

The worked stone

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A single piece of stone was recovered from the early Bronze Age middle fill of the barrow ring-ditch (10105). This is an approximately triangular piece of the local Cornbrash, perforated at the wider end by a narrow hole. Such perforated stones, using locally available non-decorative stones, are not common from prehistoric contexts. Early Bronze Age pendants typically functioned as hones (cf Shepherd and Cowie 1977, 117), but un-used examples, typically made from pebbles, have been noted in early Bronze Age contexts in Scotland for example at Kiltry Knock and Pitcairn (Shepherd and Cowie 1977, 117; Barclay 1980, 363). Examples have also been found in a Neolithic pit near Cirencester (Shaffrey 2011), a middle Bronze Age cremation fill at Horcott Quarry (Shaffrey 2017) and a late Bronze Age – early iron Age midden at Whitchurch (Waddington and Sharples 2011).

Catalogue of worked stone

Perforated stone/pendant. Cornbrash. This is an approximately triangular piece of stone, perforated at the wider end by a narrow perforation measuring 6mm diameter. The stone is generally worn but has no specific wear. Measures 74mm long x 55mm wide x 12mm thick. Weighs 45g. Ctx 10105, middle fill of barrow ring-ditch. EBA

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