

FINGER RING

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CURATOR'S REPORT

16th -17th century Fragmentary gold signet ring from 'Clifton area', Nottinghamshire

Description

Personal signet-ring, with faceted shoulders, the back half of the hoop missing, the octagonal bezel finely engraved with a clear coat-of-arms, crest and mantling, within a dotted border. Reverse of bezel stamped with maker's mark, 'B' in a shield.

Discussion

A characteristic type of signet ring of the period. The same mark, with identical shield shape, occurs on a posy ring in the BM (Dalton ring cat. 1912, no. 1195, for image see BM website, Collections Online). The mark is not identifiable in any of the standard sources and the posy ring is dated to the 17th century on the basis of shape and the lower case lettering style.

Metal content

The precious metal content of the ring fulfils the requirements of the Treasure Act in that it is greater than 10%.

Notes:

ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION

Post medieval finger ring; incomplete cast gold signet ring of probable 16th century date. The ring has an expanded octagonal bezel with a coat of arms design. There is a small hallmark stamped on the reverse of the bezel in the form of a capital letter 'B'. The band of the ring is of trapezoidal cross-section. About half of the band is missing.

Width (span) 20.4mm, length (bezel) 17.1mm, width (bezel) 15.0mm, thickness (bezel) 1.5mm, thickness (band) 1.7mm, weight 7.98g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Submitted for consideration as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2008T671

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: AD 1500

Date to: AD 1599

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 20.4 mm

Thickness: 1.7 mm

Weight: 7.98 g

Discovery dates

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

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NOTTINGHAM EFN 1104; Treasure 2008 T671

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Nottinghamshire](#) (County)

District: [Rushcliffe](#) (District)

To be known as: Clifton area

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

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