

SPINDLE WHORL

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Eardisland History and Heritage Group

Eardisland Excavation 2013

Site Summary: Finds made during excavation of a single trench 16m x 1.25m across crop marks on cultivated land.

Site number: RHYD 13

Context number:004

Description:

A stone spindle whorl of Iron Age date (100 BC - 43AD). The spindle whorl is circular in plan with one edge being especially flattened There is a circular shaped hole set slightly off centre. It was made by drilling from each side. It is likely that this would have been done with a bow drill and sand, which acts as the abrasive. The central hole measures 4.3mm in diameter. The whorl is undecorated and one face is sooted and the edges are slightly abraded. It is made from micaceous siltstone. The whorl is a mid brown colour with the sooted side being dark grey-black. Spindle whorls are used for a long period of time and as such are very difficult to date precisely without other evidence (such as pottery) This spindle whorl was found in an ash and charcoal layer in a stratified Iron Age context.

It measures 40.0mm length, 37.7mm width and is 10.8mm thick. The whorl weighs 28 grams.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: IRON AGE

Period from: IRON AGE

Period to: ROMAN

Ascribed Culture: Frisian style

Date from: Circa 100 BC

Date to: Circa AD 50

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 40 mm

Width: 37.7 mm

Thickness: 10.8 mm

Weight: 28 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Eardisland

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.