

# SPOON

**Unique ID:** WMID-42E97B

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy seal top spoon finial of Early Post Medieval dating (AD 1500 to AD 1600).

Around 25% of the spoon is present, consisting of the baluster finial only. The finial has a flattened disc top. Beneath the seal top, the stem narrows before expanding into a circular collar decorated by vertical grooves. Then the stem narrows again prior to expanding to a grooved teardrop shape. An old patinated break is present.

It measures 33.7 mm in length, 14.3 mm diameter at the top and the break has a diameter of 4.3 mm. It weighs 9.6 g.

The spoon finial is a mid to dark green colour, with an uneven surface patina.

Spoons with this type of finial are typically of 16th Century dating. A more complete example, 2015T20 (GLO-FE7D79) found in Gloucestershire, still bears makers marks which can more accurately date it to 1592 to 1593. 2016T83 (ESS-15D08E) is another example of the finial top.

## 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 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1650

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 33.7 mm

Weight: 9.6 g

Diameter: 14.3 mm

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 1st January 2021 - Friday 31st December 2021

## Personal details

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## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

## Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Shropshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Shropshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Stoke upon Tern](#) (Civil Parish)

## Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ6328

Four figure Latitude: 52.84822195

Four figure longitude: -2.55083483

1:25K map: SJ6328

1:10K map: SJ62NW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

## Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst out searching with a metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land