# TOY

#### Unique ID: SOM-CB6026

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Post medieval cast copper alloy toy cannon. The muzzle (open end) of the cannon is missing to an old break. It is cast in one piece with a pronounced base ring and a plain tapering breech. The cascabel is also missing to an old break. The small vent hole, blocked with mud, is half way between the base ring and first reinforce ring. The barrel is corroded but appears to have recessed rings either side of the trunnions. The trunnions are circular in section, both are missing their ends, one is just a stub. The total width of the cannon across the trunnions is 16.1mm. Between the first and second reinforce ring the muzzle tapers from 12.8 to 10.9mm in diameter. The chase (remainder of the barrel) continues to taper gradually to 9.3mm in diameter at the point where it is broken. The muzzle is 5.6mm in internal diameter at the break and is drilled off centre. The cannon is 45.3mm long and weighs 23.56g, including the mud fill.

Forsyth and Egan (2005:80-81) discuss toy cannons and suggest those that actually fired were very popular by the end of the 16th century but the majority show features that were developed in 17th - 18th century. This example is most similar to their Type 3 Design 1 (p.82, 1.5) although without the cascabel it is difficult to make an exact comparison. They suggest this type is from the late 17th to early 18th century.

#### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1650 Date to: Circa AD 1750

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1 Length: 45.3 mm Width: 16.1 mm Weight: 23.56 g Diameter: 12.8 mm

#### **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st March 2012

## **Personal details**

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 20741

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

# **Spatial metadata**

Region: <u>South West</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Somerset</u> (County) District: <u>Mendip</u> (District) To be known as: St Cuthbert Out CP

# **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

Forsyth, H. with Egan, G., 2005. <u>Toys, Trifles and Trinkets: Base Metal Miniatures from London</u> <u>1200 to 1800</u> London : Unicorn Press Ltd