

INGOT

Unique ID: BERK-842965

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A small gold ingot/hack gold ingot, of probable Early-medieval date. The ingot is roughly sub-rectangular in section and in plan with slightly rounded corners. The short sides of the ingot are also slightly rounded.

Although gold ingots are traditionally difficult to date out of context they are often attributed to a Viking date, c. AD 750-1050. The Vikings had a bullion economy where the purity and weight of the metal were more important than the form. Although this bullion economy primarily utilised silver it did also include gold. It is noted however that this particular ingot was found in close proximity to two fragments of a silver Anglo-Saxon disc brooch of 6th century date however all were found in the ploughsoil and so cannot be dated or associated with each other confidently.

Similar objects recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database include CAM-923F22 and DENO-938F91 (Treasure Case 2010 T108).

Notes:

As the object is more than 10% precious metal and more than 300 years old, it fulfils the requirements of the 1996 Treasure Act.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Oxfordshire Museum Service

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

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2014T430

Chronology

Broad period: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: EARLY MEDIEVAL

Ascribed Culture: Viking style

Date from: Circa AD 750

Date to: Circa AD 1050

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 10 mm
Width: 4.8 mm
Thickness: 1.1 mm
Weight: 1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st April 2014 - Wednesday 30th April 2014

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2014.108
Treasure case number: 2014T430

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)
District: [Vale of White Horse](#) (District)
To be known as: East Hendred CP

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
Current location: Oxfordshire Museum Service
General landuse: Cultivated land