

BELL

Unique ID: LON-C82858

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A Medieval lead alloy pilgrim's souvenir - Canterbury bell dating late 14th - early 15th century. The bell is a truncated cone in shape, slightly flaring at the mouth, with a trefoil lug (only a stub remains, the rest is missing). There is a perforation at the peak from which the clapper would have been hung. The clapper is no longer present. There is a moulded inscription around the rim reading in Lombardic capitals + CAMPAN THOMEA Thomas' bell. This bell is very similar to one found in London no.126 (Spencer 1998: 123-5).

Dimensions: Diameter: 37.46mm; length: 27.63mm; weight: 16.63g.

Reference: Spencer, B. 1998. Pilgrim Souvenirs and Secular Badges. The Stationery Office, London.

Identification and dating by Tony Pilson and Ian Smith based on foreshore context.

Class: Canterbury bell **Inscription:** CAMPAN THOMEA

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 1375

Date to: AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 27.63 mm

Weight: 16.63 g

Diameter: 37.46 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st July 2008

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [London](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Greater London Authority](#) (Greater London Authority)

District: [City and County of the City of London](#) (London Borough)

Parish or ward: [Billingsgate](#) (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3380

Four figure Latitude: 51.503293

Four figure longitude: -0.085156

1:25K map: TQ3380

1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Found whilst searching the Thames foreshore.

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Standing water

Spencer, B., 1998 [Pilgrim Souvenirs and Secular Badges](#) London: Medieval Finds from Excavations in London 7 ,