SPINDLE WHORL

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Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A stone spindle whorl of possible medieval date. It is of flattened biconvexform, higher in one half than the other. The circumference is also flattened. The fabric is fine grained and of light-grey colour. It features incised concentric decoration in the form neat concentric rings (turning lines) on both surfaces. The central hole measures c. 8.1mm in diameter. On the higher half the object has suffered a loss adjacent to the hole. The stone is calcareous and probably a siltstone/mudstone. Geoff Egan (1998, 255ff.) suggests that the cheaper, possibly home-made, ceramic and bone spindle whorls were displaced by purposefully manufactured stone examples in the medieval period. This would suggest that this example is medieval in date; it can also be compared with examples illustrated in ibid. (259; fig, 202).

It measures 32.8mm in diameter, is 15.5mm thick and weighs 20.51g.

Notes:

Thanks to Laura Burnett for establishing the material nature of this artefact.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Finder applying for an export licence

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1200 Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Thickness: 15.5 mm Weight: 20.51 g Diameter: 32.8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st April 2014 - Tuesday 8th April 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Weekend Wanderers USA Tour March-April 2014

Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>South East</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Oxfordshire</u> (County) District: <u>Vale of White Horse</u> (District) Parish or ward: <u>Lockinge</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU4288 Four figure Latitude: 51.58929397 Four figure longitude: -1.39514884 1:25K map: SU4288 1:10K map: SU48NW Grid reference source: From a paper map Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Chance find during metal detecting General landuse: Cultivated land

Egan, G., 1998 <u>The Medieval Household: Daily Living c.1150-c.1450 (Medieval Finds from</u> <u>Excavations in London)</u> London: The Stationery Office 255ff.