

WEIGHT

Unique ID: WMID-53C343

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete lead or lead alloy weight of medieval to post-medieval dating (AD 1200 to AD 1800).

The weight consists of a globular oval shape, with an integral circular suspension loop at the top of the weight. The loop has an internal diameter of 4.9 mm. A horizontal ridge is present around the midline, probably a remnant from a two piece mould used in the casting process. A raised four petalled flower is present on the front of the weight. No design appears to be present on the back.

It measures 54.0 mm in length, with a maximum width of 19.2 mm and maximum thickness of 19.0 mm. It weighs 85.1 g (3.00 oz).

The weight is an off white colour, with an even surface patina.

Numerous functions for such objects have been suggested including as fishing net weights or sinkers and while such objects are difficult to date with any degree of certainty without contextual evidence or any diagnostic features they are most likely to be of medieval to post-medieval date (Egan 1998, p.310).

Several similar weights have been recorded on the PAS database. For examples see: YORYM-450041; YORYM-E72694; YORYM-248F91; WILT-8AA67A; SWYOR-0AF117; SWYOR-F7E5A8, LVPL-B43AC5 and YORYM-C6BE95.

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 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 54 mm

Width: 19.2 mm

Thickness: 19 mm

Weight: 85.1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 5th July 2017 - Wednesday 5th July 2017

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: [South Staffordshire](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SJ8611

Four figure Latitude: 52.69649522

Four figure longitude: -2.20859279

1:25K map: SJ8611

1:10K map: SJ81SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst out searching with a metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land