

WEIGHT

Unique ID: LANCUM-C1A508

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead plano-convex spindle whorl. The whorl is nicely made, with a different decoration on each side. One side is decorated with several lines criss-crossing each other, resembling Norse runes (although they are not runes!). The other side is decorated with similar lines criss-crossing each other, but in addition, several dots in relief have been inserted between the lines.

It has been noted that the weight of a spindle whorl is demonstrative of the thickness of yarn produced, with lighter spindle whorls (3 - 5 grams) being used for spinning cotton and the heavier ones (30 - 35 grams) for spinning wool (Margeson 1993, page 184). This example weighs 40.21 grams, so it seems likely that it would have been used to spin a heavier material such as wool.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.22 mm

Width: 31.72 mm

Thickness: 8.75 mm

Weight: 40.21 g

Diameter: 31.22 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st January 2006

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Dot Boughton

Identified by: Dr Dot Boughton

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)

District: [Harrogate](#) (District)

To be known as: Ripon

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on village (which isn't a parish)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Margeson, S.M., 1993 [Norwich Households: Medieval and Post-Medieval Finds from Norwich Survey Excavations 1971-78](#) Norwich: East Anglian Archaeology ,