CUFF LINK

Unique ID: CORN-8DB5A9

Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

Stamped silver cuff link disc from one end of a cuff link, circular in plan with a down-turned edge forming the side ending in an out-turned lip. On the face is a raised design of a heart with a flame rising from the top and two oblique arrows in saltire behind it (Lewis Form 1, Type B). The Roman numeral 'II' or the letter 'I' is incised at the centre of the heart. The raised design is surrounded by a stippled background within a raised circular border. Corresponding recessed areas on the back suggest the design was stamped. The loop on the back is oval with a flattened outer side and is formed of circular sectioned drawn silver wire soldered onto the disc. The cuff link would have been used with a matching pair to attach two edges of the cuff of a sleeve to each other by slotting the discs through holes in the fabric and using an elongated silver link that would have connected the two attachment loops together.

Cufflinks with attachment loops can be seen in the following records: <u>YORYM-2C3C87</u> (2011 T240) and <u>NMS-761DE7</u> (2011 T832). Cufflinks and buttons with this design of the flaming heart pierced by two arrows are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662, but continued to be used as a general symbol of love and marriage until the end of the century. The 'II' on the heart may refer to Charles II or could be the initial of the owner.

Many similar cuff links have been recorded on to the Portable Antiquities Scheme database as Treasure, but the closest examples are in records <u>ESS-00FEF2</u> (2006 T499), <u>KENT-575EB6</u> (2013 T210) and <u>SOM-7BFED3</u>.

Consequently, in terms of age and as the object contains a minimum of 10% precious metal it qualifies as Treasure under the stipulations of the *Treasure Act 1996*.

Ref: Lewis, M (2013) 'Data Sheet 46, 'Crown and Heart' Buttons and Cufflinks', Finds Research Group AD700-1700

Inscription: II

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2014T511

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1662 Date to: Circa AD 1700

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 4.6 mm Weight: 0.7 g Diameter: 13 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 6th July 2014

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2014T511

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Manufacture method: Hand made

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: South West (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Cornwall (Unitary Authority)

District: Cornwall (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: Penzance

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector General landuse: Cultivated land

Lewis, M., 2013 'Crown and Heart' Buttons and Cufflinks Datasheet 46 London: The Finds Research

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