KNIFE

Unique ID: LON-5C2F2D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Medieval ivory knife handle dating from AD 1100-1500. The handle consists of a rectangular section, which tapers to the grip, and a circular terminal at the widest end. The handle has a squared section. The handle is broken towards the blade end. The object is decorated with dots and a double linear engraving lines running around the edges of the rectangular section. The dots form a series of quatrefoils running up the centre of the handle, with larger quatrefoil or cross in the circular terminal formed of smaller dots around a larger central dot. There is also a border of dots around the edge of the circular terminal. The pattern is repeated on both sides. The handle has a light brown pattination across the surface.

A similarly shaped knife handle is illustrated in MacGregor (1985, Fig. 88u) which is Medieval in date and another similar knife on the database is LON-273893.

Dimensions: length: 64.79 mm; width: 16.23 mm; thickness: 8.14 mm; weight: 10.93g.

Reference: MacGregor, A. 1985. Bone, Antler, Ivory and Horn. The Technology of Skeletal Materials since the Roman Period. Croom Helm, London and Sydney.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1100 Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Animal skeletal material

Secondary material: Iron

Manufacture method: Hand made

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: London (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Greater London Authority (Greater London Authority)

District: City and County of the City of London (London Borough)

Parish or ward: Dowgate (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3280

Four figure Latitude: 51.5035277 Four figure longitude: -0.09955492

1:25K map: TQ3280 1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking General landuse: Open fresh water Specific landuse: Running water