

VESSEL

Unique ID: IOW-B7B3E5

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete Medieval or post-Medieval copper-alloy vessel leg/foot probably from a cauldron, skillet or ewer (c. 1200-c. 1800).

The pot leg is trapezoidal in plan and cross-section.

The front has a central vertical rib that flares towards the break at the top. The back is flat and plain. The old break at the top is irregular and the base is uneven and pitted.

This leg/foot is light green with patches of a darker green patina and consolidated soot.

Length: 27.7mm; width at bottom: 45.0mm; thickness: 21.5mm. Weight: 79.71g.

The vessels to which these were attached were usually of a tripod form and were widely used from c. 1200-1700 for serving and cooking. Butler and Green (2003) 15, state 'there is evidence that (cast copper alloy) metal cooking vessels became increasingly common during the 13th and 14th centuries'. While certain specialist cast copper alloy vessels such as skillets remained in use for longer, 'bronze cauldrons in general seem to have been superseded in the early years of the 18th century by cast iron which were cheaper to make and more durable' (ibid; 22).

Butler, R. and Green, C., 2003 *English Bronze Cooking Vessels and Their Founders 1350-1830* Honiton. Devon : Roderick & Valentine Butler.

Class: cooking vessel

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Finder

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1200

Date to: Circa AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 27.7 mm

Width: 45 mm

Thickness: 21.5 mm

Weight: 79.71 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 17th April 2019 - Wednesday 17th April 2019

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2019-1-81

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Isle of Wight

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: Club rally

Current location: Finder

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

Butler, R. and Green, C., 2003 [English Bronze Cooking Vessels and Their Founders 1350-1830](#)

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