

BADGE

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Cast lead alloy badge in the form of a heart, well modelled and in fairly deep relief. Down the centre is a line of raised pellets and the outer edge is marked by a line of small pellets. The back is plain but down its length runs a sharply defined groove 2.0mm wide x 1.5mm deep with a round bottom. Heart shaped badges have been discussed by Spencer (2010, p.321-3) who mentions 50 examples from London, mostly found on the Thames foreshore. He links them to use of the heart as a symbol of love during the fourteenth and fifteenth century. Many of the London badges bear a crowned heart or flowers, both absent from this find but the pealed boarder is typical.

Class: Secular

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1300

Date to: Circa AD 1500

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 19.5 mm

Width: 16.5 mm

Thickness: 3.7 mm

Weight: 4.28 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: B009

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

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

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

To be known as: Fulford

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Spencer, B., 1998 [Pilgrim Souvenirs and Secular Badges](#) London: Medieval Finds from Excavations in London 7 321-3