# **BODKIN**

Unique ID: LON-9D28E5

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A Post Medieval bone needle or bodkin with a long rectangular eye and scoop-shaped terminal dating from the 17th century. A similar needle with scoop-shaped terminal is in Crummy (1988:28 fig. 1890). One end of the bodkin has a ear scoop shaped terminal. The bodkin has one long rectangular eye with two perforations above the eye and two below. The bodkin shaft tapers, but is now broken and missing its point.

Dimensions: length: 90.06mm; width: 5.94mm, weight: 1.99g.

Similar examples in metal on the database are BUC-816668, WMID-F16806 and <u>BUC-816668</u>. This is the first example recorded on the database in bone. The example published in Crummy (1988:28) is also in bone but only has one hole on either side of the rectangular eye.

References: Crummy, N. 1988. *The post-Roman small finds from excavations in Colchester 1971-85*. Colchester Archaeological Report 5. Colchester Archaeological Trust

#### **Notes:**

There is some debate over function with some being suggested as head dress pins or dress-pins whilst others are associated with needlework and lace making. The examples of bodkins with ear-scoops are one of the most common sub-types.

#### **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 1700

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 90.06 mm Width: 5.94 mm Weight: 1.99 g

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Animal skeletal material

Completeness: Incomplete

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: London (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Greater London Authority (Greater London Authority)

District: City and County of the City of London (London Borough)

Parish or ward: <a href="Dowgate">Dowgate</a> (London Borough Ward)

### **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: TQ3280

Four figure Latitude: 51.5035277 Four figure longitude: -0.09955492

1:25K map: TQ3280 1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking General landuse: Open fresh water Specific landuse: Running water