VESSEL

Unique ID: HAMP-DFE875

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy Medieval/ Post-Medieval (1200-1800) vessel leg from a ewer or skillet, broken just above the horizontal rib at the ankle (old break). The surviving leg measures 32.94mm in length, 26.66mm in max.width (at the base) and 15.96mm in max.thickness. It weighs 51.90g.

The leg is triangular in section at the break (18.32x10.60mm) and D-shaped in section at the anklerib (15.39x21.30x7.77mm). Below five moulded toes extend to the base, which is the widest point. One of the outer toes is mostly missing through old damage. The base measures 26.66x15.59mm.

The exterior surface of the object has traces of blackening that are probably the result of the vessel's usage in cooking over an open fire. It would probably have originally been one of three legs forming a tripod to support the vessel over a fire. Otherwise much of the original patina is lost.

Crudely made cast copper alloy vessels were widely used from c.1200-1800 for serving and cooking. Butler and Green (2003; 15) state 'there is evidence that (cast copper alloy) metal cooking vessels became increasingly common during the 13th and 14th centuries'. While certain specialist cast copper alloy vessels such as skillets remained in use later 'bronze cauldrons in general seem to have been superseded in the early years of the 18th century when their place was taken by cast-iron vessels which were cheaper to make and more durable to use.' (ibid: 22).

Class: Cooking vessel Sub class: Leg

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1200 Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 32.94 mm Width: 26.66 mm Thickness: 15.96 mm

Weight: 51.9 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st May 2013 - Friday 12th July 2013

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Winchester Museums Entry Form 3652

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Hampshire (County)

District: East Hampshire (District)

To be known as: Buriton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth less than 0.25 m