

THIMBLE

Unique ID: SOM-1F5BA2

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Medieval copper alloy thimble with sloping sides, a steeply domed top and a slight carination between side and top. The base of the thimble is squashed inwards. The lower parts of the sides are covered with vertical rows of circular pits and the upper part and top are covered in a continuous spiral of circular pits around a plain central tonsure and a circular hole at the apex. There is a plain band at the rim with a double indented line separating it from the main field and the pits. The squashed rim has one notch leading to a tear which may be original and an original fold. There is no evidence of a makers mark. The thimble is now 15.6mm tall, 24.7mm by 9.9mm at the base, 1.1mm thick and weighs 3.78 grams.

It is similar to Holmes (1988) p. 1 Fig 1b which is dated 1350-1450 AD and an example from Southwark (Egan 2005: 131-2,) no.621, a stamped thimble with a smaller tonsure from a context dated 1530-1550 AD. The folds at the rim on this example suggest it is was also made by stamping.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MEDIEVAL

Period from: MEDIEVAL

Period to: MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1350

Date to: Circa AD 1450

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 24.7 mm

Height: 15.6 mm

Width: 9.9 mm

Thickness: 1.1 mm

Weight: 3.78 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 16593

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Somerset](#) (District)

To be known as: Near Wincanton

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Holmes, E.F., 1988 [Sewing Thimbles](#) Finds Research Group 700-1700 Datasheet 9