FIREARM

Unique ID: WMID-BA9541

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper alloy ramrod fitting, of Post medieval dating (AD 1700 to 1800).

The artefact consists of the 'skirt' of the ramrod pipe and has a sharp point behind which swells the main body of the object; this then narrows slightly to form a short neck, above which is a rounded, convexed globular terminal, now broken and incomplete which would have originally been attached to the ramrod entry pipe (where the rod enters the wood). The reverse is flat and plain and would have sat flush with the wood of the rifle.

The ramrod measures 38.3 mm in length, 13.2 mm wide and 6.0 mm thick. It weighs 4.8 g

The ramrod is a mid to dark green colour, with an even surface patina.

Such ramrod pipe skirts can be seen on the Brown Bess rifle or musket of the mid 18th century AD. Similar artefacts have been recorded on the PAS database, including: BERK-FAC4F2 and SUR-31F891.

This artefact was initially identified as a cockspur but has been recently reidentified as a ramrod holder for a musket. Thanks are extended to David Williams (Surrey FLO) for his help.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1700 Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 38.3 mm Width: 13.2 mm Thickness: 6 mm Weight: 4.8 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Shropshire (Unitary Authority)

District: Shropshire (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: Stoke upon Tern (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ6629

Four figure Latitude: 52.85740937 Four figure longitude: -2.50639618

1:25K map: SJ6629 1:10K map: SJ62NE

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst metal detecting