CUFF LINK

Unique ID: HAMP-5B9220

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

One half of a pair of post-medieval silver cuff links: a set for one cuff consisting of two elements with soldered loops connected by a rectangular link with rounded ends (18th century AD). Both elements are oval in plan and plano-convex in profile (12.8 by 9.7 by 8.9mm (including loop)). At the centre of the flat lower surface a thick wire loop has been soldered in place. Above and below the loop is a perforation, bevelled as it enters the hollow element. To the sides of the loops is a maker's mark, 'I M' or 'W I', stamped in low relief within a rectangular recess. The link that connects the two loops is circular in cross-section, joined by soldering (L.: 10.45mm). The domed, upper surfaces of each element is decorated by engraved floral patterns in a main central zone with border zones above and below. In the borders is a angular trefoil, the rest of the field filled by finely incised lines. The main field features a central lozengiform flower with cross-hatched centres from which lines suggesting petals radiate. To the sides of this main flower are further leaves and possible heads.

Notes:

A cuff link set of similar construction is discussed on this database, ref. SOM-BF3954. It was put through the Treasure process as potential Treasure case 2011 T468. It was noted that buttons of similar construction tend to be given an 18th-century date, with cuff link sets probably starting in the 17th century (see record for full discussion). It was concluded that although the style of that cuff link set seems to start in the later 17th century it probably continues into the 18th. It could not therefore be dated to pre-1711 with any certainty, and therefore did not qualify as Treasure under the Treasure Act 1996. This set has been examined by the British Museum and the same conclusion was made.

Inscription: I M (or) W I

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1712

Date to: Circa AD 1750

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Weight: 3.06 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st September 2011 - Wednesday 12th October 2011

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: E3199

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver Manufacture method: Cast Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South East (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Hampshire (County)

District: <u>East Hampshire</u> (District)
Parish or ward: <u>Stroud</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU7323

Four figure Latitude: 51.001768 Four figure longitude: -0.961017

1:25K map: SU7323 1:10K map: SU72SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land