

BELL

Unique ID: HESH-8F0DAE

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast lead alloy rumbler bell of Roman - post medieval date (100-1700), but most probably later medieval or post medieval (1350-1700). The bell was originally sub-circular in plan but is now distorted with the lower part being lost. An integral cast sub-rectangular projection is present on the upper edge of the bell which is pierced by a circular suspension hole. The exterior of the bell is heavily eroded and corroded resulting in the loss of most of the patinated surface. A circumferential groove is present at the mid point of the bell and it seems that the lower part of the bell was cut into four D shaped projections which were folded to form the hollow. There is no evidence of an iron clapper within the body of the bell and no obvious means of suspending a clapper; it is therefore more likely that there would have been a small pea within.

The body of the bell has a maximum diameter of 16.4mm and is 15.1mm high; the side walls of the bell are 1.8mm thick, and it weighs 2.82 grams.

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 1350

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 15.1 mm

Thickness: 1.8 mm

Weight: 2.82 g

Diameter: 16.4 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Shropshire Museum Service Entry Form: SHRMS: 00867

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)

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

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

To be known as: Cockshutt

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.