# **SPUR**

**Unique ID:** HAMP-7660EC

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete late early-medieval/ early medieval (11th-12th century) prick spur of composite construction, consisting of the copper alloy (damaged) neck and terminal. The neck is circular in cross-section and hollow, measuring 6.1mm in diameter behind the terminal and narrowing to 5.7mm at the other end. It is undecorated and part of the side has broken away; the internal diameter at this point is 3.0mm. From this damaged end extends a wider boss-like element, decorated to the outside with two moulded curves. This is also hollow to the inside. The terminal is quatrefoil in shape (7.9x8.4mm) beyond the neck, and conical in form. It is hollow to the inside, with a 2.9mm diameter hole at its tip. The outside is decorated with four deep grooves, running to the tip from between each 'foil' at the base.

The metal is olive green/ brown in colour, slightly rough to the touch. The object measures 35.1mm in length, 8.4mm in max.width, 7.9mm in max.thickness and weighs 5.16g.

An iron shaft would have run through the centre of the object, projecting to form the goad. Late Saxon or early medieval composite prick spurs are uncommon finds; another recorded on this database is SUR-301C41.

Class: Prick

#### **Subsequent actions**

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

#### Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1000 Date to: Circa AD 1200

### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.1 mm Width: 8.4 mm Thickness: 7.9 mm Weight: 5.16 g

#### Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: Hampshire Cultural Trust Object Entry Form WINCM 317

### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Copper alloy Completeness: Incomplete

### **Spatial metadata**

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a href="West Berkshire">West Berkshire</a> (Unitary Authority)

District: West Berkshire (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Pangbourne

### **Spatial coordinates**

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Chance find during metal detecting

General landuse: Cultivated land