

TOKEN

Unique ID: WMID-6BFA29

Object type certainty: Possibly

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A medieval to post medieval cast lead or lead alloy token. Powell Type 2 depicting the initial H, dating to circa AD 1400 to 1800. Reverse is plain and undecorated. The token is a cream to grey colour and has an uneven surface patina.

The token weighs 4.2g, has a diameter of 20.51mm and is 2.05mm thick.

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. Powell (2012) comments that Type 1, 31, and 3 are designs which were commonly made stock and occur in large quantities, dating to the late 16th to mid-19th centuries.

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: Exactly AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 2.05 mm

Weight: 4.2 g

Diameter: 20.51 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 17th August 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Staffordshire](#) (County)

District: [Stafford](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Church Eaton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ8316

Four figure Latitude: 52.74135624

Four figure longitude: -2.25324335

1:25K map: SJ8316

1:10K map: SJ81NW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.