

SPUR

Unique ID: OXON-63B8C3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy spur of probable later Post-Medieval date (1600-1700). The fragment consists of one complete arm and the rowel box. The second arm and rowel are missing.

The arm is D-shaped in cross section and tapers from the rowel box towards its integral figure of eight terminal loop. The outer surface of this terminal loop is moulded such that the point of arm is accentuated between the loops. Each loops is 7.5mm in diameter.

The neck of the spur is formed at the mid point of the spur and projects 18.3mm horizontally out from its apex. The second arm is missing from its other side. The neck is oval in cross section (c.7.4mm x 6.7mm diameter) and has a simple rowel box placed at its end which is split by a horizontal cleft. One side of the rowel box has an oval loop at its tip (4.0mm diameter), the opposite being missing due to an old break. The neck is decorated by two parallel incised lines in its centre giving it a slight collar between.

The spur has an even mid green patina across its entire surface.

The fragment is c.93.4mm long, c.77mm wide and weighs 15.90 grams.

Spurs are relatively common in the 17th Century when fashion dictated they were worn as an article of dress rather than for just riding. IOW-697B46 is a particularly similar example on the database. Similar example have also been excavated from Beeston Castle, Cheshire (Ellis 1993: figs. 113-114) while Read illustrates a similar figure of eight terminal which he suggests date to the 17th century (Read 2001:65, fig.41 no.499).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1600

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 93.4 mm

Width: 77 mm

Weight: 15.9 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st September 2019 - Wednesday 4th March 2020

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: OMS receipt 2319

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)

District: [Cherwell](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Noke](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP5413

Four figure Latitude: 51.81303213

Four figure longitude: -1.21808761

1:25K map: SP5413

1:10K map: SP51SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2016 [Identifying Metal Artefacts Volume 1](#) Witham: Greenlight