

Symbol Stone Objects – Numerical Analyses – Tables A and B

The Object Categories are listed in the two pages of **Table A** in order of number of occurrences. This approach avoids what typically becomes segregation between Class 1 and 2 Stones – all objects are considered collectively.

To find the most significant (in volume terms), those objects with 10 or more occurrences (684 in total) were further analysed. **Table B** lists those Objects with 10 or more occurrences.

The Top 5 objects represent 46% of the 684, the Top 10 68% and the Top 20 85%. Within the Top 5, in fact at Number 3, are Latin / Christian crosses confirming the value of not segregating by Class 1 and 2 but keeping to a single set of data to give a comprehensive overview.

Tables A and B follow.

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Total number of objects (excluding spiral decoration)

914

Object Category / Object	No	%	Object Category / Object	No	%
V-rod / Crescent	103	11.3	People - continued		
V-rod & Crescent	90		Dog-faced man holding an axe	1	
Crescent alone	7		Battle scene	1	
Double crescent	4		Figures in a boat	1	
V-rod & Horseshoe (arch)	1		Book-clutching ecclesiastics	1	
Notched crescent	1		Man facing a beast	1	
Fantastic beast / creature	100	10.9	Rounded Shape	70	7.7
Beast with exaggerated claws	38		Horseshoe / arch	18	
Interlaced animals with Cross	36		Triple disc	15	
Hippocamp pairs	9		Triple oval	5	
Fish monster	5		Interlace - not within cross	5	
Centaur	3		Ogee / S	3	
Creature eating	2		Disc enclosing three smaller discs	3	
Interlaced animals not with Cross	2		Triquetra	4	
Beast with human legs protruding from its mouth	2		Rayed disc / spoked wheel	3	
Bird-headed monster	1		Triskele	2	
Facing heads alone	1		Decorated disc	2	
Crouching beast	1		Spiral / concentric ovals	1	
Z-rod / Double Disc	98	10.7	Curvilinear circles/pelta	1	
Z-rod & Double disc	56		Twin discs	1	
Double disc alone	18		Single disc	1	
Z-rod & Serpent	11		Three circles	1	
Z-rod & Notched Rectangle	11		Three circles linked by arcs	1	
Notched double disc	1		Curvilinear "S"	1	
Z-rod & Rectangle	1		Cauldron & protruding legs	1	
People	70	7.7	Roundel with key pattern	1	
On horseback / horseman	17		Curved line ending in a scroll	1	
Hunting	17		Animal	65	7.1
Cloaked / robed figure	6		Dog / hound	10	
Standing	4		Horse	8	
Sitting	4		Bull	8	
Axe-wielding	3		Stag	8	
Bird-headed man	3		Indecipherable quadruped	7	
Walking (some holding)	2		Cow / calf / cattle	6	
Groups of warriors	2		Deer's head	5	
Kneeling / crouching	2		Boar	3	
Horseman with spear	2		Wolf	3	
Two figures - embracing (?)	1		Ox / steer	2	
Hooded figure	1		Sheep	1	
Hooded horsemen	1		Bull's head	1	
			Dog's head	1	
			Beast's head	1	
			Rabbit	1	

TABLE A - ANALYSIS - ALL SYMBOL STONE OBJECTS - Page 2 of 2

Object Category / Object	No	%	Object Category / Object	No	%
Cross - style	64	7.0	Script	19	2.1
Latin / Christian	58		Linear Ogham	15	
Greek	3		Roman (or Latin) Cursive	3	
Fitchée	1		Circular Ogham	1	
Crosslet	1				
Chi-Rho	1		Fish	18	2.0
			Salmon	18	
Mirror	62	6.78	Serpent / Snake	15	1.6
Mirror	62		Serpent alone	10	
			Serpent & straight rod	3	
Pictish "beast", elephant	51	5.6	Intertwined serpents	2	
Pictish "beast", elephant	51				
			Plant	12	1.3
Angular Shape	47	5.1	Flower	10	
Rectangle (decorated)	16		Tree in Container	1	
Tuning fork	11		Tree - "Of Life"?	1	
Notched rectangle alone	5				
L-shaped rectangle	4		Implement, device	10	1.1
Stepped rectangle	4		Hammer	2	
Plain Rectangle	3		Anvil	2	
"Concentric" square & rectangle	2		Pincers or Tongs	2	
Vertical rectangle	2		Shears	1	
			Helmet	1	
Comb	40	4.38	Loom	1	
Comb	40		Harp	1	
			Angel	10	1.1
Bird	22	2.4			
Eagle	16		Biblical Story	7	0.8
Goose	4				
Bird with exaggerated claws	1		Cup Marking	6	0.7
Indecipherable bird	1				
			Bosses on Cross	5	0.5
Mirror Case	20	2.19			
Mirror case	19				

TABLE B

ANALYSIS - SYMBOL STONE OBJECTS WITH 10 OR MORE OCCURRENCES

Total number of objects with 10 or more occurrences = 684

Top	Object	Occurrences	Percent
	V-rod & Crescent	90	13.16
^	Mirror	62	9.06
1 to 5	Latin / Christian Cross	58	8.48
	Z-rod & Double disc	56	8.19
<	Pictish "beast", elephant	51	7.46
	Total Top 1 to 5	317	
	Comb	40	5.85
^	Beast with exaggerated claws	38	5.56
6 to 10	Interlaced animals with Cross	36	5.26
	Mirror case	19	2.78
<	Double disc alone	18	2.63
	Total Top 6 to 10	151	
	Horseshoe / arch	18	2.63
	Salmon	18	2.63
	On horseback / horseman	17	2.49
	Hunting	17	2.49
	Rectangle (decorated)	16	2.34
	Eagle	16	2.34
^	Triple disc	15	2.19
11 to 26	Linear Ogham	15	2.19
	Z-rod & Serpent	11	1.61
	Z-rod & Notched Rectangle	11	1.61
<	Tuning fork	11	1.61
	Hippocamp	11	1.61
	Serpent Alone	10	1.46
	Flower	10	1.46
	Angel	10	1.46
	Dog	10	1.46
	Total Top 11 to 26	216	
	Top 5 as a percentage of total		46.35
	Top 10 as a percentage of total		68.42