

VESSEL

Unique ID: YORYM-F907B6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete copper-alloy pot leg from a cooking vessel of medieval to post-medieval date (1100-1800AD). The fragment is sub-triangular in cross-section, with a deep concave inner surface. The leg is broken just above the foot and the break is worn most likely through post-depositional processes. The foot protrudes and then tapers downwards towards a point; it consists of four conjoined convex ribs running from the leg to this point. This would have been one of three legs with size and form suggesting it was part of a cauldron or large later-form posnet (Butler, Green and Payne 2009, p.2).

The metal is rough and a red-brown colour with some light green patches. The fragment is 53.90mm in length, 34.67mm wide, 29.07mm thick and weighs 108g.

Copper alloy vessels were commonly used for cooking from AD1100 to the late 1700s where they were gradually phased out in favour of cast-iron pots and saucepans designed for kitchen ranges. Therefore it is difficult to closely date this object without any further archaeological context. Cooking vessels were cast using two piece moulds until the late 17th century and the introduction of sand-casting. Skillets could be cast using one piece moulding. Legs and handles were created in a single cast together with the body.

Class: Cooking Vessel **Sub class:** Leg

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1100

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 53.9 mm

Width: 34.67 mm

Thickness: 29.07 mm

Weight: 108 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st September 2015 - Wednesday 30th September 2015

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: YMT : E04597

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [York](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [York](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Acaster Malbis](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE5944

Four figure Latitude: 53.88883564

Four figure longitude: -1.1038079

1:25K map: SE5944

1:10K map: SE54SE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Butler, R., Green, C. and Payne, N., 2009 [Cast Copper-Alloy Cooking Vessels](#) York: Finds Research Group 700-1700 Datasheet 41