

# **Assessment of Metal Finds from Donna Nook Flood Management Scheme (DON-23)**

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A small collection of metal finds from the field survey carried out for the Donna Nook Flood Management Scheme by Network Archaeology Ltd was submitted for identification and assessment.

The finds include several bullets and a bullet casing and iron fittings of recent date and it is likely that all the metal finds are of 20<sup>th</sup>-century date.

## **Description**

### **Copper Alloy**

Five copper alloy objects were recovered. All are parts of bullets or bullet casing. The one case is stamped "30". The four bullets, from their weight, probably have a lead core with a copper alloy sheath.

### **Iron**

Three iron objects were recovered. One is possibly part of a nail whilst the other two are unidentified fittings.

## **Assessment**

Donna Nook is a bombing range for the RAF and it is possible that these finds are associated with firing practice.

## **Further Work**

It is likely that a specialist familiar with 20<sup>th</sup>-century military ordnance could identify the bullets more closely and perhaps identify the two iron objects.

## **Retention**

Since the objects have not been closely identified they should be retained for potential further study.

*Appendix 1*

Context	trench	class	subfabric	Object	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Part	Description	diameter	L	B	TH
3113004	PL4	IRON		OBJECT	1	1	20	BS	CIRCULAR HEAD AND SQUARE SHANK;PROBABLY A KEY (SIMILAR TO THOSE USED FOR RADIATORS)	22	34		
3113010	PL4	IRON		OBJECT	1	1	32	BS	SQUARE-SECTIONED TAPERING SHAFT WITH SHORT (15MM) SQUARE-SECTIONED TAPERING CURVED ELEMENT AT THICKER END;PERHAPS TO SECURE CIRCULAR ROD C.14MM DIAM IN PLACE (CF STAIR RODS)	0	60	9	9
3114007	PL6	IRON		NAIL	1	1	7	BS		0			
3115008	PL7	COPP	LEAD/COPPER ALLOY	BULLET	1	1	10	BS	USED BULLET	7			
3115008	PL7	COPP	LEAD/COPPER ALLOY	BULLET	3	3	29	BS	USED BULLETS	7	33		
3116004	PL4	COPP		BULLET	1	1	17	BS	CASING FROM BULLET; STAMPED "30"	10	55		