

Table 9: The faience bead from Cossington and its comparanda.

(Note: the ring bead from Ringwould is omitted as it is not sufficiently similar to the spherical and oblate beads listed here)

<i>Findspot</i>	<i>No., shape and size of beads (diam. in mm)</i>	<i>Associations and dates Calibrated dates cited at 1σ (in bold) and 2σ</i>	<i>References, comments</i>
Stainsby, Lincolnshire	1, oblate, 4.6–4.7 x 3.6	Bucket Urn; cremated remains; star-shaped faience bead (4-rayed). Associated cremated remains had been lost, but cremated bones from 3 other Bucket Urns from the same barrow dated to 3345±35BP (urn 7: 1690–1530 , 1740–1520; GrA-28610); 3330±35 BP (urn 5: 1670–1530 , 1730–1510; GrA-28609); and 3305±35 BP (urn 3: 1620–1525 , 1690–1500; GrA-28607)	May 1976, fig. 43; C. Allen pers. comm. Dates obtained for NMS.
Stancliffe Hall, Darley Dale, Derbyshire	At least 6, spherical; smallest ones c.4	Cordoned Urn; cremated remains; copper alloy awl; tubular sheet copper alloy bead c. 60 mm long	Barnatt 1994, 335; Jewitt 1864. Beads lost. Possibly faience: described as 'almost white..., apparently burnt and of a material difficult to ascertain'. Two of the spherical beads found threaded on to the tubular metal bead.
Eagleston Flat, Derbyshire	2, roughly spherical; c.3.5–4.5	Cordoned Urn; accessory vessel; cremated remains of senior adult female. Birch from associated pyre charcoal dated to 3360±75 BP (1740–1530 , 1880–1490; OxA-3550)	Barnatt 1994, 335, fig. 13.
King's Low, Staffordshire	1, slightly oblate; 5.5–5.9	From disturbed context; prob. originally associated with Collared Urn + cremated remains. Pyre charcoal associated with urn grave dated to 3370±35 BP (1740–1620 , 1750–1530; GrN-17440) and 3365±40 BP (1740–1610 , 1750–1530; GrN-17441)	Barnatt 1994, 335; Lock pers. comm.
Cossington, Leicestershire	1, lemon-shaped with distended 'belly'; 5.9 x 7.3	Part of composite necklace; probably from grave of unburnt crouched body; no directly datable material; see text for discussion of date from ditch fill nearby	This volume
Chalton (Barnett Cope), Hampshire	1, 'spherical'; no info on size	Collared Urn; cremated remains. Bead part of composite necklace comprising 7 faience beads (4 biconical, 1 segmented, 1 spherical), 1 ring-shaped bead/pendant of 'jet'; 5 chunky disc beads of amber; V-perforated boat-shaped fastener/toggle of amber	Longworth 1984, no. 620; Beck and Shennan 1991, 151–2, fig. 11.3.4
Amesbury, Solstice Park, Wiltshire	1, slightly lemon-shaped; 5.2–6.5	Trevisker Urn; accessory vessel; cremated remains of senior adult (aged 45+; sex indeterminate). Bead part of composite necklace comprising at least 105 beads and toggle-like ornaments of Whitby jet, Kimmeridge shale, stone (including ?calcite), faience and amber; traces of gold on surface of spherical faience bead. Cremated bone dated to 3240±40 BP (1610–1440 , 1620–1430; GrA-22371)	Sheridan forthcoming
Winterbourne St Martin, Dorset	4, illustrated as spherical and as slightly lemon-shaped; c.3.5	Biconical Urn; cremated remains. Beads part of a composite necklace (that had been through the pyre), comprising 6 probably faience beads (4 spherical, 1 star-shaped, 1 quoit-shaped), 1 cowrie shell, 1 cylindrical bone bead	Sydenham 1844, pl. 17c. Beads lost; described as 'apparently of a pearly substance'.