

BUTTON

Unique ID: SUSS-08C046

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Incomplete copper-alloy two-piece button, originally bi-convex and hollow; now only the front and the edge of the back survives. The front and back are made of thin sheet and were soldered together. The front is decorated with a central raised pellet, which is holed and partially missing, surrounded by a dashed circle within an eight pointed star or sun. There are three further concentric circles surrounding the sun, two closely together (the inner of which joins the points of the rays) and one near the edge of the button. The button is now 24.0mm in diameter, 8.0mm thick and weighs 2.1 grams. Read (2005) p. 70-73 illustrates similar examples (e.g. no. 284) and suggests a 17th- to 18th-century date.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1600

Date to: AD 1800

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 8 mm

Weight: 2.1 g

Diameter: 24 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st November 2007

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [East Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Lewes](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Firle](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ4707

Four figure Latitude: 50.843857

Four figure longitude: 0.086587

1:25K map: TQ4707

1:10K map: TQ40NE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Read, B., 2005 [Metal Buttons c. 900 BC - c. AD 1700](#) Langport: Portcullis Publishing 70-73 , 284