

Autumn Finds 2020

Take a look some of our amazing finds from
our archaeological sites around the UK



Iron Age Copper Alloy Coin

Dated 10 BC-AD 70, this is an Iron Age cast copper alloy coin (known as a potin*). Rather than being struck, these small copper alloy issues were cast in clay moulds (hence the flashing around the edge).



Roman Nail Cleaner

Dating probably to the Mid-1st/2nd Century AD, this copper alloy artefact is typical of Romano-British nail cleaners which were usually combined with other cosmetic implements (normally ear scoops and tweezers) to form a portable set.



Shale Bead

Shale and jet were worked from the Bronze Age into the Medieval period and later; however, the type of bead and its manufacture suggest a Roman example.



15th Century French Jeton

Our coin specialist, Dr Adrian Popescu, Keeper of Coins and Medals at The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge has confirmed this recent find to be a 15th century copper alloy French trading jeton.



Prosthetic Limb

Results from our specialist Vicky Garlick, of the Artefact Conservation Service, Durham University, confirm that traces of bone, and possible mineral preserved wood, might suggest that this "band" supported a prosthetic leg.



Coarse Border Ware

It dates to between the 14th and 15th centuries. The jug handle is part of a conical jug and dates to the 14th century – It is possible that the sherds derive from pottery manufacture known to exist in the area.

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