

THIMBLE

Unique ID: IOW-E53E05

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete Medieval to post-Medieval cast copper-alloy closed thimble of 'beehive' type (c. 1400-c. 1550).

The sides slope inwards slightly from the bottom to form a crown at the top. The walls have 10 turns of spiralling sub-circular indentations. These spiral clockwise (a left-hand spiral) from the base to the apex. The rim is plain and has a small 'V'-shaped notch which may be related to the manufacturing process. A patina has not survived due to cleaning. Height: 20.7mm; maximum diameter: 20.8mm. Weight: 6.82g.

See Holmes 1988: 1, fig: 2.

Holmes, E.F. (1988) Sewing Thimbles. Finds Research Group Datasheet 9. Norwich, Finds Research Group.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 20.7 mm

Weight: 6.82 g

Diameter: 20.8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 27th February 2011

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: IOW2011-5-43

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Isle of Wight](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Isle of Wight

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

Discovery circumstances: Club rally

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

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