

## APPENDIX 1 - METALWORK

### 1.1 Assessment of the Metalwork

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*Introduction and Methodology*

- 1.1.1 A total of 27 metal objects, consisting of fragments of iron nails and fragments of what may have been one copper alloy object were found. The objects were all recovered by hand excavation, with the exception of some of the copper alloy fragments which were found during sieving. They were recovered to provide evidence for the character, date and status of the site. All of the items are heavily corroded. The finds have all been x-rayed and examined visually.

*Quantification*

- 1.1.2 The finds are summarised in Table 3.1. The copper alloy fragments include a small rectangular rivet plate into which two small holes have been punched, a fragment of a further rectangular rivet plate with at least one perforation, a small fragment of sheet copper, a short rectangular-sectioned rod, and what may have been a domed rivet or nail head, as well as unidentifiable fragments. These copper alloy fragments have the appearance of once having formed a single object although it is unclear what it was. The remaining fragments are all parts of iron nails.

*Provenance*

- 1.1.3 All of the metal fragments derive from the fill of probably late Iron Age pit 35, except for one iron nail shank which was found in a disturbed pit (106) of unknown date but which contained post-medieval pottery and fragments from a land drain. Pit 35 also contains large quantities of metalworking debris and it is possible that the metal artefacts it contained were scrap intended for reuse.

*Conservation*

- 1.1.4 The artefacts require no special conservation. Given that the x-rays will be retained with the site archive, there is no reason for the nail from pit 106 to be retained.

*Potential for Further Work*

- 1.1.5 Although the nails may have derived from some kind of structure, there is little other evidence on the site for the existence of structures of any kind. Since the nails contribute very little to the interpretation of the site, it is recommended that no further work is necessary beyond the simple identifications made here. Given the possibility that the copper alloy object might be identified, and their significance as scrap, the copper alloy fragments and the other artefacts possibly intended for reuse in pit 35 should be retained, although it is not recommended that any further work be devoted to this small group.

*Table 3.1: Summary of metalwork*

<b>Context</b>	<b>Special number</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Comments (description)</b>
36	6	Cu	13	LIA?	fragments of rivets
36	SF 1	Cu	1	LIA?	Rod
36	6	Cu	1	LIA?	small rivet plate
36	6	Cu	1	LIA?	small rivet plate
36	6	Cu	1	LIA?	fragment of sheet
36		Fe	5	LIA?	fragments nail shanks
36		Fe	1	LIA?	Nail
36	6	Fe	3	LIA?	rivet or nail shanks
105		Fe	1	PM/MO?	Nail shank

