CLOTH SEAL

Unique ID: DEV-0CD22E

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A lead alloy cloth seal dating to the post medieval period, c. AD 1570-1620.

Both pieces of the seal survvie, and the tab which once joined them is cleary visible if broken. The main inscription reads:

DUYTS/ COLCESTER / BAYE/ 1571 -

There is also an unclear inscription in the legend around the outside of the other half of the seal. The central heraldic motif is also unclear and there is damage in the form of two perforations.

Geoff Egan notes that the use of Dutch suggests a first-generation immigrant milieu. These particular seals are so far only known from London and Kent, see KENT-F12FD3 and [LON-22F377](#) which is of very similar form. To find one in Devon is of local interest and the find has hence been marked as a find of note.

Measurements: 44.2mm diameter, 11.9mm thickness, weight 30.1g.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Inscription: DUYTS/ COLCESTER / BAYE/ 1571

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 1571
Date to: Circa AD 1571

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Thickness: 11.9 mm
Weight: 30.1 g
Diameter: 44.2 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st June 2021 - Saturday 4th September 2021

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC Receipt 019636

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [Devon](#) (County)
District: [South Hams](#) (District)
Parish or ward: [Stoke Fleming](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SX8749
Four figure Latitude: 50.33006171
Four figure longitude: -3.58897325
1:25K map: SX8749
1:10K map: SX89SE
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.