

FINGER RING

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Medieval gold finger ring with dark lilac/purple stone, possible amethyst or garnet? The ring weighs 2.53grams and is slightly squashed, currently having a diameter of 23mm with a loop measuring 2.5mm wide and 1.5mm thick. The stone is set in a rectangular box-like bezel which has an oval hole in its upper surface which partly covers the stone. There is a circular depression in the stone, but it's not clear if this is damage or deliberate. The bezel is flanked by a rectangular bar with transverse ridges across its surface. Just beyond this there is an oval protrusion on the loop containing a small circular hole, presumably to take further stones, which is contained within two raised collars.

Non-destructive X-ray fluorescence analysis of the surface of a crushed finger ring from North Leicestershire indicated a gold content of 80-82%, silver content of 15-16%, the remainder being copper. The red stone in the central setting was identified by Raman spectroscopy as garnet. The ring weighs 2.53 grams.

The ring has a similar shoulder decoration to 2005 T380 and in general form it is similar to, but more ornate than, 2007 T561; both of which are dated 1100-1300.

As the object is made of gold and is over 300 years old, it constitutes potential Treasure under the stipulations of The Treasure Act 1996.

Notes:

TVC Valuation 23/05/2012: £950

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Castle Donington Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2011T556

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1100

Date to: Circa AD 1300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Width: 2.5 mm
Thickness: 1.5 mm
Weight: 2.53 g
Diameter: 23 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2011T556

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Secondary material: Gem
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Leicestershire](#) (County)
District: [North West Leicestershire](#) (District)
To be known as: North Leicestershire

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Current location: Castle Donington Museum