WEIGHT

Unique ID: HESH-AE4C83

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Cast lead or lead alloy 'bun shaped' weight of probable later Medieval date (1350 - 1550). The weight is sub-circular in plan and irregular (D shaped) in cross section. The domed front face is decorated with an off-centre design positioned around a circular hole which does not pierce the opposite edge. The design consists of a raised central boss (with hole at centre) from which eight radiating ribs spread. These ribs divide the upper surface of the weight unevenly into triangular wedges. Many of these have singled raised dome like pellets within them. Much of this decorated surface has been lost through a combination of corrosion and abrasion. The reverse face is plain, undecorated and relatively flat. Again a similar (shallower) hole is present positioned off-centre. The weight is a mid grey cream colour with an uneven corroded and abraded patina that covers all surfaces. A direct parallel for this weight has not been found, however it is similar to a number of weights in Biggs and Withers Lead Weights, pages 22-23 specifically those described as having a wheel design 28, 30-31. It is most likely to date from the later medieval period. The weight measures 44.7mm in diameter and is 20.5mm thick. It weighs 242.71 grams or 8.56ozs (3745 grains).

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Date from: AD 1350 Date to: AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 20.5 mm Weight: 242.71 g Diameter: 44.7 mm

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: County of Herefordshire (Unitary Authority)

District: County of Herefordshire (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Hampton Charles

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a $0.01\ metre$ square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land