

TOKEN

Unique ID: WMID-51D858

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead alloy token of later medieval to post-medieval date, circa (AD1400-1800). The token is circular in plan. The upper face is decorated with a cast design comprising a raised pellet in the centre with four raised pellets surrounding it. It is possible that the overall design can be compared to Powell's type 14 (crosses) which is similar to the tokens imitating Medieval coinage however this example does not have the raised cross usually seen with the pellets then located in the segments. The reverse face is flat and un-decorated. The token has a dark grey coloured patina across all surfaces which also has areas of abrasion, most notably on the reverse face.

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 (1500-1850 AD), 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.

The token measures 17.31 mm diameter, is 3.04 mm thick and weighs 5.1 grams

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

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 3.04 mm

Weight: 5.1 g

Diameter: 17.31 mm

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: [Walsall](#) (Metropolitan District)

District: [Walsall](#) (Metropolitan District)

Parish or ward: [Aldridge Central and South](#) (Metropolitan District Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP0698

Four figure Latitude: 52.57978103

Four figure longitude: -1.91288741

1:25K map: SP0698

1:10K map: SP09NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.