

Basic Detail Report



Bead

Date

2500 BC-100 AD

Medium

Crystal, string

Description

11 Druidical crystal beads on a string made of colourless crystal. The beads have twisted ridges that spiral around each bead. Druidism is an ancient belief system which predates Christianity and is associated with Celtic peoples in Britain and Europe. Druids were members of the

educated, professional elite amongst Celtic clans. It is hard to say how authentic they are as there was a strong interest and a revival of Druidism in the 17th century onwards. It's unlikely they are ancient but this possibility cannot be eliminated as yet. Henry Syer Cuming's catalogue entry makes it clear he thought them especially fine and rare.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 345 mm