AMPULLA

Unique ID: GLO-52C047

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Lead ampulla length 51mm, width 32mm. The flak chamber is circular with an eight petalled flower enclosed within a circle on one side and a crowned W on the other. The neck is complete and flattened, angular side handles one of which is missing

Date 1350-1550

Ampullae with the crowned letter 'W' are suggested to be associated with the cult of Our Lady of Walsingham (Spencer, 1990. 60-61). The W may equally have a more general meaning as a double-V for the virgin Queen of Heaven (Virgo Virginium) as also signified by the crown (Spencer, 1990: 61) The shrine to a statue of the Virgin at Walsingham was one of the most significant sanctuaries in Europe in the Late Medieval Period, eclipsing Canterbury as the principal English pilgrim resort in the 15th and 16th century (Spencer, 1990, 30-31).

Spencer, B, 1990. Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum Medieval Catalogue. Part 2, Pilgrim souvenirs and secular badges Salisbury:, pp30-31, 60-61, 88-89.

Notes:

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Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Date from: Post AD 1350 Date to: Ante AD 1540

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 51 mm Width: 32 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 1st August 2010 - Monday 9th August 2010

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 6363

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead Alloy Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: South Gloucestershire (Unitary Authority)

District: South Gloucestershire (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Alveston

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

Specific landuse: Character undetermined