

# Silver toothpick/earscoop 1500-1700 AD



This silver toothpick/earscoop (1500-1700 AD) was found by a metal detectorist near Brighstone in 2009.

The toothpick is missing but would probably have been sickle shaped. It emerged from the body of a stylised dragon that served as a handle.

Each side of the body is marked with incised lines that represent scales. The eyes are circular and prominent. A small spoon-shaped earscoop emerges from the dragon's open mouth, as if to form the dragon's tongue.

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