# **PENDANT**

**Unique ID:** DENO-65C775

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

TREASURE CASE: 2013 T466

**Description**: A gold medieval pendant roundel with a square shaped central bezel set with an amethyst. The pendant frame has been formed from twisted gold wire and has four suspension loops which have been soldered onto the frame. Three of the suspension loops have chain link attachments which would have once held a terminal attachment, possibly a pearl. The bezel is attached by a pin on the reverse to a splayed sun motif which has been soldered onto the inside frame of the pendant.

**Discussion**: The British Museum has two very similar pendants in the collection: P&E 1967,1208.9 & P&E 1979,1103.1. Both of these pendants have been dated to the fifteenth century, and in the case of the pendant from the Fishpool Hoard (1967,1208.9) not after 1464, the agreed date of its burial.

#### **Dimensions:**

Length: 20.69 mm

Length of chain links: 15 mm

Height: 6.8 mm Diameter: 16.00 mm

Weight: 5.14g

**Conclusion:** The age and precious metal content of this item therefore qualify it as treasure under the stipulations of the Treasure Act 1996.

**Bibliography**: Marks & Williamson, *Gothic: Art for England 1400 - 1547*, (London: V&A Publishing), cat. 206, p. 331

Lightbown, R., Medieval European Jewellery, (London: V&A Publishing), p. 213

Author: Lloyd DeBeer, The British Museum

## **Notes:**

Finder's comments:I think it's late 15th century 'wars of the roses' period, it's similar to the roundel in the Fishpool hoard and the chains match those on the miniature lock from the same hoard. It's set with an amethyst. The sun motif on the backplate probably means that it was owned by a Yorkist. Edward IV adopted the 'sun in splendour' as his personal badge after the Yorkist victory at the battle of Mortimer's Cross in 1461 and it would have presumeably become unpopular after the Tudors took over in 1485, so a date of c. 1461 - 1485 seems most likely.

### Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

## **Subsequent actions**

Current location of find: Sold at Timeline Auctions 2nd September 2019 (Lot 589) Subsequent action after recording: Declared Treasure but returned to Finder as Museum unable to acquire

### **Treasure details**

Treasure case tracking number: 2013T466

## Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL Period from: MEDIEVAL Period to: MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1400 Date to: Circa AD 1500

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 35.7 mm Height: 6.8 mm Thickness: 7 mm Weight: 5.14 g Diameter: 16.2 mm

## **Discovery dates**

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st June 2013 - Saturday 15th June 2013

## Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

#### Other reference numbers

Other reference: DENO ENQ27 Treasure case number: 2013T466

#### **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Gold Secondary material: Gem Completeness: Uncertain

# Spatial metadata

Region: <u>East Midlands</u> (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Lincolnshire (County)

District: <u>East Lindsey</u> (District) To be known as: Horncastle Area

# **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: Sold at Timeline Auctions 2nd September 2019 (Lot 589)