

SPUR

Unique ID: OXON-DA1DA0

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy spur of probable later Post-Medieval date (1600-1700) broken into two refitting pieces. The first piece is the majority of one arm, without an attachment terminal, while the second is the remainder of the arm the beginnings of a neck and the second arm. The rowel, its box and most of the neck are missing.

The arms are D-shaped, almost triangular, in cross section and tapers slightly from the apex of the spur to their ends. In profile they both are convex. Each arm ends in a vertical terminal lacking any attachment fittings. It is unclear whether these are due to old worn breaks.

The neck of the spur is formed at the mid point of the spur. It is initially lozenge shape and has a thick lozenge shaped collar at its base. It extends for less than 5mm before ending in an abraded break.

The spur has an even mid red brown patina with occasional green patches across its entire surface.

The fragment is c.60mm long, c.60mm wide, 13mm high and weighs 31.46 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. KENT-CB8369 is a particularly similar example on the database both being particularly small and so maybe a spur for a child. Similar examples have also been excavated from Beeston Castle, Cheshire (Ellis 1993: figs. 113-114) while Read illustrates similar examples which he suggests date to the 17th century (Read 2001:65, fig.41).

Notes:

This find was recorded by images and information provided by the finder, not seen by the FLO.

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: 60 mm
Width: 60 mm
Thickness: 13 mm
Weight: 31.46 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st September 2019 - Monday 8th June 2020

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Simon Shew Ind Batch 5

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)
District: [South Oxfordshire](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Horspath](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP5704
Four figure Latitude: 51.73182386
Four figure longitude: -1.17604908
1:25K map: SP5704
1:10K map: SP50SE
Grid reference source: Centred on field
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2001 [Metal artefacts of antiquity: A catalogue of small finds from specific areas of the United Kingdom](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing