

THIMBLE

Unique ID: SUSS-A47666

Object type certainty: Possibly

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

This item was previously identified as 'A large weight made of lead. The weight is tear-drop shaped, but the reverse is completely flat. The weight is undecorated. The lead has gone a light greyish-white colour. Some damage has occurred to the weight as a result of being hit by the plough, as several scratches and scars are evident on the surface of the weight. This weight is possibly medieval, but most probably post-medieval in date. Due to that fact that so few lead weights have been found in archaeological contexts, only a very broad date range can be allocated. Weight: 156g (5.5oz).'

However, new information suggests that this object could possibly be a Post Medieval cast lead alloy palm guard. The object is plano-convex and is fashioned in a semi-piriform shape. These tools were used to protect the hand when forcing pointed tools through heavy duty textile or leather. Because of the longevity of their simple form only a wide date range of circa 1500 -1800 AD can be assigned to these objects. For a similar object, cf. PAS database record: SUSS-3D9994. [FLO Addendum: Stephanie Smith, 15.11.11]

Class: Palm Guard

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MODERN

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 60 mm

Width: 36.5 mm

Thickness: 15.3 mm

Weight: 156 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st May 2004

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [West Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Arun](#) (District)

To be known as: Clapham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined