

VESSEL

Unique ID: LVPL-2AEF67

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper alloy handle from a skillet or posnet, of Early Post Medieval dating (16th to 17th Centuries AD).

The handle is sub rectangular in plan, and D shaped in cross section. The top of the handle has been decorated with a repeating cross style design. The design consists of a cross made up from four open triangles, with the apex (point) pointing inwards (also known as a cross pattee). Three repeats of the design are present along the handle, prior to the break. The opposing end exhibits a dropped end. The underneath of the handle has a ridge running centrally down the length of the handle. No decoration is present on the underside of the handle.

The handle is a mid to dark green colour, with an even surface patina. The weight would suggest that it has been made from a leaded copper alloy. There are some signs of abrasion present (scars from movement in the ploughsoil). Along the broken edge of the handle, there are some signs of active copper corrosion (bright green powdery areas). These areas should be monitored to prevent further deterioration from occurring and the handle should be stored in a sealed dry environment.

The handle measures 79.20mm in length. 25.06mm wide (at the break), 18.40mm wide (at the tip) and 8.80mm thick. It weighs 79.7 grams.

Handles of this style are typically found on posnets and skillets. A posnet is a small cauldron with handle and a skillet is a saucepan with three legs. As it is relatively straight and not curved, it is more probable that it came from a skillet as opposed to the posnet, but the dropped end is more typical of posnets. Both posnets and skillets of this style with decorated handles are considered to be of 16th-17th Century dating.

Several similar handles have been recorded on the PAS database including: LANCUM-2E0C74 from Cockerham and YORYM-0D2A64 from Naburn.

Class: handle

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 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 79.2 mm
Width: 25.06 mm
Thickness: 8.8 mm
Weight: 79.7 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Manufacture method: Cast
Decoration style: Geometric
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [North West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Cheshire East](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Cheshire East](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Congleton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ8965
Four figure Latitude: 53.181983
Four figure longitude: -2.166053
1:25K map: SJ8965
1:10K map: SJ86NE
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.