

COTTAM A

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Anglo-Saxon non-ferrous metalwork

Pins

Polyhedral Heads

1. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces and collar beneath. L.22, D.1.5, W.(Head) 5 mm
2. Pin, incomplete, with slightly flattened subcuboid head with chamfered corners, four ringed dots in the two larger vertical faces, one in each of the two smaller, collar beneath and shank missing. L.13, W.(Head) 9 mm
3. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners and single ringed dots in the two vertical faces as well as the eight corners. L.20, D.1, W.(Head) 6 mm
4. Pin, incomplete, slightly flattened subcuboid head with chamfered corners, four ringed dots in the two larger vertical faces, one in each of the two smaller, and a worn collar beneath. L.30, D.2, W.(Head) 8 mm
5. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in each of the four vertical faces, and collar beneath. L.49, D.1, W.(Head) 7 mm
6. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners and collar beneath. L.16, D.1, W.(Head) 6 mm
7. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces, collar beneath and shank missing. L.11, W.(Head) 9 mm
8. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces, collar beneath and stub of shaft. L.10, D.1.5, W.(Head) 7 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.136
9. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces. L.11, D.1.5, W.(Head) 4 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.116
10. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces. L.34, D.1.5, W.(Head) 5 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.6
11. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces and worn collar beneath. L.18, D.1, W.(Head) 4 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.16
12. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces. L.58, D.1, W.(Head) 6 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.168
13. Pin, incomplete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces. L.32, D.1, W.(Head) 5 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.169
14. Pin, complete, subcuboid head with chamfered corners, single ringed dots in the four vertical faces and a collar beneath. L.73, D.1.5, W.(Head) 6 mm, COT96, 5000, sf956

Biconical Heads

15. Pin, incomplete, biconical head with flattened top and circumference, collar beneath and shank bent towards the tip, which is missing. L.50, D.1.5, D.(Head) 7 mm
16. Pin, incomplete, biconical head with flattened circumference, collar beneath and stub of shank. L.14, D.2, D.(Head) 9 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.114
17. Pin, incomplete, biconical head with flattened circumference and collar beneath. L.32, D.2, D.(Head) 8 mm

Globular Heads

18. Pin, incomplete, globular head with stub of shank. L.9, D.1.5, D.(Head) 7 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.112
19. Pin, incomplete, globular head with flattened top and collar beneath. L.27, D.2, D.(Head) 6 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.35
20. Pin, incomplete, globular head with flat top, collar beneath and shank bent. L.36, D.2, D.(Head) 10 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.2
21. Pin, incomplete with roughly globular head with rising curved faces, flat top, collar beneath and stub of shank. L.14, D.1.5, D.(Head) 8 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.135
22. Pin, incomplete, roughly globular head with rising curved faces, flat top, collar beneath and no shank. L.9, D.(Head) 7 mm
23. Pin, silver, incomplete, roughly globular head with rising curved faces rising to a point and collar beneath. L.16, D.2, D.(Head) 6 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.118

Other

24. Pin shank, incomplete, bent shank with point and no head. L.42, D.1.5 mm
25. Large disc-headed pin, incomplete. Large gilded and chip carved disc head in two parts, having varied interlace motifs in the quadrants with five complete or broken through piercings, that in the centre probably for holding a missing boss, and the others either for linking by chain to a matching pin (or pins) or for attachment to the shank which is now missing. Part: L.35, W.21 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.146. Part: L.33, W.18 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.19
26. Large disc-headed pin, incomplete, broken away to upper right and left, decorated on one face by sixteen remaining ringed dots. L.35, D.3, head, 28 mm, COT96, 5080, sf955

Strap-ends

27. Strap-end, incomplete, split at the butt end with the back plate missing and pierced by two circular holes, one partly broken, with an acanthus motif below. The sides are slightly convex, the main field decorated by an intricate interlace design and beneath is a well modelled animal head terminal. L.40, W.14 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.10
28. Strap-end, split at butt end into two plates pierced by two holes with a stylised leaf motif of three incised connecting triangles beneath, and a body which expands slightly before tapering to the blunt snout of a stylised animal head terminal with well-defined single crescent ears. Two conjoined beaded crescents split the central field into four zones each decorated by intersecting incised lines which, along with the incisions parallel to the edge, retain some white inlay. L.40, W.12 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.103
29. Strap-end, incomplete, broken across the two holes which pierce the split butt end, with convex sides and tapering to the pointed snout of a weakly defined animal head terminal. Longitudinal rows of ringed dots decorate the main field. L.45, W.16 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.166
30. Strap-end, split at butt end into two plates, pierced by two holes with well-formed trilobate leaf motif beneath and the whole tapering to the animal head terminal with pronounced snout, eyes and comma shaped ears. Beading runs along the lateral edges partly framing the well-executed Trewhiddle style animal, with speckled body in the main field. This and the butt end terminal decoration are defined by white inlay, much of which survives. L.40, W.16 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.165
31. Strap-end, incomplete, broken across the split butt with crude leaf motif and parallel sided down to a flat, snouted stylised animal head terminal with crescent ears and, beneath, a triangle with linear decoration is inlayed with niello, defining a Trewhiddle style animal

which develops into interlace in the main field along with lateral incised borders. L.45, W.13 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.102

32. Strap-end, incomplete, broken beneath the butt end and tapering to the pointed snout of an animal head terminal. Corrosion has obscured any decoration which may once have been present in the main field. L.37, W.12 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.142

33. Strap-end of rectangular section at the split butt end with two holes and two punched dots beneath, tapering to the narrow and plano-convex body, beneath which is a pointed terminal with two further punched dots seemingly representing eyes. L.35, W.7 to 2 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.167

34. Strap-end, incomplete with only the animal head terminal surviving, this is in a corroded state but still showing a rounded snout and vestigial eyes. L.23, W.12 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.104

35. Strap-end, incomplete, split at butt end with the back plate missing, as is the terminal. Corrosion has obliterated any decoration. L.26, W.14 mm

36. Strap-end, incomplete with only one plate of the split butt end remaining, with two holes and no decoration. L.8, W.7 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.141

37. Strap-end, incomplete with only one plate of the split butt end remaining, with two holes and no decoration. L.16, W.11 mm, COT96, 5031, sf876

Rings

38. Complete ring, with flat lentoid bezel decorated in good Trewiddle style, having a beaded border around a contorted quadruped with double nicked body outlined with black substance, probably niello. D.(outside) 23, shank W.1.5. Bezel L.17, W.9 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.5

39. Ring, complete, of sheet copper alloy, broken at the rear with parted ends bent and bezel formed by gradual expansion of the band, decorated with four ringed dots, two at widest point and one to either side, and an incised line along each edge. Ø.16, Bezel W.9 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.40

40. Ring, complete, very thin with bezel somewhat thickened, with three slightly raised and rounded ridges. D.17-20, Th.1 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.107

41. Ring, complete, plain and of sub-circular section with slightly flattened interior surface and slight thinning at one point. D.(outside) 22, Th.2 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.137

42. Ring, complete, plain and of sub-circular section with somewhat flattened interior surface. D.(outside) 25 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.37

43. Ring, complete, thin sheet band broken at joint. D.20 mm

Tweezers

44. Tweezers, complete, with moderately expanded blades each bent over slightly at the end and the parallel sided upper arms decorated by edge notching which gives the impression of banding. L.76, W.(blade) 11, W.(arms) 4 mm.

Other Items

Spindle Whorl (Shale)

45. Spindle whorl, incomplete, of gray shale with flattened top, bottom half missing and concentric turning marks. Fishergate, York has produced several parallels, categorised as type A2, considered to be an 8th-9th century form. Height: 15, D.36 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.3

Chalk Weight

46. Perforated weight with evidence of marine infestation, suggesting it had been immersed in water for some time; the natural rounding is further clear evidence that the weight was a natural beach pebble which had been picked from the shore for its suitable shape. Its origin must have been one of the east coast beaches to the south of Flamborough Head where chalk naturally outcrops. It appears that one of the marine molluscan holes was deliberately enlarged with a sharp implement. The hole is c15mm in diameter, and straight-sided, with traces of internal gouge marks. Inscribed illustration of a boat on one side, shown in profile with the hull represented by a single line with high curving prow and stern. Prow and stern posts extend upwards from the hull. A single deep vertical groove marks the mast post; a second shallower line to one side may represent a rigging rope, or may simply be an attempt to emphasise the mast; 58 x 137 x 145 mm; weight: 1.31 kg, Hull Museums KINCM2003.81.113

Anglo-Scandinavian copper alloy finds from the vicinity

47. D-Shaped buckle frame with notch for pin and well modelled animal head terminals biting the bar holding an iron pin. L.21, W.19 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.191

48. Disc brooch, incomplete, slightly domed cast gilt disc decorated by two interlaced Jellinge style animals with beaded ribbon bodies and at the rear, remains of hinge and catchplate. D.25 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.192

Anglo-Saxon iron objects from the site

Knives

49. Knife, rear of blade and tang missing. Blade runs straight for 34 mm then slopes at c. 10 degrees to the tip. L.68 W.14, Th.3 mm, Hull Museums KINCM2000.88.10

50. Knife. Blade back is straight and there is no shoulder or choil, hence the tang length and completeness are uncertain. The cutting edge runs straight and then becomes convex and slopes up to the tip. L.72, W.8, Th.3 mm, COT96, 5000, sf36

51. Knife. Blade back is convex and slopes down from the shoulder for 25 mm to the tip. The cutting edge is straight but slopes up slightly towards the tip. Tang and rear of blade damaged. L.39, W.8, Th.2 mm, COT96, 5035, sf664

52. Knife. Blade back is straight to a point 32mm from the shoulder then becomes convex and curves down to the tip. Cutting edge is straight, tang complete. L.94 mm L.(Blade) 59, W.14, Th.5 mm, COT96, 5068, sf906

53. Knife. Blade runs straight for approx. 40 mm from the shoulder then slopes down at c.10 degrees to the tip. The cutting edge runs almost straight after a pronounced concave choil. Tang damaged. L.100, L.(Blade) 69, W.9, Th.5 mm, COT96, 5068, sf905

54. Knife. Blade runs straight from a concave shoulder for 24mm then becomes convex and curves down, with some damage, to the tip. Cutting edge runs straight from a concave choil. Tang complete. L.77, L.(Blade) 50, W.12, Th.4 mm, COT96, 5085, sf1084

55. Knife. Blade back has no shoulder and a substantial piece of the tip is broken away approx 45mm from the tang. L. 75, L.(Blade) 47, W.11, Th.4 mm, COT96, 5000, sf192

Bell

58. Bell with flattened top but circular cross-section at base, with intact clapper and suspension loop. Diam. 56 mm at base; L. 55m W. 40mm at top; suspension loop W. 27; L. 23 mm. Clapper tapers L.50; W 15 at base; 2mm at top; hangs from a bar, COT96, 5001, sf43.

Other Iron Items

59. Vessel handle, U-shaped handle from small vessel, consisting of a spirally twisted strip with flattened top and looped terminals. L.100, W.75 mm, COT96, 5043, sf618

60. Key. Bow missing and break in bit where solid stem probably projected. L 62, W.20 mm, COT96, 5000, sf191