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Object Type

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Museum number

1873,1011.1

Title

Object: Object: The St. Keverne Mirror

Description

Decorated copper alloy mirror, with engraved La Tène style decoration on back and cast handle. The front of the mirror is much pitted with corrosion. the back is decorated in a relatively simple style arranged within two circular areas. There is a border of hatched triangles. The handle has a loop which is contained within a Y-shape beyond a double moulding. The...

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Production date

120 BC - 80 BC (circa) (circa)

Findspot

Excavated/Findspot: [St Keverne](#)

Europe: British Isles: England: Cornwall: St Keverne

Materials

[copper alloy](#)

Technique

engraved

Dimensions

Diameter: Diameter: 165 millimetres

Length: Length: 78.90 millimetres (handle) (handle)

Length: Length: 218 millimetres

Weight: Weight: 178 grammes

Thickness: Thickness: 7.30 millimetres (handle) (handle)

Thickness: Thickness: 1.20 millimetres (plate) (plate)

Curator's comments

Decorated mirrors of this type are uniquely British, very few are found on the continent (see Joy 2010 for more examples). The majority are from graves dating between 100BC and AD 100. This bronze mirror was found in an Iron Age cemetery uncovered during road construction in 1833. The grave was lined with stone and included a brooch, two bangles, and a plain ring all made of bronze.

Bibliographic references

Rogers 1873 / Romano-British or Late Celtic Remains at Trehan Bahow, St Keverne, Cornwall
Joy 2010 / Iron Age Mirrors: A biographical approach (no. 47)

Location

On display (G50/dc22) (G50/dc22)

Exhibition history

Exhibited:

2016 11 Mar- 25 Sep, Edinburgh, National Museum of Scotland, Celts.

2015-2016 24 Sep-31 Jan, London, BM, G30, 'Celts: Art and Identity'

Acquisition name

Donated by: J J Rodgers

Donated by: T Edward

Acquisition date

1873

Acquisition notes

Found in a burial in 1833 during road construction.

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