

PIPE TAMPER

Unique ID: OXON-A8C4AC

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper-alloy probable pipe tamper of Post-Medieval date (AD 1600-1800). The object consists of a pedestal style, with a flat circular base and circular sectioned conical shaft with a circumferential raised collar. The object then tapers to a sharp point. On the base there are the initials in low-relief 'HT'. The tamper measures 33.09mm long, 15.42mm diameter, weighs 4.81g. The surface has an incomplete mid to dark green patina.

The base would be used for tamping down the tobacco in the bowl of a pipe as it is being packed, as well as for crushing the ash together to aid relighting, whilst the narrow pick would be used to clear debris from the bowl. Similar examples can be found at DUR-AF66A1, LANCUM-0C032A, HESH-5F01A5 and WAW-65B8D7.

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 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 33.09 mm

Weight: 4.81 g

Diameter: 15.42 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2021 - Tuesday 21st September 2021

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: OMS receipt 2582

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [West Oxfordshire](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP2408

Four figure Latitude: 51.77016505

Four figure longitude: -1.65359345

1:25K map: SP2408

1:10K map: SP20NW

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