# **SPOON**

Unique ID: WILT-93DD24

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of Post-Medieval (late  $17^{th}$  or  $18^{th}$  century) copper alloy small spoon, consisting of part of the handle and terminal only. It measures 35.35x11.21x4.64mm and weighs 2.4g.

The main body of this object is an elongated triangle in shape, flat in cross-section. The top edge is curved and also curves slightly backwards. At the centre of the curve is a collared globular terminal, topped with a knop. The pointed end of the triangle is missing but would have extended into a thin, twisted shaft, circular in section, and from which the spoon bowl would have projected. The upper side of the object has an incised decoration of a V with short strokes extending from it. Inside the V is an H, with elongated cross-bar. To either side are two short lines curving outwards, and below two curved lines form a point from a which a vertical extends, with short strokes inside. It gives the impression of feathers. The patina is smooth and silvery grey-green.

This is one of a group of known artefacts that were previously of uncertain use and date which were being investigated by Caroline Johnson (Treasure Hunting magazine December 2004). Recently complete spoons that are identical in form have been identified in the Museum of London collections (A10625 and A3934) and thus a Post Medieval date for these objects seems certain. It is interesting they have mostly broken in almost the same place and it maybe the twisting f the stem made them mode fragile in that area. Others recorded on the database include: SUSS-BC3807, WMID-E076D4, WMID-DFA492, DENO-76C2F7, ESS-AD69C2, LIN-0974F5, LIN-CD6075 and LIN-E83BD6.

#### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

#### Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1650 Date to: Circa AD 1800

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.35 mm Width: 11.21 mm Thickness: 4.64 mm

Weight: 2.4 g

#### **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 5th July 2011 - Tuesday 6th September 2011

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: SSWM 3759

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Fragment

### **Spatial metadata**

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

District: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Salisbury

### **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: Centred on parish

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land