possibly from another object) on the spring. La Tène I brooch of Hull & Hawkes Ia type. Date: 5th c – 3rd c. B.C. Incomplete.
L: 33mm (surviving)
Context 2113 (fill of MIA pit [2104])
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SF 509 Thick rod of circular cross-section, twisted at one end and expanded into a clubbed foot. Broken at the other end. Probably the foot end of a La Tène I brooch of Type 1B, which have a drum-shaped terminal similar to the damaged 'clubbed' foot on our piece. Date: 4th c. – 3rd c. B.C. May have been deliberately broken or 'killed' or may be a failed attempt at a brooch.
L: 26mm; Th: 3mm
Context 2222 (fill of MIA pit [2178])
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SF 544 Part of a plain wire bracelet, round section. Incomplete.
Est. Int. D.: 55-70mm; Th: 2mm
Context 1107 (MIA layer in Trench 1)
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SF 555 Conical tapering tube, tip broken off. Probably a lace-tag. Incomplete.
L: 32mm
Context 5251 (?Early Medieval layer abutting sarsen wall [5007])
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SF 693 Small section of straight tube, probably a lace-tag. Incomplete.
L: 14mm
Context 5036 (Roman upper fill of MIA pit [5022])
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SF 776 Dress pin or possibly a 'pick' from a toilet set. Expanded, flattened circular head, with large central perforation. Short rounded shank tapering to a tip. Three incised circumferential grooves two-thirds of the way down the shaft. Threaded with a wire ring with slip-knot ends. Complete. Date: Early to Mid-Saxon.
Pin L: 44mm Ring D.:10mm
Context 11001 (late Roman destruction layer)
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SF 780 Tapered terminal end of a bracelet, D-shaped section. The terminal ends in a rounded tip, like the snout of a snake, and there are very faint short nicks on either side of the 'head', probably representing eyes. Incomplete. A simple version of the popular Roman snakes-head bracelet. Probably late Roman.
Int. D: 58-60mm; Th: 1mm; W: 7mm
Context 15000 (topsoil layer in Trench 15)
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SF 906 Plain narrow finger ring, of circular cross section. Broken into two parts but both pieces have finished tapering ends, so the ring was probably of the expandable type with overlapped ends. Complete?
Int. D: 15-20mm; Th: 1.5mm
Context 5481 (fill of MIA pit [5022])
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Toilet implements (2 objects)

Only two finds of simple tweezers were found on site – no other definite toilet implements were discovered, though see SF 776 described above.

SF 1011 Plain tweezers (2x joining parts) with flared blades and small wire suspension ring with simple twisted knot. Complete, but bent near head.
L: 59mm; Max. W: 6mm
Context 17000 (topsoil layer in Trench 17)
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SF 1382 Plain tweezers with flared blades. Complete.
L: 50mm; Max. W: 5mm
Context 19020 (Roman layer in villa area)
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Fastenings and fittings (7 objects)

SF 452 Narrow arched rod, circular in section, expanded and flattened at one end and broken off at the other end. Possibly a handle from a small box. Probably Roman. Incomplete.
L: 23mm; Th: 1.5mm
Context 4000 (topsoil layer in Trench 4)
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SF 496 Lozenge-shaped fitting made from thin sheet with a circular perforation on one corner. The opposite corner is missing, which may have had a second matching perforation. Probably a decorative appliqué to sew on clothing or a leather fitting.
L: 25mm
Context 2209 (fill of MIA pit [2177])
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SF 559 Small fragment of sheet, part of a decorative fitting. Incomplete.
L: 11mm
Context 5251 (?Early Medieval layer near sarsen wall)
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SF 806 Fragment of a decorative fitting with either a lunate or pelta-shape springing from a rectangular plate. Incomplete.
L: 38mm
Context 15000 (topsoil in Trench 15)
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SF 968 Hollow circular boss or stud with straight sides and central perforation. A covering for a wooden handle or shaft end or a decorative boss for a wooden or leather object. Complete.
D: 16mm
Context 4070 (fill of MIA pit [4063])
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SF 1169 Fragment of a small disc, made from sheet, with 2 central perforations. A button or decorative fitting.
D: 17mm
Context 14000 (topsoil in Trench 14)
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SF 1452 Fragmentary decorative fitting made of thin sheet metal with a variety of small circular perforations, some of which must be decorative rather than functional holes for rivets. Possibly a strap-end. Incomplete.
L: 40mm
Context 11014 (Roman layer abutting villa)
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Sheet and strip objects (10 objects)

SF 42 Narrow cut strip from sheet metal with one perforation. Possibly binding strip. Incomplete.
L: 34mm; W: 10mm
Context 2011 (destruction layer, Early Medieval with residual Roman)
Not illustrated

SF 231 Folded-over thin bronze sheet with four rivet-holes and metal plugs, and part of at least one repoussé band moulding and possibly two. Probably a repair patch from a bronze vessel.
L: 50mm
Context 2007 (late Roman layer in villa area)
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SF 266 Small sub-rectangular fragment of sheet. Incomplete.
L: 12mm
Context 2032 (Early Medieval layer with residual Roman)
Not illustrated

SF 373 Fragment of thick sheet. Incomplete.
L: 25mm
Context 2060 (Roman layer in Room 3 of villa)
Not illustrated

SF 393 Two fragments of thin sheet. Incomplete.
L: 14mm (joined)
Context 2060 (Roman layer in Room 3 of villa)
Not illustrated

SF 1283 Buckled fragment of thick sheet, with one small circular perforation. Possibly a repair patch for a vessel? Incomplete.
L: 55mm
Context 17008 (late Roman destruction layer)
Not illustrated

SF 1345 Folded fragment of thin sheet. Incomplete.
L: 15mm
Context 19003(late Roman destruction layer)
Not illustrated

SF 1361 Two fragments of buckled sheet, one of which is slightly dished. Incomplete.
L: 12mm & L: 12mm
Context 18006 (Roman layer)
Not illustrated

SF 1378 Wide strip with one circular perforation. Probably a binding strip. Incomplete.
L: 55mm; W: 15mm
Context 11029 (Roman layer in villa area)
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SF 1424 Fragment of thick sheet. Incomplete.
L: 10mm
Context 22001 (Roman villa wall)
Not illustrated

Metal-working evidence (3 objects)

SF 742 Broken length of twisted square-section rod. Metal-working scrap.
L: 21mm
Context 13000 (topsoil in Trench 13)
Not illustrated

SF 1368 Fragment of cut sheet, with curved shape cut out. Metal-working scrap.
L: 13mm
Context 18006 (late Roman layer)
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SF 1463 Fragment of cut sheet, with curved cut-out. Metal-working scrap.
L: 15mm
Context 11029 (late Roman layer)
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Miscellaneous

SF 307 Two joining parts of a possible pin or needle, bent at one end. Incomplete.
L: 27mm
Context 2028 (late Roman destruction layer)
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SF 653 Part of a small tube, broken into many fragments. Incomplete.
L: 38mm
Context 5324 (?Early Medieval layer)
Not illustrated

SF 1332 Triangular fragment of larger, possibly disc-shaped, object. Random cut-marks on both faces. Not a coin. Incomplete.
Est. D: 30mm
Context 11029 (late Roman layer)
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SF 1400 Broken length of bar, rectangular in section. Incomplete.
L: 18mm
Context 11029 (late Roman layer)
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SF 1432 Small disc of sheet metal. Possibly part of a decorative boss. Incomplete.
D: 12mm
Context 18005 (fill of ?Early Medieval pit [18007] with residual late Roman material)
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