

# THIMBLE

**Unique ID:** BERK-C01862

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete but broken copper alloy open-top thimble or sewing ring of early post-medieval date. The base is slightly splayed and wider than the top. The ring has a right-hand spiral of fairly regularly spaced rectangular pits in four to five rows around the sides. At the beginning of the spiral there is a mark, possibly a maker's mark or symbol. The symbol is floral in appearance with two of the four petals longer than the others. According to Holmes (1988) thimbles with maker's marks were imported from Nuremberg between AD 1520-1620, under the Guild of Thimble-makers.

**Class:** ring

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1520

Date to: Circa AD 1620

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 1.1 mm

Weight: 3.4 g

Diameter: 18.7 mm

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st January 2014 - Wednesday 7th May 2014

## Personal details

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## Other reference numbers

Other reference: 2014.146

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**

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

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

District: [West Oxfordshire](#) (District)

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

## **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SP3622

Four figure Latitude: 51.89539254

Four figure longitude: -1.47824386

1:25K map: SP3622

1:10K map: SP32SE

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

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