

WHETSTONE

Unique ID: WILT-5A19F5

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of undatable whetstone, roughly rectangular in shape and cross-section. It measures 31.59x24.70x22.10mm and weighs 32.2g.

It is made from a mica rich, fine grained and dense stone with irregular breaks. The whetstone is broken at both short ends. The faces are much smoother than the broken ends and have rounded corners. It is these which were probably used for resharpening blades of knives, scythes, axes and other tools. All the faces have cut marks on them.

Stray finds of whetstones are notoriously difficult to date and only very few found out of context can be dated to a specific period because of their shape and/or a perforation for suspension. This whetstone does not bear any identifying marks at all and must therefore remain undated, although it is most likely to date between the Roman and Post-Medieval period (AD 43-1800).

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: UNKNOWN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 43

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 31.59 mm

Width: 24.7 mm

Thickness: 22.1 mm

Weight: 32.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st May 2011 - Saturday 9th July 2011

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: WHM 1359

Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
Parish or ward: [Rowde](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST9963
Four figure Latitude: 51.366062
Four figure longitude: -2.015751
1:25K map: ST9963
1:10K map: ST96SE
Grid reference source: From a paper map
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.