VESSEL

Unique ID: WAW-18A3D4

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper alloy cooking vessel leg/foot. The leg is an elongated sub-trapezoid in plan, with the narrow edge forming the upper edge. The upper edge is broken but it is not recent as the patina covers the break. The lower edge is incomplete as it has a large notch missing, but this is also not recent as the patina on the break matches that of the surface. The notch may be due to a miss cast rather than damage. The base of the foot is sub-trapezoidal with the narrowest edge forming the reverse edge. The outer wide face is concave in profile, whilst the back of the leg is straight, but obliquely angled. The leg and foot is decorated on the outer face with a subtle, integral vertical ridge. The surface of the leg has a mottled mid yellow/green coloured patina and patches of a black deposit which is probably a sooty/carbon deposit, including on the base of the foot. The leg measures 33.53mm wide across the foot, and 31.07mm tall from the table surface to the broken edge. It weighs 41.9g.

It is uncertain what type of vessel this fragment comes from, but Egan (Egan G. 1998 The Medieval Household Daily Living c. 1150-c.1450 Museum of London, London, The Stationary Office) comments that commonly used cooking vessels in the Medieval period include skillets, ewers, and cauldrons. Geake (Geake, H. 2001 Finds Recording Guide Unpublished) suggests such vessels were used from the mid 13th to 16th centuries. Butler and Green (2003 English Bronze Cooking Vessels and Their Founders 1350-1830 Acanthus Press) comment cooking vessels can date up to the mid 18th century.

Class: Leg/Foot

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1250 Date to: Circa AD 1750

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 31.07 mm Width: 33.53 mm Weight: 41.9 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 28th February 2012

Personal details

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Materials and construction

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

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>West Midlands</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Warwickshire</u> (County) District: <u>Stratford-on-Avon</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Brailes</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP3040 Four figure Latitude: 52.057575 Four figure longitude: -1.563867 1:25K map: SP3040 1:10K map: SP34SW Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder) Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land Specific landuse: Character undetermined