FINGER RING

Unique ID: BH-6A5C25

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A medieval gold finger-ring, the outer surface decorated with an inscription in black letter, and between each word an engraved heart. The inscription is uncertain but may read 'tout mon desir' ('all my desire'). The background is cross-hatched. Traces of enamel survive in the lettering, in the hearts, and on the background. The ring is hollow and of D-shaped section, the outer hoop and the inner band of separate pieces.

Notes:

The find therefore qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996 in terms of both age and precious metal content.

Inscription: 'tout mon desir'

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to landowner after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2009T96

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL
Subperiod from: Late
Period from: MEDIEVAL
Period to: MEDIEVAL
Date from: Circa AD 1400
Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Width: 5 mm
Weight: 1.7 g
Diameter: 20.2 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 16th February 2009

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Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Treasure no. 2009 T96
Treasure case number: 2009T96

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: Eastern (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Bedford (Unitary Authority)
District: Bedford (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Pavenham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder
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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