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Small Finds from Sandway Road, Lenham, Kent (ARC SWR 99)

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1 BRONZE AGE METALWORK

by Peter Northover

1.1 Description

SF 1: Two joining fragments of bronze rod or wire: it has a circular cross-section and is uniform in diameter. It most probably is part of a pin shank, although it may subsequently have been re-worked. The surface has a smooth green patina while the interior is completely mineralised. Present length 25mm.

1.2 Composition

The bronze was too completely corroded, mainly to cuprite, for any analysis to be meaningful. Therefore the context in which the pin was found, a field boundary ditch with evidence of a middle Bronze Age date, must necessarily be used to date the fragments as middle Bronze Age.

2 WORKED STONE

by Ruth Shaffrey

Two items of worked stone were recovered from Sandway Road. These are a saddle quern and a projectile. The projectile (2) is a shaped slightly flat sphere made from a medium grained ferruginous sandstone; this was found in a tree throw hole. The saddle quern (357704) was recovered from a Middle Bronze Age ditch (357703); it has been roughly shaped and is worn longitudinally along the grinding surface. It is made from a cystalline limestone of a type found within the Cretaceous Lower Greensand Beds which outcrop in a broad band running NE-SW across Kent. The ferruginous sandstone used occurs in bands throughout the Lower Greensand and therefore would have had a similar source. The most likely source for both lithologies is from the cliffs at Folkestone.

3 ASSESSMENT DATA

The following finds were examined during the post-excavation assessment and were not subjected to detailed analysis. Please refer to the post-excavation assessment report for further details (URS, 2001).

Material	Author
Metalwork	Lorraine Mepham

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