

SPINDLE WHORL

Unique ID: SWYOR-BA7277

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A decorated lead spindle whorl, probably of Medieval to Post Medieval date, about AD 1100 - 1600. It is biconvex and of Walton Rogers Form C. The decoration on both sides consists of radiating ribs. The whorl has a light grey patina. It is 26.2mm in diameter and 8.5mm thick. it weighs 24.17gm. The central aperture is 9.7mm diameter.

The Finds Recording Guide (Geake, 2001, unpublished, page 64) notes that decorated whorls are very difficult to date having been found in Medieval contexts but also in the vicinity of Roman buildings. They continued in use until at least AD 1500, and later in some parts of the country. Walton Rogers (in the Flixborough volume and York Fascicules) suggests that biconical whorls date from AD 1100 onwards and cites Ivens et al (1995) that those with dots are Post Medieval.

Class: Walton Rogers Form C

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1100

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 8.5 mm

Weight: 24.17 g

Diameter: 26.2 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 26th March 2018 - Monday 26th March 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: PAS form number 3146

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [North Yorkshire](#) (County)
District: [Harrogate](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Denton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE1349
Four figure Latitude: 53.93695721
Four figure longitude: -1.80346856
1:25K map: SE1349
1:10K map: SE14NW
Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Grassland, Heathland
Specific landuse: Regularly improved

Walton Rogers, P., 2007 [Cloth and Clothing in Early Anglo-Saxon England: AD 450-700](#) York: Council for British Archaeology