TOKEN

Unique ID: WMID-45886D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast lead alloy token of later medieval to post-medieval date, circa (AD1400-1800). The token is broadly sub-circular in plan. The token is decorated on one face with a central pellet and a series of radiating ribs. The ribs are moulded in light relief and extend to the outer edges of the token. This possibly represents the sun or a star (Powell type 26, celestial). The other face is undecorated. The token has a cream coloured patina across all surfaces.

Lead tokens had a wide variety of potential uses such as use as tallies, gaming pieces, tickets, weights, etc. and are believed to have been locally produced; they are therefore difficult to date precisely. Those carrying initials are generally deemed to be Post Medieval in date (1500-1850AD), those which seem to mimic Medieval penny designs are deemed to be Medieval, the remainder which carry stylised designs remain difficult to date but the majority are probably Post Medieval in date c.1500-1800.

The token measures 13.54 mm diameter is 3.22mm thick and weighs 5.7 grams.

Powell, D. (2012) The 18th century Sophistication of the Stock Design. Lead Token Telegraph Issue 86.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1400 Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 3.22 mm

Weight: 5.7 g

Diameter: 13.54 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st November 2015 - Sunday 1st November 2015

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: West Midlands (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Staffordshire (County)

District: South Staffordshire (District)

Parish or ward: Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ8612

Four figure Latitude: 52.70548478 Four figure longitude: -2.2086357

1:25K map: SJ8612 1:10K map: SJ81SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.