

DRINKING VESSEL

Unique ID: SWYOR-B1F331

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A part of a cast copper alloy two-part handle from a drinking vessel (probably a tankard) of probable Post-Medieval date (c. AD 1550 - c. AD 1650). It is 70.96mm long, width 16.12mm, thickness 5.75mm with a weight of 57.40g. The handle consists of a curved element, the handle itself, which would have been soldered to the side of the vessel. Only the top part of this survives. At the top of the handle are two raised perforated sub oval lugs. Through these lugs the mechanism for lifting the lid is attached by a single cast circular cross-section copper alloy pin/bar of which half survives. The mechanism consists of a tapering projection, rectangular in cross-section. This would have been attached to a wooden or leather lid. A second projection extends at an angle of 90° to that of the first, terminating in two round acorn shaped knobs, one either side of the projection and both pointing outwards. The thumb of the user could be rested on the knobs in order to raise and lower the lid. Both elements are cast and each is sturdy, indicating perhaps that the tankard would have been for practical use rather than being decorative. The handle and the mechanism for raising and lowering the lid are in good condition and are mainly covered in superficial light green powdery copper alloy corrosion products. Similar drinking vessel handles, although made of lead alloy and pewter, can be seen in the Museum of London Exhibition Catalogue: Hornsby, R G et al. 1990. 'Pewter: a celebration of the craft 1200-1700'. 63-67, 88-89 and 99. All these examples date to the late sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Two similar vessel handles, probably for tankards, are recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database. See finds: HESH-C82053 and HESH-C86207. A similar but more complete example is IOW-FB00C5.

Class: Tankard **Sub class:** Handle

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 70.96 mm

Width: 16.12 mm

Thickness: 5.75 mm

Weight: 57.4 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 7th July 2009

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Selby](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE5624

Four figure Latitude: 53.709428

Four figure longitude: -1.153075

1:25K map: SE5624

1:10K map: SE52SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land