

SHOE

Unique ID: LEIC-D0F29A

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Post medieval leather shoe fragment, 95mm long, 78mm wide and 32mm thick with a weight of 41.79g. The object represents half of a shoe and is formed of three separate layers.

The sole- This is sub triangular in form and rectangular in cross section, 4mm thick. It has a pointed toe and has rounded sides which narrow inwards at the point it is damaged. It also curls up over itself at this incomplete edge. It has a row of punched circular holes set c. 4mm apart, running all the way around its complete edge. These holes correspond to a diagonal slit cut 5mm inside the edge of the upper surface. The underside has a further row of intermittent holes which are present either close to the edge or about 4mm inside it.

The insole - This is plain and echoes the shape of the sole, but would appear to have been fitted with its edges touching the slit line in the upper sole. This is plain except for rows of stitching around its point running for about 25mm along each edge and also rows on the underside 30mm long and 4mm from edge.

The upper - This is very fragile, curled and is ripped, but may have some original edges. It has a semi-circular cut away where it meets the point of the sole, 10mm wide. Apart from this it appears plain, but has a series of punched holes c. 5 and 6mm away from the edges and 3mm in diameter. Two are positioned near the outer edge, both c30mm in from the pointed toe. The one to the left (when viewing from the pointed toe) appears to have been repaired as it is formed of two overlapping circles, whilst the other is a single circular hole. There are also two very close to each other, positioned just off-centre near what could be an intact curved edge over the instep. There are a further two holes, one above the other, higher up the shoe in the area which is now curled over itself. These (and the others) have been highlighted in image no 4 and may be for lacing of some kind? The edge of the upper has two rows of punched holes positioned c.4 and c.6 mm from edge. The leather has been folded over between the two, forming a seam.

The shoe was found bricked up in a wall at floor level and its current form suggests it was folded or squashed into the space.

Quita Mould has kindly looked at the images and suggests that its form would date it to 1650 onwards, with the probable lapped side seam pushing it into the 19th Century.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

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 1650

Date to: Circa AD 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 95 mm

Width: 78 mm

Thickness: 32 mm

Weight: 41.79 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Leather

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Harborough](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Cold Newton](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SK7106

Four figure Latitude: 52.64709933

Four figure longitude: -0.95202857

1:25K map: SK7106

1:10K map: SK70NW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.