

Who owned it? ANSWERS



Copper Alloy Candle Stick (wealthy person)

In early Tudor times, candles were the only source of artificial light. Everybody would have needed a candle holder. This is made of copper alloy. Photograph © Network Archaeology Ltd



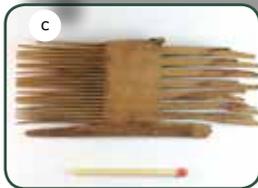
Wooden Patten Shoe (everybody)

Pattens were wooden platforms to be worn over your regular shoes. The purpose of them was to raise your feet out of the squalor of the street which would have been muddy and filled with rubbish, offal and sewage. Being made out of wood with some simple leather strapping to hold them to your feet these would have been available to all levels of society. This patten is a copy of an original from Medieval Boston that can be seen in the Guildhall Museum.



Quill and Inkwell (wealthy and noble children)

All writing was carried out using a quill or dip-pen and ink. Education was not available to everyone, this pen would only have been used by the wealthy.



Wooden Comb (ordinary child and everybody)

This comb would have been an important item in Tudor life. Nits and lice were very common and the fine teeth on this comb could be used to try and comb the nits out of your hair. All members of society would have suffered the same problem with lice but this example is particularly plain and unembellished. The matchstick in the photograph shows the size of this comb. Photograph © Network Archaeology Ltd



Pewter Tankard (ordinary Tudor man and everybody)

This is a drinking vessel. The most common drink for people in Tudor times was called 'small beer' it was a weak brew of beer which was safer to drink than the polluted water of the time.



Tudor Green Glaze Jug (ordinary Tudor woman)

Pottery jugs were important for keeping and serving liquids. This example would likely to have been used by ordinary people as it is simple in design.



Gold Dress Fastener (wealthy and noble woman)

This decorative hooked dress fastener could have been used with a chain. It is solid gold and belonged to a wealthy woman.



Bronze Riding Spur (wealthy and noble man)

Metal spurs were worn on the heels of riding boots. As well as being functional, spurs were often worn as a status symbol.