Land E of Chalgrove: CHEA 18

Metal finds

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Introduction

The metals assemblage is very small and comprises 21 objects (24 frags), including eight iron objects, eight pieces of lead and five cu ally objects. The finds have been recorded onto an MS Excel spreadsheet.

Composition and Provenance

The majority of metal finds were from medieval or modern contexts, and only eight objects were from Roman contexts. The assemblage includes two small complete or near complete horseshoes and two further horseshoe branches as well as a horseshoe nail. The horseshoe nail is from a Roman context and is probably intrusive. The horseshoes and horseshoe are probably late medieval or early post medieval in date.

There are two personal items, one Roman, the other medieval in date. A late 1st- to early 2nd-century Headstud brooch with enamel decoration was found in fill 2206 of early Roman ditch 2205. A fragment of forked spacer from a medieval strap end with a circular terminal was recovered from a medieval context 2150.

Other finds include a crushed fragment of post medieval lead window came from context 2150, a wire U-staple from subsoil, and a small miscellaneous pieces (rod, bar, plate etc.) and unidentified small fragments from both Roman and medieval contexts. There are only two nail stem fragments and single complete nail. The latter has a small T-head and double clenched tapered stem and came from context 2262.

Table: Summary Quantification of metal finds

Phase	Context	Transport	Personal	Structural	Nails	Miscs	Query	Waste	Totals
3: Early Roman	2141						1		1
	2154						1		1
	2206		1						1
	2212					1		1	2
	2216	1							1
	2221						1		1
	2239				*				*
	Totals	1	1		*	1	3	1	7
4: Middle Roman	2146							1	1
	Totals							1	1
6: Medieval	2150	1	1	1		1	3	1	8
	Totals	1	1	1		1	3	1	8
Modern	2			1	*				1
	1122	1							1
	Totals	1		1	*				2
	2262				1				1
undated	-	2							2

Totals	2			1				3
Totals	5	2	2	1	2	6	3	21

Illustrated object

Headstud brooch, with hinged pin and remains of A cast loop at head. The wings are stepped. The bow has rectangular cells filed with enamel. Cu alloy with enamel. L: 53mm; W: 18mm. Context 2205, ditch 2206.
Later 1st to 2nd century.