

APPENDIX 1 - METALWORK

1.1 Assessment of the Metalwork

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Introduction and Methodology

- 1.1.1 A total of six metal objects were recovered from the East of Station Road excavations. Most of these, including a horse brass and a penny of 1896, were unstratified and clearly of very recent date. However, a Colchester type brooch, probably dating from the 1st century AD, as well as a large nail, were found in the fills of two ditches (7020 and 1011). All of the objects have been x-rayed and examined visually.

Quantification

- 1.1.2 The metal artefacts are summarised in Table 15.
- 1.1.3 The copper alloy brooch is a Colchester Type 4 brooch (Hattatt 1982) dating probably to the 1st century AD, as its context suggests. The x-rays indicate that it has a separate two-piece spring held in place by an axis bar and a hook over the chord at the back of the head. The bow is D-sectioned and has a median rib. The foot, catchplate and pin are missing. It was found in the single fill of ditch 7020.
- 1.1.4 The only other find in a secure context was a large iron nail found in the fill of ditch 1011.
- 1.1.5 The remaining items were found unstratified and are probably all of very recent date. They consist of a penny on which the date 1896 can be seen, a square metal sheet with hooks at each corner which is probably a horse brass, a further fragment of metal sheet and an unidentified fragment.

Conservation

- 1.1.6 The metalwork requires no further conservation. The recent unstratified pieces may be discarded.

Potential for Further Work

- 1.1.7 The two pieces, the brooch and nail, from secure archaeological contexts are probably both stray losses and thus do not contribute greatly to the interpretation of the site, although the brooch has some chronological importance. No further work is recommended.

Table 15: East of Station Road: summary of metalwork

Context	Special number	Material	Count	Period	Comments (description)
495		Fe	1	PM/MO?	Unidentified
600	SF 2000	Cu	1	1896	Coin (penny)
600	SF 2027	Cu	1	PM/MO	Horse Brass
600	SF 2028	Cu	1	PM/MO?	Fragment of metal sheet
1010	SF 3	Fe	1	LIA-RO	Large nail
7034	SF 2	Cu	1	1st C AD	Colchester type 4 brooch

