

# SPINDLE WHORL

**Unique ID:** PAS-611B78

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

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Robert Webley  
Identified by: Mr Robert Webley  
Secondary identifier: Ms Laura Burnett

### **Other reference numbers**

Other reference: Weekend Wanderers USA Tour March-April 2014

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Stone  
Completeness: Complete

### **Spatial metadata**

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)  
County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)  
District: [Vale of White Horse](#) (District)  
Parish or ward: [Lockinge](#) (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 100 metre square.

### **Discovery metadata**

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

Egan, G., 1998 [The Medieval Household: Daily Living c.1150-c.1450 \(Medieval Finds from Excavations in London\)](#) London: The Stationery Office 255ff.