

THIMBLE

Unique ID: SF-1CC3E6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper alloy thimble of probable late Medieval to Post-Medieval date. It has straight sides and a rounded/pointed top and a slightly thickened rim that appears to be undecorated. The sides of the thimble are unevenly flattened to give an almost faceted/hexagonal appearance, probably as a result of the manufacturing process. They are covered with extensive and unevenly arranged (possibly hand-made?) circular pits that seem to spiral from the base to the shoulder of the thimble and finally to the top. The thimble measures 18.30mm in height, approximately 17.78mm in diameter in current state, weighs 6.43g and probably dates to the 15th or 16th centuries AD (see Holmes, 1991: p. 1, fig. 2b).

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 18.3 mm

Weight: 6.43 g

Diameter: 17.78 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st December 2008

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Mid Suffolk](#) (District)

To be known as: Eye

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined

Holmes, E.F., 1988 [Sewing Thimbles](#) Finds Research Group 700-1700 Datasheet 9 1 , fig. 2b

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