

Roman Finds
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1991/73/21 – M 131

Bone implement, length 67mm. Only the shaft survives, making identification difficult but the worn protrusions may indicate that this was the shaft of a bone spoon, or possibly a hairpin. The object was modified subsequently, resulting in a polished, square terminal at the end with the worn protrusions, and a slot cut 3mm deep in the opposing end. The resulting tool may have been used in textile or leather working. A Roman date is not certain.

1991/253 – M 555

Worn Roman coin. Obverse: helmeted head of Roma facing left, legend: URBS ROMA; reverse: she-wolf and twins, two stars above; mint mark in exergue worn but could be * PL[G], mint of Lugdunum (LRBC 205; RIC VII Lyons 267); dated: AD 330-335, and if mint mark correctly read AD 333 - 334 (cf. Reece & James 1986, 34).

1991/242 – M447

Thin, circular disc of copper-alloy; two edges damaged. Diameter 19mm. No design or decoration survives on either surface; both were apparently scratched clean, and now only show shallow incisions or scrape marks. Possibly a modified coin.

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