

SHOT

Unique ID: NLM-19EC38

Object type certainty: Probably

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Lead probable musket balls. Twelve cast balls with mould lines and the stubs of casting sprue, probably smoothed by prolonged immersion. The mass of the balls, typically just under an ounce, may be apt to use with light muskets, carbines or heavy pistols of military specification. None of these have been fired. Suggested date: Post-Medieval, 1600-1830.

a) Diameter: 16.7mm, Weight: 24.79gms (lines from lathe finishing of interior of mould)

b) Diameter: 17.4mm, Weight: 28.46gms

c) Diameter: 16.7mm, Weight: 24.61gms

d) Diameter: 17.1mm, Weight: 24.29gms

e) Diameter: 16.5mm, Weight: 24.39gms

f) Diameter: 17.0mm, Weight: 28.46gms

g) Diameter: 17.8mm, Weight: 28.35gms

h) Diameter: 16.7mm, Weight: 25.19gms

i) Diameter: 17.6mm, Weight: 28.51gms

j) Diameter: 17.4mm, Weight: 28.47gms (sprue nipped with pliers)

k) Diameter: 17.0mm, Weight: 28.13gms

l) Diameter: 17.6mm, Weight: 28.41gms

Combined Weight: c.330gms

Notes:

The discovery of large numbers of ball together in the intertidal zone prompted the suggestion that a barrel of shot had been lost from a ship. However, the inclusion of some shot with evidence for distortion during firing or with impact damage may suggest a more complex picture. This may embrace the use of the foreshore area as a practice firing range, an activity which continued into more recent times to judge from other material reported thence. The objects were weighed individually, but combined weights cited were measured on postal scales.

Class: Musket ball

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 1600

Date to: Circa AD 1830

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 12

Weight: 330 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 18th August 2015

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NLM29800

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [North East Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [North East Lincolnshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Cleethorpes

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Coastland

Specific landuse: Inter-tidal

