

This is a juror's or magistrate's ticket from the Great North Museum. It is made from bronze.



The ticket is inscribed with the name of the person who owned it and the area of the city-state they came from.

The circular mark in the bottom left corner is supposed to be the head of a gorgon.

On the top left one of the first 10 letters of the Greek alphabet is inscribed, here it is the letter beta.

This is an allotment machine. It was used to choose the jury or people who were going to be magistrates. They were jobs which were important for running the democracy.

The tickets were placed at random in the slots of the allotment machine.

Marbles, some black and some white, were placed in the funnel.

The marbles dropped down one by one in line with a row. If a row had a white marble next to it all of the people with tickets in the row became jurors. Those with black marbles against their row were not chosen.

