

CANDLE SNUFFER

Unique ID: SOM-409575

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A cast copper-alloy mount from a post-medieval candle snuffer, more accurately a wick trimmer. The mount is a long, narrow rectangle in plan with a trefoil shaped terminal at the short ends. The terminals of each trefoil are angled; one has been abraded following old damage. The trefoils are decorated with three blind drilled marks. The body of the mount, on the upper surface is divided into two sections by a transverse groove; a further transverse groove separates the terminals. In each section there is a trio of stamped ring-and-dot designs; on one side two of the rings overlap. These are set within an incised border. In two corners of the mount, along edge is a circular perforation, both abraded through. The sides of each section of the mount feature a bevelled recess.

The mount has a mid/dark-green patina. The reverse of the mount has file marks visible, particularly on the terminals. The central portion has a 'U' shaped discolouration which covers the side that includes two perforations. This discolouration relates to soldering to the box of the wick trimmer. In profile the mount has been slightly bent down at the end with the damaged terminal. Further examples of such mounts can be found on this database, some more ornately finished. For other examples of this kind of scissors-type candle snuffer, see WAW-35DFC3, SWYOR-6E9078, LIN-F6A115 and PUBLIC-8BF257. For a mount in place on a broken candle snuffer see HAMP-917D56 on this database.

Class: wick trimmer

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1650

Date to: Circa AD 1775

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 59.2 mm

Width: 13.3 mm

Thickness: 2.8 mm

Weight: 10.3 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 22164

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Somerset](#) (County)

District: [Taunton Deane](#) (District)

To be known as: Nynhead CP

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land