UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Unique ID: DOR-E5AEC6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead object dating to c.1600-1900. The object is a type previously recorded as a palm guard for leather-working. Plano-convex in cross section and and is sub-ovate in shape. On the flatter face is a large circular recess with smaller irregular circular indentations on the convex face, possibly needle marks. The object has suffered some edge loss of one side, probably due to post depositional processes. The metal is grey and buff in colour with a pitted and corroded patina

Date: Post Medieval

Dimensions: 90.34 mm x 49.66 mm x 8.07 mm

Weight: 148.30 g

.Brian Read (2018 *Metal sewing thimbles found in Britain*) has disputed the identification of these items as palmguards for several reasons, hence assigning this as an unidentified object.

Dating of these artefacts is very difficult; the earliest examples seem to date from the 17th century, although they may have been in use right through to the 20th century (Bailey, 1993, page 64) Similar examples can be seen on the Portable Antiquities Database: SWYOR-0E65DB, SUR-C563FD and DUR-B1AFC6

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 1900

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 90.34 mm Width: 49.66 mm Thickness: 8.07 mm Weight: 148.3 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCMS 017789

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Dorset (County)

District: North Dorset (District)

Parish or ward: Okeford Fitzpaine (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST8013

Four figure Latitude: 50.91611198 Four figure longitude: -2.28587414

1:25K map: ST8013 1:10K map: ST81SW

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2018 Metal Sewing-Thimbles Found in Britain Oxford: Archaeopress