



Battersea Shield

350 – 50 BC

The Battersea Shield is the bronze facing or cover that would have once been attached to the front of a wooden shield. It was discovered in 1857 in the River Thames and probably thrown in as a votive offering, as the thin sheeting would not have been effective in combat. Its elaborate decoration – in the La Tène style – consists of palmette and S-motif designs, highlighted with studs of red glass enamel.

