SPINDLE WHORL

Unique ID: HESH-842878

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast lead or lead alloy spindle whorl or weight of Roman to Post Medieval date (1 - 1650 AD), most probably Roman (AD50-350). The spindle whorl is broadly circular in plan and D shaped in cross section - in form the weight / whorl is almost conical; it has been heavily eroded in the soil. The central hole is irregular and has been cast / set off centre; it has an internal diameter of 8.7mm. Both faces are plain and undecorated. The spindle whorl has a cream - white coloured surface patina. 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).

The whorl measures 20.8mm diameter, is 10.7mm thick and weighs 15.66 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: 10.7 mm Weight: 15.66 g Diameter: 20.8 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: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Wales</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Swansea</u> (Unitary Authority) District: <u>Swansea</u> (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.