

FINGER RING

Unique ID: NMS-0D2960

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Description: Medieval to post-medieval gold finger ring. The oval-sectioned band expands smoothly from the rear to shoulders which flair before narrowing sharply to join the bezel. The shoulders are engraved to leave a foliate design in low relief, perhaps originally reserved on an inlaid field, although no inlay survives. The bezel is in the form of a high quatrefoil collet with scalloped sides set with a pink or red table cut stone (perhaps a ruby).

Dimensions: Height 19mm. Width 17mm. Internal measurements 12 x 14mm. Width at bezel 7mm. Weight 2.7g.

Discussion: For similar examples see Oman (1974, pl.26, a, b and pl.27, b for a broadly similar example with enamel). Other finger-rings of a similar date have been found in close proximity to 2014T323 (2014T324, 2014T325 and 2014T326). It is the curatorial opinion that these four finger-rings may have once formed a hoard which has since been dispersed.

Date: 16th century.

Notes:

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

Subsequent actions

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

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2014T323

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1500

Date to: Circa AD 1600

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Height: 19 mm

Width: 17 mm

Thickness: 7 mm

Weight: 2.7 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 21st March 2014 - Friday 21st March 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 59800

Other reference: SET042014

Treasure case number: 2014T323

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold

Secondary material: Gem

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

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

District: [Breckland](#) (District)

Parish or ward: [Kenninghall](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TM0685

Four figure Latitude: 52.42416607

Four figure longitude: 1.02826489

1:25K map: TM0685

1:10K map: TM08NE

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Oman, C., 1974 [British Rings 800-1914](#) London: Harper Collins Pl.26 and 27