

CANNON BALL

Unique ID: WAW-89A774

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Post Medieval (late 16th to 17th century) probable cannon ball: a broadly hemispherical corroded cast iron object which is heavily corroded. There are no signs of makers marks or casting seams, but these may be distorted by corrosion.

It weighs 233g and measures c.65mm diameter.

Although an inexact science, comparisons can be made with historic inventories of cannon shot, their dimensions and weights (see Blackmore 1976). These suggest that this ball might have been fired from a Robinet cannon. As this type endured from the later 16th century through the following century, with slight fluctuations in its diameter and weight of shot, a relatively wide date range is offered.

There is also the possibility that this item is modern large ball bearing; architectural features; the balls found in stone crushing machines, and other industrial objects.

Blackmore, H.L., 1976. *Armouries of the Tower of London: Ordnance* London : HMSO I.

Notes:

Measurements supplied by the finder.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1575

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Weight: 233 g

Diameter: 65 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st January 2018 - Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Iron

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Stratford-on-Avon](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Napton on the Hill](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SP4660

Four figure Latitude: 52.23627812

Four figure longitude: -1.3278229

1:25K map: SP4660

1:10K map: SP46SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.