

WEIGHT

Unique ID: LANCUM-23BD99

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete lead or lead alloy bi convex decorated spindle whorl, of probably the Medieval period, dating from c. AD1200 to AD1500. The spindle whorl is sub circular in shape, and lentoid in section. Both the upper and lower faces have been decorated with raised decoration that appears to be in the form of abraded pettets as well as unevenly spaced vertical raised lines. The central hole is circular in shape and has been cast / set roughly centrally. It has a internal diameter of 11 mm. The diameter is 28mm and the weight 36g. The whorl is of a light to mid brown in colour, with an even surface patina. The original surface detail is mostly visible still.

Spindle whorls, as an artefact type, can be hard to date accurately as they remained in use for a long period of time, however lead alloy spindle whorls of this type are normally attributed to the Medieval period (c. AD 1100 to 1450AD). The weight of the spindle whorl is suggestive of a thick linen or wool fibre being spun, as there is a direct relationship between the weight of the whorl and the thickness of the resulting thread. Fine threads such as silk require a lighter whorl than those used to spun wool.

Similar in weight to entry LANCUM-EA45B2 although this entry isn't conserved as well and therefore the surface decoration can't easily be compared.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 12 mm

Weight: 36 g

Diameter: 28 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 26th June 2017 - Monday 26th June 2017

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 1302

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Carlisle](#) (District)

To be known as: Boothby

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined