

PILGRIM BADGE

Unique ID: DOR-9BC000

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Description: Silver-gilt badge, possibly a pilgrim's badge, depicting St George slaying the dragon. The openwork badge depicts a horse and rider in low relief. The rider is in armour and holding a lance. Below the horse is a dragon into which the end of the lance is pressed. The back of the badge is undecorated and has a patch of solder where a loop was attached (the loop was recovered with the brooch but had become detached).

Dimensions: 28.18 mm x 20.29 mm x 2.66 mm

Weight: 4.52 g

Date: Late Medieval - 15th to early 16th century

Discussion: St George became popular from the early 15th century as his cult developed under Royal patronage. A similar badge, but in copper-alloy, is recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme under database number GLO-BECDA3. An example in silver-gilt is treasure number 2010 T657 (PAS number DUR-84E7D7)

This badge has been published by Lewis (2014, 67).

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.

Class: St George

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Dorset County Museum

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

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2012T641

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1400

Date to: Circa AD 1550

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1
Length: 28.18 mm
Width: 20.29 mm
Thickness: 2.66 mm
Weight: 4.52 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2012T641

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver
Manufacture method: Cast
Completeness: Complete
Surface Treatment: Gilded

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Dorset](#) (County)
District: [North Dorset](#) (District)
To be known as: Winterborne Kingston

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
Current location: Dorset County Museum

Lewis, M., 2014 [Saints and their badges: Saints' Lives and Medieval Pilgrim Badges](#) Witham: Greenlight 67