BROOCH

Unique ID: SUR-A704D2

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A medieval brooch, consisting of a hoop, triangular in section, set with a collett at the top accommodating a coloured stone and terminating in a pair of clasped hands. The hands were designed to hold a stone, probably a pearl, which has now perished. The two registers formed by the triangular sections are engraved with letters that read

+ PAR CEST PRESENT M VERWSRENTENS

(By/with this present.....)

The meaning of this (rhyming?) French inscription is unclear but it almost certainly signifies a gift between two lovers. The brooch is gold and dates from the thirteenth century.

Dimensions: length 20 mm, width 16 mm.

Compare a similar 'present' inscription on another gold annular brooch, NMGW-C8B7F2.

Notes:

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

Current location of find: Ashmolean Museum Subsequent action after recording: Acquired by museum after being declared Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2012T121

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1200 Date to: Circa AD 1300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 20.44 mm Weight: 1.19 g Diameter: 12.89 mm

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 12-255 Treasure case number: 2012T121

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold Secondary material: Gem Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>South East</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Kent</u> (County) District: <u>Sevenoaks</u> (District) To be known as: chiddingstone

Spatial coordinates

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

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector Current location: Ashmolean Museum General landuse: Cultivated land