

THIMBLE

Unique ID: SOM-31B622

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Late Medieval - Post medieval cast copper alloy thimble with sloping sides, a slightly domed top and a slight carination between side and top. The thimble is squashed and the top is damaged with c.50% missing to an old break. The sides are covered with a continuous spiral of circular pits arranged in neat rows. The spiral appears to continue onto the top with slightly smaller pits but due to damage and corrosion this is unclear. There is a plain band at the rim with a indented line separating it from the main field and the pits. The squashed rim has several tears but no obvious notches and there is probably no bare tonsure although the missing section makes this unclear. The thimble is now 20.9mm tall, 25.9mm by 7.6mm at the base, 0.8mm thick and weighs 5.18 grams.

It is similar to Holmes (1988) p. 1 Fig 2a which is dated 1400-1550 AD and to examples from Southwark (Egan 2005: 131-2, no.629-631) from contexts dated 1530-1600 AD.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 25.9 mm

Height: 20.9 mm

Width: 7.6 mm

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Weight: 5.18 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 7th March 2011

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC 020625

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Wiltshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Alvediston

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

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