LACE TAG

Unique ID: PUBLIC-D61514

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete post medieval copper alloy lace tag, constructed from a piece of sheet copper alloy, the long edges are folded over and then the sheet is rolled to form a tapering cylinder ending in a sharp point. The tag has been shaped in the form of a cattle horn and is very finely finished. There are no signs of damage and the condition is very good.

Medieval or Post-Medieval copper alloy sheet rivet, of the type usually used for repairing metal vessels. The rivet is formed from triangular piece of sheet metal, rolled into a cone, with a flat top and coming to a sharp point at the other end. Dimensions: length: 50 mm; diameter at widest point: 10.6 mm; weight: 7.9 g.

A discussion of these rivets can be found in Egan (2005, p.101). Egan suggests that these were a later form a rivet, which took over from the Medieval folded staples in the late 15th to the mid to late 16th century and continued in use into the 18th century (ibid.).

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL
Period to: POST MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 1450
Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 50 mm

Weight: 7.9 g

Diameter: 10.6 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 20th September 2013

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Manufacture method: Hand made

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

District: Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Cheddelwich

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector Discovery circumstances: Metal detecting

Current location: With finder General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth less than $0.25\ m$

Egan, G., 2005 <u>Material Culture in London in an Age Of Transition: Tudor and Stuart period finds</u> <u>c.1450 - c.1700 from excavations at riverside sites in Southwark</u> London: Museum of London

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