

SPINDLE WHORL

Unique ID: HESH-835617

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast lead or lead alloy spindle whorl of Roman to Post Medieval date (1 - 1650 AD), most probably later medieval (1150-1600AD). The spindle whorl is broadly circular in plan and bi-convex in cross section. The central hole is circular and has been cast / set off centre; it has been heavily distorted with corrosion and currently measures 5.3mm x 3.8mm. The upper and lower surfaces are decorated with radiating horizontal raised ribs with pellets. The spindle whorl is a mid grey colour with areas of white coloured patina. The whorl has also been abraded and rolled in the plough soil and the edges have been damaged. Spindle whorls are used for a long period of time and as such are very difficult to date precisely without other evidence (such as pottery). This example is most probably of medieval date

The whorl measures 25.9mm diameter, is 15.8mm thick and weighs 27.96 grams

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 50

Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 15.8 mm

Weight: 27.96 g

Diameter: 25.9 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Shropshire Museum Service; Object Entry Form: E. 01900

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Swansea](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [Swansea](#) (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Swansea

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.