SHOT

Unique ID: PUBLIC-C5A97A

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast lead alloy shot / ball for use as Buckshot of post medieval date (AD1600-1800). The shot is spherical with a relatively well formed surface patina. The shot is relatively round suggesting that it has not been fired. The colour of the ball is a cream / white. There is some small surface damage, probably caused by agricultural machinery

Similar shot have been dated to the later post medieval period however the date range should extend into the early modern period as similar projectiles were used in firearms throughout this period. The context of this find / assemblage would indicate a date in the English civil war. Musket balls are discussed in Courtney's "Small Arms Accessories of the Mid-Seventeenth Century" (1988) and on page 202 of "Material Culture in London in an Age of Transition" by Geoff Egan (2005).

Diameter: 10.1mm Weight: 5.1g

The weight suggests it was for use as Buckshot (Harding 2012, Lead Shot of the English Civil War)

Notes:

This ball / shot was one of over 100 mixed sized shot found on 2 acres of flat and slightly elevated ground, in a field that is around 15 acres.

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 1600 Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Weight: 5.1 g Diameter: 10.1 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 25th November 2018

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>West Midlands</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Worcestershire</u> (County) District: <u>Malvern Hills</u> (District) To be known as: Newnham

Spatial coordinates

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

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector Discovery circumstances: metal detecting Find General landuse: Cultivated land Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

Harding, D.F., 2012 Lead Shot of the English Civil War: A Radical Study London: Foresight Books