# **THIMBLE**

Unique ID: SOM-9464E2

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

Treasure Case 2011 T458: Disclaimed

Description: A silver thimble. The thimble has fairly straight sides, a slight domed top and a distinct carination between the sides and top. The sides are decorated with three incised lines above the rim, creating two narrow bands around the base with a wider band in between. There is a circular hole at one point within this wider band, 1.5mm in diameter. Above the third line, the thimble is decorated with regular, square indentations arranged in slightly irregular lines up the sides to the beginning of the dome, the top row is incomplete. Similar square indentations are also arranged in a spiral of two and a half loops around the top of the thimble, leaving a bare central tonsure. There is one circular indentation in the centre of this tonsure. There is a notch at one point of the rim which has suffered some damage.

Dimensions: It is21.3mm in height, 13.5mm in width at the base, which are now squashed in, and 11.0mm in width at the top and the sides are 1.1mm thick. It weighs 3.08g. Discussion: The notch in the rim may have been the result of holding the thimble in place when being finished on a lathe (Holmes 1988:1). Holmes (ibid: 2) states that thimbles with a tonsure on the crown are never found after c. 1650. Consequently, in terms of age and as the object contains a minimum of 10% precious metal it qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996.

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#### **Subsequent actions**

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

#### Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2011T458

#### Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1500 Date to: Circa AD 1650

#### **Dimensions and weight**

Quantity: 1 Height: 21.3 mm Width: 13.5 mm Thickness: 1.1 mm Weight: 3.08 g

### **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 3rd June 1999

### **Personal details**

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC reciept 020853 Treasure case number: 2011T458

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Silver Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: <a href="Somerset">Somerset</a> (County)

District: **South Somerset** (District)

To be known as: Hardington Mandeville

### **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