A Black Mineral Amulet from Colchester’s North Cemetery

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APPENDIX 2

Catalogue of the beads

**The black-mineral-bead string**

Beads are numbered as strung and as marked on FIG. 1. They are complete unless stated otherwise. Listed below in full, they are also summarised by form in Table 2. Abbreviations: D, diameter; L, length; max, maximum; W, width.

1. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.1 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

2. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.4 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

3. Near complete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to on end. L >4.3 mm, max W 2.9 mm.

4. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.8 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

5. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.9 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

6. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.2 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

7. Incomplete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Damaged at one end. L >3.2 mm, max W >2.6 mm.

8. Incomplete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Damaged at one end. L >3.5 mm, max W >2.4 mm.

9. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.5 mm, max W 3.2 mm.

10. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.2 mm, max W 2.3 mm.

11. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.2 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

12. Segmented cylinder bead. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. L 5.9 mm, max D 2.3 mm.

13. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.5 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

14. Segmented cylinder bead. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. L 5.2 mm, max D 2.7 mm.

15. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.9 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

16. Segmented cylinder bead with central incised line. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. L 8.3 mm, max D 2.6 mm.

17. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.7 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

18. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 5.8 mm, max D 3.3 mm.

19. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.6 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

20. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 5.8 mm, max D 3.3 mm.

21. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.4 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

22. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. One end is slightly damaged. L >6.3 mm, max D 3.1 mm.

23. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.5 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

24. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 5.8 mm, max D 3.4 mm.

25. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.1 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

26. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.8 mm, max D 3.3 mm.

27. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.1 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

28. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.5 mm, max D 3.5 mm.

29. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.3 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

30. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. One end is slightly damaged. L >6.7 mm, max D 3.0 mm.

31. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.5 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

32. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. One end is slightly damaged. L >8.1 mm, max D 3.2 mm.

33. Incomplete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Broken into two sections. L >5.1 mm, max W >2.5 mm.

34. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 7.1 mm, max D 3.6 mm.

35. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.1 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

36. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 8.3 mm, max D 3.7 mm.

37. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.8 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

38. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. Both ends are slightly damaged. L >10.3 mm, max D 2.5 mm.

39. Short oblate bead. L 3.8 mm, max D 5.1 mm.

40. Cylinder bead with very light, irregularly spaced, incised lines. L 13.4 mm, max D 3.9 mm.

41. Short oblate bead. L 4.1 mm, max D 5.2 mm.

42. Incomplete cylinder bead broken at one end. Decorated with six incised lines, regular spaced along length of bead. L >10.7 mm, max D 4.5 mm.

43. Near complete, long, square-sectioned bead damaged at one end. L >15.7 mm, max W 5.4 mm.

44. Large segmented cylinder bead. The twelve segments are well defined. L 35.6 mm, max D 6.6 mm.

45. Damaged large segmented cylinder bead broken into three sections. The (original) twelve segments are sharply defined. L >37.2 mm, max D 5.8 mm.

46. Incomplete, long, square-sectioned bead damaged at both ends. L >12.6 mm, max W 5.3 mm.

47. Cylinder bead with nine incised lines, regularly spaced along length of bead. L 14.6 mm, max D 5.9 mm.

48. Short oblate bead. L 3.8 mm, max D 4.7 mm.

49. Incomplete cylinder bead with four incised lines, regularly spaced along length of bead. Damage at one end suggests the bead has broken/sheared at the point of an incised line. L >7.7 mm, max D 4.4 mm.

50. Short oblate bead fragment; only half the bead is present. L >2.6 mm, max D >4.5 mm

51. Discoid bead (more or less the equivalent of the missing half of no. 50). L 2.0 mm, max D 4.5 mm.

52. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.5 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

53. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.7 mm, max D 3.6 mm.

54. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.3 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

55. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.6 mm, max D 3.5 mm.

56. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. Slight damage to one end. L 6.6 mm, max D 3.3 mm.

57. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 5.9 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

58. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 5.7 mm, max D 3.5 mm.

59. Near complete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to one end. L >5.1 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

60. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. Slight damage to one end. L >6.8 mm, max D 4.0 mm.

61. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.9 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

62. Near complete barrel-shaped cylinder bead. Slight damage to one end. L >5.8 mm, max D 3.7 mm.

63. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.8 mm, max W 2.9 mm.

64. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.5 mm, max D 3.3 mm.

65. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.9 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

66. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.6 mm, max D 3.4 mm.

67. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.4 mm, max W 2.9 mm.

68. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.3 mm, max D 3.5 mm.

69. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.9 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

70. Barrel-shaped cylinder bead. L 6.1 mm, max D 2.9 mm.

71. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 4.1 mm, max W 3.0 mm.

72. Segmented cylinder bead with incised groove near the centre. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. L 8.9 mm, max D 2.6 mm.

73. Near complete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to one end. L >4.3 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

74. Segmented cylinder bead with incised groove near the centre. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. L 9.0 mm, max D 2.2 mm.

75. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners? L 4.0 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

76. Incomplete segmented cylinder bead with incised groove near one end. The segments, or ribs, are very shallowly defined. Damaged at one end. L 7.2 mm, max D 2.2 mm.

77. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.7 mm, max W 2.8 mm.

78. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.6 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

79. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.8 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

80. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 2.5 mm, max W 2.9 mm.

81. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.5 mm, max W 2.4 mm.

82. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.2 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

83. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to one face. L 3.8 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

84. Near complete square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to one end. L >3.4 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

85. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.3 mm, max W 2.6 mm.

86. Square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 3.3 mm, max W 2.7 mm.

87. Near complete, slightly irregular, square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. Slight damage to one end. L >3.8 mm, max W 2.5 mm.

88. Slightly irregular, square-sectioned bead with faceted corners. L 2.6 mm, max W 2.9 mm.

**The glass-bead strings**

Beads are numbered as strung. They are complete unless stated otherwise. Listed below in full, they are also summarised by form in Table 3.

*A. The long string*

For some groups of beads an average measurement has been taken.

1–6. Blue cuboid beads. L 4.5 mm, W 3 mm.

7. Black barrel-shaped bead. L 3.5 mm, D 4 mm.

8. Red discoid bead. L 2 mm, D 2.45 mm.

9. Green barrel-shaped bead, L 3.5 mm, D 3.5 mm.

10. Red discoid bead. See 8.

11. Blue-green short barrel-shaped bead. L 2.5 mm, D 4 mm.

12. Red discoid bead. See 8.

13. Black barrel-shaped bead. L 4 mm, D 4 mm.

14. Blue cuboid bead. See 1-6.

15. Blue-green barrel-shaped bead. L 3 mm, D 4 mm.

16. Red discoid bead. See 8.

17. Blue-green barrel-shaped bead. See 15.

18. Red discoid bead. See 8.

19. Blue-green barrel-shaped bead. L 4 mm, D 4 mm.

20. Blue cuboid bead. See 1-6.

21. Black barrel-shaped bead. See 7.

22. Chip from a blue-green (short barrel-shaped) bead. Not measured.

23. Blue barrel-shaped bead. L 4.5 mm, D 4 mm.

24. Red discoid bead. See 8.

25. Blue barrel-shaped bead. See 23.

26. Red discoid bead. See 8.

27. Blue barrel-shaped bead. See 23.

28. Chip from a blue-green (cuboid) bead. Not measured.

29. Blue-green cuboid bead. L 4 mm, W 4.5 mm.

30. Black barrel-shaped bead. See 13.

31. Blue cuboid bead. See 1-6.

32. Blue barrel-shaped bead. See 23.

33. Silver-in-glass barrel-shaped bead. L 4.5 mm, D 4.5 mm.

34. Blue cuboid bead. See 1-6.

35. Blue faceted cuboid bead. L 4.5 mm, max W 3.5 mm.

36. Blue kidney-shaped bead. L 5 mm, W 6.5 mm.

37. Blue-green discoid bead. L 3 mm, D 7 mm.

38. Green cylinder bead, slightly larger at one end. L 5 mm, D 4 mm.

39. Green kidney-shaped bead. L 7 mm, W 7 mm.

40. Green cylinder bead. L 5.5 mm, D 4 mm.

41. Green kidney-shaped bead. L 9.5 mm, W 7.5 mm.

42. Green cylinder bead. L 9 mm,. D 5.5 mm.

43. Green kidney-shaped bead. L 12 mm, W 10 mm.

44. Green cylinder bead. L 7.5 mm, D 5 mm.

45. Green kidney-shaped bead. L 10.5 mm, W 8 mm.

46. Green cylinder bead. L 6.5 mm, D 4 mm.

47. Green kidney-shaped bead. L 9.5 mm, W 8.5 mm.

48. Green cylinder bead. L 5.5 mm, D 4.5 mm.

49. Blue kidney-shaped bead. L 8 mm, W 9 mm.

50. Blue-white cylinder bead, tapering towards each end. L 14.5 mm, max D 4 mm.

51. Blue kidney-shaped bead. L 5 mm, W 8 mm.

52. Green cylinder bead. L 13.5 mm, D 3.5 mm.

53. Blue-green discoid bead. L4 mm, D 8 mm.

54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82. 84, 86, 88, 90. Blue cuboid beads. See 1–6.

55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91. Black barrel-shaped beads. See 7 and 13.

*B. The gold-in-glass beads*

There are four single and three double segments present, strung alternately with single segments at each end. A noticeably smaller single segment bead is at one end, L 2mm, D 2 mm. The other single segments are L 3 mm, D 3.5 mm, and the double segments are L 6 mm, D 3.5 mm.